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New Equine Disease Forum seeks to advance protection

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – A brand new event hosted by the National Institute for Animal Agriculture and the US Animal Health Association will bring together industry officials to discuss equine health. The Equine Diseases Forum will be held January 19-21, 2016 at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Denver, Colo.

Over the last few years, animal health officials have been involved in an unprecedented number of equine disease incidents in the United States. The objective of the forum will be to provide the latest updates on disease threats to equine health, identify potential solutions for addressing current risks and to enhance the equine industry communications regarding equine health issues.

Equine industry professionals including association leaders, veterinarians, regulatory animal health officials and horse owners are encouraged to attend this meeting in order to gain a better understanding of this issue. The goal is to collaborate to determine what areas can and need to be improved to advance equine health and avoid disease outbreaks.

Diseases to be discussed at this event include: equine herpesvirus 1, vesicular stomatitis, equine infectious anemia, strangles, pigeon fever, equine influenza, equine piroplasmiasis and others.

Currently communications on equine disease outbreaks present a number of challenges in reaching all levels of horse ownership. This forum will work to improve disease control efforts that are intended to enhance communications between health officials, veterinarians and horse owners.

For more information or to register for the Equine Diseases Forum visit www.animalagriculture.org/equineforum or contact the NIAA by calling 719-538-8843 or emailing niaa@animalagriculture.org.

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture provides a forum for building consensus and advancing proactive solutions for animal agriculture—the aquaculture, beef, dairy, equine, goats, poultry, sheep and swine industries—and provides continuing education and communication linkages for animal agriculture professionals. NIAA is dedicated to programs that work towards the eradication of disease that pose risk to the health of animals, wildlife and humans; promote a safe and wholesome food supply for our nation and abroad; and promote best practices in environmental stewardship, animal health and well-being. NIAA members represent all facets of animal agriculture.

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