

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)



What it is –

- Equine infectious anemia is a viral disease that only affects horses, mules, and donkeys. No other animals or humans can be infected with this disease.
- EIA is found in nearly all countries, including the US.
- It is untreatable and may be difficult to recognize.
- The EIA virus is spread by biting flies and through infected needles.
- Symptoms include fever, depression, weight loss, swelling, and anemia.
- Infected animals that survive become virus carriers and may infect other horses for life.

Coggins Test –

- A negative EIA test (Coggins test) is required for horses imported into South Dakota.
- The state of North Dakota has entered into an agreement with South Dakota to waive EIA testing for movement between these states.

Additional Resources:

[USDA APHIS – Equine Infectious Anemia EIA – Technical Factsheet](#)