



## August 2020 Editor's Notes...

I hate masks. I hate wearing them. I hate that when I go to a show, I have to wear one around my horse. I hate that when I am braiding him, I have to wear one, or when I am hosing him off. I hate that I have to police my students and my husband about wearing them. They are uncomfortable, hot, get stuck on my lips and it's hard to talk with one on. I have my own opinions and questions on their use and the whole thing just sucks. There – I said it. Masks suck!

But (you knew there had to be one of those) I am part of something larger than myself. When I renew my membership in the USEF and USDF I agree to abide by the rules and conditions of those organizations. I am a trainer, a coach, an owner, and a rider and I have made the choice to show my horses and coach my riders. Since I made that choice, I will play by the rules. I love my sport and I will do what I can to ensure its viability and survival now and in the future. Without these organizations I recognize that it would be next to impossible to do my job and promote the sport that I love. I recognize that shows would not be able to go on, that show organizers would not be able to put on these shows and

that their livelihoods are at stake. I may hate some of the rules. I may hate the things that I have to sacrifice to participate. But I chose to join. I chose to play, so therefore I choose to comply and respect the rules and give 100%. I completely understand that there are those who choose not to compete due to the new rules – I respect that. But I cannot respect someone who chooses to show or attend a show and blatantly not abide by, and disregard the rules set forth by our governing bodies. That is arrogant, disrespectful, and quite plainly a slap in the face to those who are working so hard to make these shows happen for us. They are doing this for US! The very least we can do for those who are trying to protect our sport is to Wear. The. Damn. Mask.

-Allison

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## ***USDF Statement on Equality and Inclusivity***

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is proud to represent all of its members, be a resource for the dressage community, and to support inclusivity in all aspects of sport.

As the world comes together during this pivotal time for civil rights, so too must the equine community. USDF stands firmly in support of the principles of equality and inclusivity in the organization and sport. Any form of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexuality, etc. is in direct opposition to these principles and has no place within the organization. USDF supports our members, barn family, fans, and followers of all races, ethnicities, ages, genders, and sexualities. In a sport where the goal is constant and progressive improvements, we must strive to do the same in our personal lives and within our organization. In every ride down the centerline, every group of friends gathering for dressage education, every tragedy and triumph, the dressage community is stronger together.

scheduled. Both USDF and the competition organizers are working diligently within the ever-changing COVID-19 conditions to be able to provide this opportunity to our competitors, including those from USDF Region 5 who choose to change regions for this year's championship purposes.

USDF and organizers continue to evaluate all aspects of these programs as additional information becomes available. For the most up to date information on the Great American/USDF Regional Championships, please contact [regchamps@usdf.org](mailto:regchamps@usdf.org). For the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals, please contact [youth@usdf.org](mailto:youth@usdf.org).

## ***A Letter From The USEF President...***

Dear Members,

Over the past several days, US Equestrian and the United States Hunter Jumper Association have made the difficult decision to cancel several national championships, and at the same time Kentucky Horse Shows LLC canceled two weeks of hunter/jumper competition at the Kentucky Horse Park due to multiple reports of positive COVID-19 cases.

As we look ahead in what continues to be a challenging and unpredictable year, we remain fully committed to keeping equestrian competitions viable during this global pandemic. While to date we have seen more than 390 competitions operate successfully across the country, we must take a moment to reiterate and emphasize to our membership the role each of us plays in minimizing the risk of potential exposure to the virus. Non-compliance with the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan for Competitions can affect our ability to keep competitions going.

## ***Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships and USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals Cancelled***

USDF regrets to announce that due to the impact and uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships and USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals have been cancelled for 2020.

At this time, all other Great American/USDF Regional Championships and USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals are proceeding as

Regardless of your role, it is your personal duty to comply with protocols to keep the sport alive. Non-compliance negatively impacts those around you, whether they be competitors, colleagues, clients, or staff.

It is critical to acknowledge that some level of risk will exist in our competition environments as long as the pandemic continues. In order to minimize the risk of transmission, it is imperative that all individuals comply with the following:

- Wear a face mask or cloth face covering at all times
- Practice social distancing
- Frequently wash hands or use hand sanitizer
- If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive COVID-19 in the past fourteen (14) days, you cannot enter any competition grounds.

Science supports the effectiveness of these practices when they are applied strictly and consistently. One individual's disregard of these important requirements can drastically undermine the dedicated efforts of others. Whether you are at a competition or in another public setting, you need to continue practicing the protocols as the threat of exposure exists everywhere.

