

I should correct my numbers and information of yesterday:

1. There are now 15 states on the piroplasmosis list.
2. The cost of the test from 3 laboratories is \$17.
3. The turnaround time looks like 2 days rather than the 2 weeks as you were told.
4. It was not an issue with our CDE of last weekend because the event secretary advised the effected entries by telephone.
5. Our club, which sponsors both the CDE and the PDS in Metamora, has adopted the test as a requirement for accepting entries. This is also the position of the landowner.

There is some confusion over the need for the test to be completed on or before May 18. This applies only to one of the three possible tests, the CF test. Other than the 12 month prior to importation, there is no other timing restriction on the c-ELISA or IFA tests.

You should be aware that this requirement is subject to change. The first piroplasmosis importation restriction for Michigan was effective Feb 15, 2010. The 15 states of concern at that time and currently was based on data from the fall of 2009. This could change with the tick season upon us and with a significant number of infected horses being allowed at the WEG.

I hope this answers your questions. If not , Marcia Weld is available for further information (address below).

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