

Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission
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Jon Fitch, Executive Director
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Final Rule

**ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK & POULTRY COMMISSION
HORSE CHIPPING RULES – ACT 1585 of 2007**

**CRITERIA FOR PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE VOLUNTARY
EMBEDDING OF IDENTIFICATION CHIPS FOR EQUINE MONITORING**

Persons exempt from rules:

1. Arkansas licensed veterinarians
2. ARLPC employees working under the direction of the State Veterinarian

Training Sessions:

The State Veterinarian shall conduct one training session per year if persons apply for training. The date of the training session will be chosen by the State Veterinarian. The training will consist of three parts and shall be held at the office of the State Veterinarian at the ARLPC Building, #1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72215, or an alternate location of the State Veterinarian's choosing.

Part 1: A lecture session on horse chipping by the State Veterinarian to include a video of horse chipping session.

Part 2: A practical session on horse chipping by each trainee. Each trainee must provide his/her own horse for the practical session. Each trainee will also have to have an ISO compatible chip reader (or the industry standard) because it is not possible to chip horses properly without a reader. Only ISO compatible 134.2 kHz chips or the industry standard will be used.

Part 3: A written and practical examination will be given and upon successful completion, the trainee will receive a certificate to chip horses. The certificate will be good for one year and the person certified will have to contact the State Veterinarian and provide proficiency data to have his/her certificate extended for another year. The proficiency data for recertification will be as follows:

- The number of horses chipped each year
- A good recordkeeping system must be in place and maintained on all horses chipped
- Quality of work performed in the chipping process. Any and all complaints made to the Livestock & Poultry Commission will be reviewed and investigated
- These overall criteria will be reviewed yearly by the ALPC (State Veterinarian) and eligibility for recertification will be determined by the ALPC (State Veterinarian).

Fees for training and certification:

The fee for the training session will be \$50.00

The renewal certification will be \$20.00 per year.

Registration of Chips with ALPC

Each person that is certified by ALPC to chip horses must keep adequate records of the horses chipped. The records shall include the name and address of the owner of the horse that is chipped. This information will be registered with ALPC along with a fee of \$5.00 per horse.

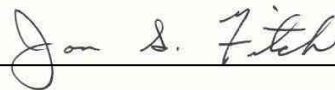
Authority and Fines:

These rules were promulgated under the authority of Act 1585 of 2007.

The act also provides for a fine to be imposed for persons chipping horses without training certification. That fine shall be five hundred dollars (\$500).

No liability will be assumed by the AR Livestock & Poultry Commission nor the State Veterinarian for injuries or adverse reactions incurred in the Horse Chipping Program when carried out by a certified individual. Certificate holders will be required to have liability insurance with a minimum of \$25,000 coverage.

Issued in Little Rock, Arkansas on August 2, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon S. Fitch". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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