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Dear WSLHA/USAHA Members, Industry, Allied Partners and One-Health Professionals,

The Western States Livestock Health Association (WSLHA) was formed circa 1920 as a non-profit with a Board of Directors composed of the State Animal Health Officials of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming as well as representation from board-approved national associations. The purpose of this association is to provide a forum for the discussion and handling of animal health problems peculiar to the western states to include regulatory control of animal health, the interstate movement of livestock and poultry, the inspection of meat, poultry and dairy products, and coordination with national disease control and eradication programs.

It has certainly been an interesting year with a variety of animal health events on-going across the nation, natural disaster response, and new and unforeseen challenges affecting us all emphasizing the importance of One-Health and the confluence of animal health, human health and environmental health. I would like to cordially invite you to attend the 2025 WSLHA meeting to be held **June 8-11, 2025** in **Tucson, AZ**. Arizona is the 48th and last state in the contiguous United States to be admitted to the Union. Significant economic drivers include what are referred to as the Five C's and consist of Cattle, Citrus, Climate, Copper, and Cotton of which three are commodities under the authorities of the Arizona Department of Agriculture.

We have an exciting program planned to include topics such as HPAI/H5N1, NAHLN/NBAF Regional Scientist Update, Emergency Management & Preparedness, Panel Discussions, and of course the opportunity to engage with industry and our allied partners whom support us and to hear their concerns and come up with novel solutions to issues affecting us all.

On behalf of the WSLHA, I hope to see you this summer!!!

Sincerely,

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