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## Dr. Jessie Monday Selected as Texas State Epidemiologist

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is pleased to announce that Dr. Jessie Monday was named the State Epidemiologist for Texas beginning April 27, 2023.

“The TAHC and I are confident Dr. Monday will be a great asset in serving the animal agriculture industry of Texas,” said Dr. Andy Schwartz, TAHC Executive Director and State Veterinarian. “We look forward to her leadership as the State Epidemiologist and her efforts to expertly pursue the TAHC’s mission to protect our state’s domestic and exotic livestock.”

Dr. Monday attended Texas A&M University-Commerce where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. She then attended Texas A&M University where she earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 2012.



She began her professional career in the animal agriculture industry with an internship followed by a residency in Food Animal Medicine and Surgery at Kansas State University. In 2017, Dr. Monday received a Master of Science in Veterinary Biomedical Science, with an emphasis on replacement heifers and bulls from Kansas State University. While working toward her master’s degree, Dr. Monday began her service with the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory as a Bovine Veterinary Diagnostician.

Her years of experience in the animal agriculture industry, vast knowledge of food animal medicine and her passion for diagnostic innovations and developments will continue to help the TAHC serve the state of Texas in mitigating disease spread. Dr. Monday continues to develop professionally with a recent board-certification through the American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine (ACVPM) in 2022.

Dr. Monday, her husband Nick, their Holstein steer, Quarter Horse, two cats and two dogs currently reside in Lexington, Texas. She is pleased to have relocated to Central Texas where much of her family resides and looks forward to continuing her public service with the TAHC.

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