



Animal Health Notes

August 3, 2022

New State Veterinarian

The SD Animal Industry Board selected Dr. Beth Thompson as the SD State Veterinarian. Dr. Thompson is a graduate of the University of MN College of Veterinary Medicine. She had been in the role of MN State Veterinarian prior to coming to SD, and has also worked as a swine veterinarian for a MN-based system. Dr. Thompson is involved in a number of national groups, including serving as Treasurer for the United States Animal Health Association, vice-chair of the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials, and she is a member of the National Animal Health Laboratory coordinating council and various AVMA committees. Dr. Thompson is originally from Groton, South Dakota.

State Fair and Exhibition of Livestock

Showing livestock at the fair is a great learning opportunity for youth and all others involved in the endeavor. Here are a few animal health items to keep in mind during this fair season.

- All animals must have a current and accurately completed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
- All out-of-state animals must meet South Dakota importation requirements
- No animal may enter or remain at a public exhibition that is showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts
- Always check with exhibition management for additional requirements.

Thank you and have a biosecure and healthy animal exhibition season.

SDVMA Annual Meeting

August 7-10, 2022

<http://sdvetmed.org/events/sdvma-annual-meeting/>

Official RFID tags available from USDA at no cost to Veterinarians

Official Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) eartags are available for accredited veterinarians at no charge through USDA APHIS. Both orange and white RFID "840" tags may be used in cattle and bison as an alternative to the metal orange and silver official tags. Orange RFID tags may be used by accredited veterinarians as official tags for calfhood brucellosis vaccination. White RFID tags provided by USDA are intended for use in replacement cattle and bison that are not brucellosis vaccinates.

To receive RFID tags, please contact the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services office in Pierre, SD (605-224-6186). Be prepared to give your premises identification number (PIN) when ordering RFID tags. Contact the SDAIB (605-773-3321 or aibmail@state.sd.us) if you need a PIN.

Records must be kept of any official tags applied to client animals or redistributed to clients. Information about official tag distribution and recordkeeping can be found on the [SDAIB website](#).

Asian Longhorned Tick

Veterinarians should continue to watch for any incursion of the Asian Longhorned tick (ALT). Recently, a herd of cattle in Tennessee were diagnosed with *Theileria orientalis* Ikedia, a protozoon known to be carried by the ALT. ALT were initially identified on the east coast, but have made their way as far west as Missouri.