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United States of America

Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM)

As of January 17 the USDA has reported nine stallions positive for CEM, four in Kentucky, three in Indiana, one in Wisconsin and one in Texas. The horses in Indiana are Paint horse stallions which were resident on the same farm in Kentucky during the 2008 breeding season where four horses tested positive. The positive Friesian Wisconsin horse resided on the same premise during 2007 in Wisconsin with a Paint horse stallion that subsequently moved to Kentucky in 2008 and tested CEM positive. The Friesian stallion was imported to the USA from the Netherlands in late 2004 when it underwent quarantine in California and was released January 2005. The stallion resided two breeding seasons in California until October 2006 at which time it moved to Wisconsin where it stood the 2007 breeding season. The Texas-born Quarter horse resided during 2008 on the farm in Kentucky where four horses tested positive in December 2008. All infected stallions have epidemiological links to one or more of the CEM positive horses during the 2007 and 2008 breeding seasons. The USDA is continuing a nationwide tracing and testing programme. Further information will be reported as it becomes available.

Regards

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