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## **West Nile Virus - Public Health Update**

### Chicken Tests Positive for West Nile Virus in Clark County

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The Clark County Health District has received confirmation from the Nevada Department of Agriculture Animal Disease Laboratory that a Clark County chicken has tested positive for West Nile virus. The sample was collected from a bird on a ranch in the vicinity of N. Jones Boulevard and the 215 Beltway, in the northern Las Vegas valley.

The chicken was not part of the health district's sentinel (surveillance) chicken flocks. The U.S. Department of Agriculture initially responded to a report of an ill chicken in an effort to check the bird for exotic Newcastle disease (this test was negative). A sample for a West Nile virus was collected at the same time.

#### Web Resources:

Clark County Health District: [www.cchd.org](http://www.cchd.org)

Clark County Vector Control: <http://www.co.clark.nv.us/pubworks/neighborhood/bee.htm>

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

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