The reporting process for positive cases is critical to containment and essential to the ultimate success of our Action Plan. If reporting does not occur, our Action Plan is unsustainable, and the risk of transmission significantly increases for those at competition venues. As a community, we need to encourage and support the bravery of individuals who come forward to report positive cases rather than vilify them.

We commend the exhibitors, participants, organizers, competition managers, officials and

staff who have remained vigilant as we continue our efforts to move equestrian sport forward.

The pandemic has stirred strong emotions in us all. There is a critical need for our community to shoulder the responsibility and commitment of keeping each other as safe as possible while enjoying the sport we love. Our behaviors today will dictate what we can do tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Bill Moroney  
Chief Executive Officer



## **Announcements...**

After much careful contemplation, the board of the Midwest Dressage Association has decided to cancel this year's year-end banquet. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's banquet on November 21, 2021. We would like to remind all our members that points for year-end championships are still being tracked and awards will be given.

Please don't forget that the MDA is sponsoring an essay contest. Members are encouraged to submit an essay of no more than 450-600 words. The topic for the contest is "How Does Your Dressage Training Affect You in Your Daily Life?"

Please submit your entry to Allison McKenzie via email at [amsporthorses@yahoo.com](mailto:amsporthorses@yahoo.com). Hint: There's a prize for the winner!

Don't forget about the Encore Award! The Encore Award is given to the Thoroughbred who has achieved the highest overall percentage at any level in schooling or recognized shows. The requirements must be fulfilled by submitting scores from two different shows, from two different judges with one test being from the highest test of the level. Please send a copy of your tests with the scores on them and either a copy of your horses Jockey Club papers or a picture of their lip tattoo. Mail to Allison McKenzie at 9867 Sharon Hollow Road, Manchester, MI 48158.

A reminder that the Instructor Certification Program has been moved to Rattlewood Farm in Oxford.

## **Reminder: Temporary Rule Changes to Year-End Qualifications**

The MDA Board of Directors has decided that since the ongoing pandemic has shortened our show season, we will adjust the requirements for year-end awards. For 2020 only in order to qualify for year-end awards riders must have two scores, ridden in two different shows, and received those scores from two different judges. One of those scores must be from the highest test of that level (Test 3.) This applies to both schooling shows and recognized shows. Scores obtained from recognized competitions held between October 1 and March 16 still count.

Previously the qualifications were three different shows, three scores, from three different judges. Please note that this change is for this season only.

## **First Michigan EEE Case of 2020 Reported**

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) officials have confirmed the state's first case of Eastern equine encephalomyelitis (EEE) for 2020. The affected horse is a 2-year-old filly from Clare County.

In an MDARD statement, state veterinarian Nora Wineland, DVM, stressed the importance of precautions, by both horse owners and residents, in preventing the mosquito-borne disease, which can also infect humans.

Eastern equine encephalomyelitis is caused by the Eastern equine encephalitis virus, for which wild birds are a natural reservoir. Mosquitoes that feed on EEE-infected birds can transmit the virus to humans, horses, and other birds.

Horses do not develop high enough levels of these viruses in their blood to be contagious to other animals or humans. Because of the high mortality rate in horses and humans, EEE is regarded as one of the most serious mosquito-borne diseases in the United States.

Tips for preventing mosquito-borne diseases include:

- Avoid mosquito bites: Use insect repellent when outdoors, especially from dusk to dawn.
- Look for EPA-labeled products containing active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin (KBR3023), or oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane 3,8-diol).
- Apply more repellent, according to label instructions, if mosquitoes start to bite.
- Mosquito-proof homes: Fix or install window and door screens, and cover or eliminate empty containers with standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs.
- Protect your horses: Veterinarians recommend commercially available licensed vaccines against EEE for all horses in the U.S. Horses should be vaccinated at least annually (recommendations vary in high-risk areas). It's not too late this year to vaccinate your horses.
- Use approved insect repellents to protect horses.
- If possible, put horses in stables, stalls, or barns during the prime mosquito exposure hours of dusk and dawn.
- Eliminate standing water, drain water troughs, and empty buckets at least weekly.

Stock water tanks with fish that consume mosquito larvae (contact your local mosquito control for assistance) or use mosquito "dunks" (solid "donuts" of *Bacillus thuringiensis* *israelensis* [BTi], which are nontoxic to horses) available at hardware stores.



## **Report from a Grant Recipient:**

### **MDA member Leslie Richardson reports on her experience with Anna Marek**

I was recently given the honor of being awarded one of the educational grants Midwest Dressage Association awards each year. I chose to ride in the Anna Marek clinic at Rattlewood Farms the weekend of June 6-7. What an incredible experience and honor to be able to ride with Anna, who was ninth on the list for the 2020 Olympics! Not only is she 5 Star USDF Gold Medalist dressage rider, she is also a local Michigan woman!

Anna's teaching approach is to use exercises which build your horse's (or pony's) level of riding. She is not only an excellent, patient teacher, she is also a very nice person. Her style is so positive and encouraging even when the horse or rider was having a difficult time performing the exercises. Each and every horse improved within their lessons. I was able to take away information that I can use every day both on my own and with my trainer. The weather was perfect. The boxed lunches provided were delicious and Schmookie's Cookies were addictive! We also celebrated with a delicious Schmookie's cake for Will Davis' birthday on Sunday. It was such a fun weekend and I met many wonderful people.

Thank you so much MDA for providing this opportunity for me to further my dressage education!

Sincerely,  
Leslie Richardson





## **2020 Calendar**

### **August**

**31-2 – Dressage at Waterloo August Recognized Show.** Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com)

**8-9 – Wyn Farm Summer Dressage Schooling Show.** Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. Contact [wynfam@gmail.com](mailto:wynfam@gmail.com).

**15 – USDF Pre-Certification Workshop Hosted By MDA.** 8:00am-5:00pm. Rattlewood Farm, Oxford, MI.

**13-16 – Dressage at Waterloo Summer Finale I and II Recognized Show.** Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com)

**23 – Woodbine Farms Participating Show.** Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or [sariclapperton@hotmail.com](mailto:sariclapperton@hotmail.com)

**23 – MHSA Summer Show.** Ingham County Fairgrounds. Mason, MI. Contact [michiganhorseshow.com](http://michiganhorseshow.com).

**30 – Grosse Point Equestrian Club Participating Show.** Grosse Point Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236. Contact Danielle Douglass at (810) 449-5095 or [danielledouglass89@gmail.com](mailto:danielledouglass89@gmail.com)

### **September**

**13 – Woodbine Farms Participating Show.** Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or [sariclapperton@hotmail.com](mailto:sariclapperton@hotmail.com)

**17-20 – Region 2 Regionals at Lamplight Equestrian Center.** 6N940 Dunham Road, Wayne, Illinois 60184

### **October**

**18 – Grosse Point Equestrian Club Participating Show.** Grosse Point Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236. Contact Danielle Douglass at (810) 449-5095 or [danielledouglass89@gmail.com](mailto:danielledouglass89@gmail.com)

### **November**

**9 – USDF Instructor Final Certification Hosted By MDA.** 8:00am-5:00pm. Rattlewood Farm, Oxford, MI.

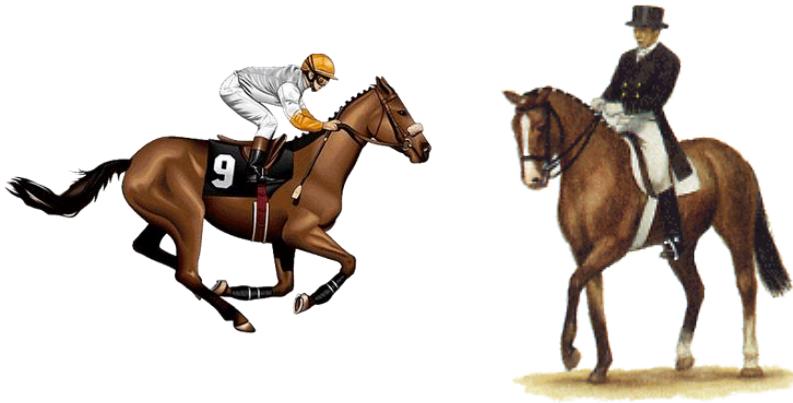
### **Legend:**

MDA Educational Events in yellow

MDA Participating Schooling Dressage shows marked as “Participating”

USDF Recognized Dressage Shows marked as “Recognized”

# *The Encore Award*



***This award recognizes the achievements of Off-The-Track Thoroughbreds in the sport of Dressage. This is a year-end high-point award that will be given to an OTTB competing at any level that has achieved the highest overall percentage for the competition season. Owners/Riders must provide a copy of the horses' Jockey Club papers or a picture of a verifiable lip tattoo and three tests ridden under three different judges at any one level from a recognized or schooling show. Rider and/or owner must be a current MDA member. This award is sponsored by Allison McKenzie.***

Please send the application and paperwork to:  
Allison McKenzie  
9867 Sharon Hollow Road  
Manchester, MI 48158

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Rider Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Rider Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Rider Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Allison at 734-276-8967 or [amsportshorses@yahoo.com](mailto:amsportshorses@yahoo.com)

# Tribute Partners Program



The Tribute Partners Program allows MDA to earn money for educational events. Every proof of purchase tag (found on the bottom of the feedbag) is worth \$.25. Invoices for bulk feed are also eligible for this program. In the first year of participation, MDA earned over \$500 because members contributed their feed bag tags!

#### Instructions:

Please forward your Tribute Horse Feed proof of purchase (off the bags) or photocopies of invoices for bulk Tribute purchases. If you are submitting photocopied invoices, please black out any sensitive information like name, phone, credit card info.

Submit proof of purchase tags to:  
Midwest Dressage Association  
C/O Kathy Monaghan  
284 South Tilden Street  
Pontiac, MI 48341

If you have questions about this program, please contact Kathy Monaghan at 248 342 3687.

## **Classifieds...**

### **Horses for Sale or Lease –**

Several experienced dressage horses available for partial or full lease at Brilliant Reflection Farm in Ortonville, MI. Contact us for more information at [blondmane@yahoo.com](mailto:blondmane@yahoo.com) or 248-670-9031.  
<http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com/horses-available-for-lease.html>

FEI Pony wants to bring another child through the levels! Easy care loves to show, no issues, never needs tuning. Brought current rider from beginner to Festival of Champions in 3 years with many Pony Cup championships. 2004 mare 13.3. Call Jayne Ayers for info 414-313-4146 or [jayne@dressagehorse.com](mailto:jayne@dressagehorse.com)



### **Saddles/Tack For Sale**

2014 17" Bruno Delgrange medium tree with silver accents on cantle and flap. Medium flap length. \$3000. Please contact Leslie Richardson at (810) 287-0053

***The following items are for sale from Nancy Bryant. Items located in Clarkston, Ortonville, or Oxford, Michigan. Phone (248) 632-2045***

Custom Saddlery Wolfgang Signature Solo 17.5 Black Short thigh block saddle. Ridden in for four months on one horse. Excellent condition. Comes with cover, new stirrup leathers, new stirrups and two new girths. Fitted to a narrower horse but the beauty of a Custom saddle is that it can be fitted on site to your horse same day, no shipping out your saddle to be adjusted. \$2700 new plus \$300 in fittings. Asking \$2200 firm. Comes with bonus schooling saddle pads.

Stubben bridle style 3200, new with tags. Black flash noseband with leather stop stud reins. Horse size. Red chain link browband insert. New \$175, asking \$100.

Neue Schule Turtle Tactio with Flex Loose ring snaffle bit. 16mm mouthpiece, 70mm rings, 5.75. Worn 2 weeks. New \$217. Asking \$200.

Dover Black Sheepskin Lined Saddle pad. Used one season. New \$80. Asking \$50. Good condition.

Brown leather and elastic side reins used a few times. Asking \$25

Weatherbeeta Navy fleece cooler – size 78 with cute colorful hedgehog pattern. Worn 4-5 times.  
Clean. New \$65. Asking \$55.

Horseware Mio Turnout Sheet. Size 78. Navy with tan trim. New condition. Asking \$40.

Horseware Mio Combo Flysheet. Size 84. Neck attached. Has snags from Velcro but in usable  
condition. New \$60. Asking \$40.

Amigo Bravo 12 Plus Deluxe 84" Black Heavyweight Winter Blanket, 400gm with detachable 200gm  
hood. Worn one season. Clean and waterproofed. Fixtures to attach to any compatible Rambo liner.  
Allows you to increase weight with one blanket. New \$250. Asking \$200.

Shoofly Horse Leggings. Set of 4 large bright orange. Never search for boots in the pasture again!  
Like new. Worn two weeks. New \$50. Asking \$40.

Dressage Sport Boots. All in New/Good condition.

DSB Silver Patent Gloss with black fleece lining. Two large, Two extra-large. Four boot set. Good  
condition. New \$110. Asking \$70.

DSB White Patent Gloss with white fleece lining. Two medium. Two large. New condition. Four boot  
set. New \$110. Asking \$90.

DSB Black Dressage Sport Boots with black fleece lining. Two large, two extra-large. Good condition.  
Four boot set. New \$100. Asking \$60.

ASB White All Sport Boot Set. Two medium. Two large. \$110 new. Great condition. Asking \$70.

PRI Dressage Pads. Wool lined – no foam. Assorted colors. \$20 each.

### **Employment/Working Student**

Visual Equestrian Dressage LLC and Tonya Grant have an amazing opportunity open.  
We are looking for a dedicated local horse lover who aspires to become a professional someday. We  
have a full-time working student position currently open.

Must have transportation, riding clothes, and a very good work ethic. Opportunity to show and travel  
and lots of opportunity to ride. Must be hard-working and willing to do a lot of grooming in exchange for  
riding. Applications will be accepted by email or phone.

Visual Equestrian Dressage LLC - [www.visualequestrian.com](http://www.visualequestrian.com)

Tonya Grant (248) 219-0410



### **Stable Listings-**

#### **Allison McKenzie Sporthorses**

Training, Lessons, Breeding, Boarding

Manchester, MI 48158

amsporthorses@yahoo.com

[www.allisonmckenziesthorses.com](http://www.allisonmckenziesthorses.com)

734- 276-8967

Lessons, Boarding, Breeding, Sales

#### **Brilliant Reflection Farm**

Brian and Barbra Reis

Ortonville, MI 48462

248-670-9031

blondmane@yahoo.com

[www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com](http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com)

Lessons, Boarding, Rehab, Schooling Shows

#### **High Point Farm**

Alison Allen

Oxford, MI

248-410-0684

[www.highpointdressage.com](http://www.highpointdressage.com)

All day turnout and quality feed

Stalls cleaned daily

Lesson plans available

#### **Sky High Farm**

Lapeer, MI 48446

248-890-2426

[jenmaull@yahoo.com](mailto:jenmaull@yahoo.com)

Boarding, Lessons, Clinics

<http://skyhighfarm.vpweb.com>

#### **The Levy Farm**

Shawn Ozker Ragsdale

Metamora, MI 48455

248-318-0725

Training, Lessons, Clinics

Novice-FEI

Boarding and Dressage Training Indoor and Outdoor arenas

**Visual Equestrian LLC**

Carole and Tonya Grant  
Fenton, MI 48430  
248-219-0410  
Dressage Training, Sale Horses and Ponies  
Pony Program, Clinics, Trailer-in Lessons

**Will Davis Training Center**

Oxford, MI  
810-287-2011  
Boarding, Training, Clinics with  
International Trainers, Home to Mid-Michigan  
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**Equestrian Enrichment**

Kim Robbins  
Meadowland Farm  
Davison, MI  
248-830-6523  
Training, Clinics, Sale Horses, Trailer-in Lessons  
Bronze and Silver Medalist.  
[Kimrobbinsdressage.com](http://Kimrobbinsdressage.com)

**\*\*\*In order to have your facility listed in the newsletter, please email Allison at [amsporthorses@yahoo.com](mailto:amsporthorses@yahoo.com) You MUST be an MDA member to have your facility listed!**

## Midwest Dressage Association Membership Application

**Membership Information:**     Renewal (MDA #): \_\_\_\_\_     New Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Family Memberships:** Only the primary member will receive yearly directories.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rider Status:     Open     Adult Amateur     Junior/Young Rider (*Must be under 21 as of 12/1/2019*)

*If a rider status is not selected, applicant will be considered as Open for all MDA purposes including year-end awards. Adult Amateur status is limited to riders who meet the guidelines of USEF GR808,*

**I would like to be listed in the MDA Services Directory: (Must be received by Feb 1 of the current year)**

Boarding Facility     Training Facility     Trainer (will travel)     Judge     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*All information is also available on the MDA Website*

<input type="radio"/> Mastercard <input type="radio"/> Visa Credit Card # _____ Expiration: _____ Zip Code _____ CVV# _____  <input type="radio"/> I DO NOT want my information printed in the MDA REDBOOK	<b>TOTALS:</b> Adult Amateur/Open (\$55) \$ _____ Junior/Young Rider (\$45) \$ _____ Family Members (\$20 each add member) \$ _____ Credit Card Fee (\$2.50) <b>ONLY</b> \$ _____ <b>I would like to donate to (tax deductible), please indicate amount.</b> <input type="radio"/> MDA Annual Awards \$ _____ <input type="radio"/> MDA Educational Clinic \$ _____ <b>TOTAL PAID</b> \$ _____  Please make checks payable to MIDWEST DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION and mail to MDA Membership, Nancy Bryant 25 Louck Street # 15, Oxford, MI 48371 PayPal payments may be sent to MDA.DRESSAGEORG@gmail.com -Please indicate member name in notes section. PayPal payments may take several days to process. Credit Card payments are processed on the day received. Please provide the card holders name if not the same as the member.
Office Use Only:  Postmark: _____ CK: _____  AMT: _____ Date Electronic Payment Received: _____	

All Members receive a membership card, monthly e-newsletters, and a USDF/GMO group membership to the United States Dressage Foundation for the membership year. **The effective date of MDA membership is the postmarked date (if mailed) or payment receipt date (if submitted electronically).** MDA is not responsible for late, delayed, or misdirected mail or payments. Please allow three weeks for processing of MDA application and USDF group membership.

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