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## USDA, APHIS Foot and Mouth Disease Exercise

USDA, APHIS conducted a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) exercise June 26-28 2012. The exercise simulated an FMD outbreak in a few mid and southern states of the United States. The exercise tested and measured how APHIS, the states, FEMA and other agencies would respond to an outbreak affecting 14 or more states. The exercise specifically tested Command and Control efforts, response concepts, plans and capabilities for a response to a foreign animal disease outbreak.

As a part of the exercise, **we sent one e-mail** asking all NAHERC members if they were available to respond to the simulated emergency. As a result of that question, we learned that **10%** of the NAHERC were available to deploy on short notice. The figures below include only the responses received before the exercise began.

Immediately after sending the e-mail, we learned that there were 21 invalid e-mail addresses on file; less than one percent. Steps are taken to resolve invalid email addresses, at a minimum, once a quarter based on the error notices we receive when we e-mail the NAHERC Quarterly and other correspondence.

### Query of NAHERC Members

|                             | Total number of members | VMO | AHT |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Are you available to deploy | 396                     | 204 | 192 |
| Within my State             | 344                     | 177 | 167 |
| Outside my State            | 334                     | 176 | 158 |
| Within 1 week               | 287                     | 145 | 142 |
| Within the next 30 days     | 279                     | 143 | 136 |

### Information Update

As the results came in from the NAHERC members, many members took the opportunity to inform the NAHERC staff of their updated information: e-mail address, mailing address, phone number etc. It is important for the NAHERC staff to maintain complete and accurate contact information so that we can reach members quickly in the event of a real emergency or exercise. Feel free to e-mail the NAHERC inbox ([naherc@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:naherc@aphis.usda.gov)) or call to update any contact information each time there is a change. Additionally, each month we find that several members have reapplied for NAHERC. There is only one instance where a NAHERC member should reapply for NAHERC. If a member who applied as an Animal Health Technician (AHT) becomes a Veterinarian, the member can and should apply for the Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO) position. Members do not need to reapply because of change of address or other similar information even if moving to a different state. Simply send an e-mail to the NAHERC inbox or call (301) 851-3496 so that we may update your information on file.

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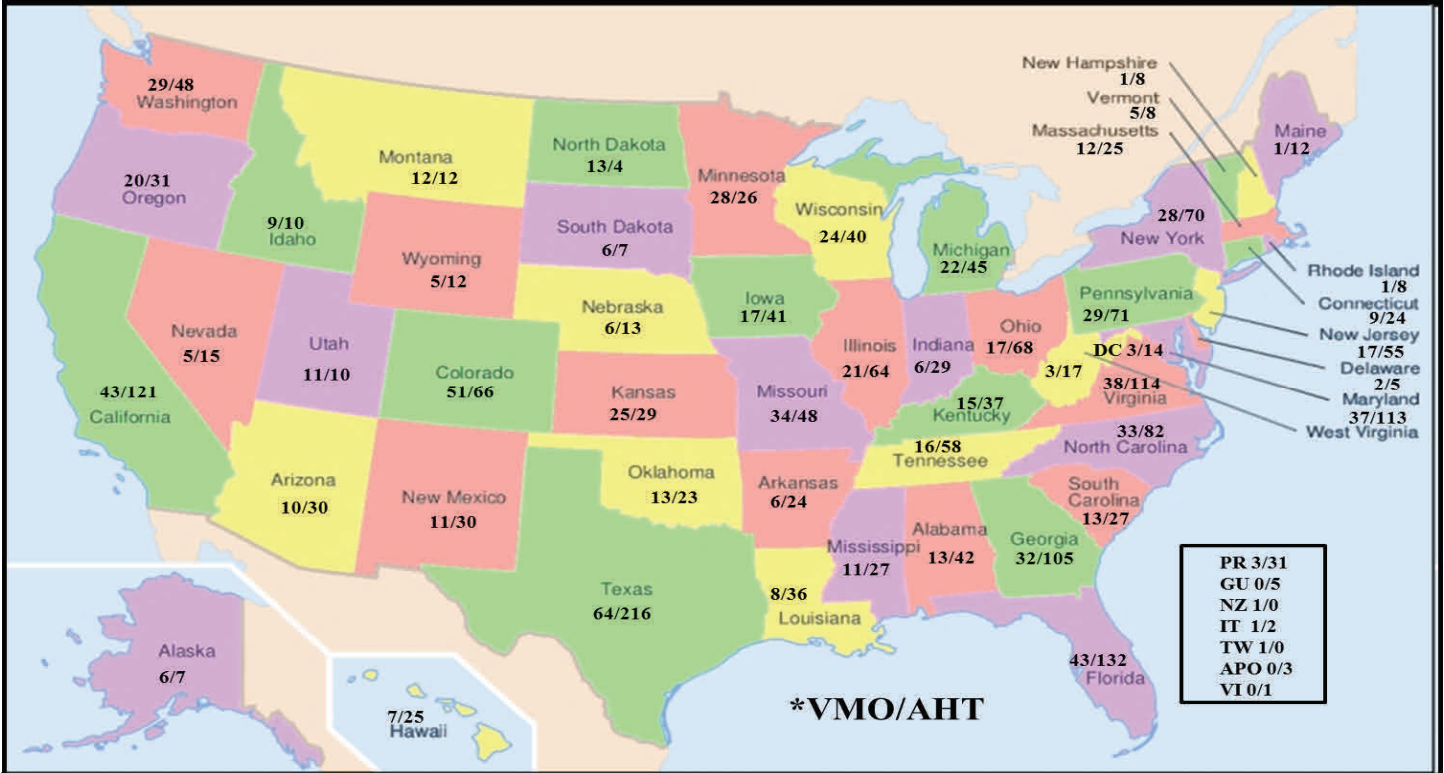
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# NAHERC Strength as of September 2012



| VMO | AHT  | TOTAL | PA* |
|-----|------|-------|-----|
| 897 | 2226 | 3123  | 717 |

\*Number of Members who have signed the Privacy Act Release Form (since May 2010)

In addition to our state totals, we would like to point out we have NAHERC members located Puerto Rico, Guam, New Zealand, Italy, Taiwan, and other overseas locations.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Over the past couple of years, the NAHERC Coordinator and staff have been asked many questions. We've compiled a list of the frequently asked questions. To view these questions and answers, please visit [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/emergency\\_management/naherc.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/emergency_management/naherc.shtml). If you have a question that isn't listed there, please e-mail us at [NAHERC@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:NAHERC@aphis.usda.gov).

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 Iowa State University : <https://naherc.sws.iastate.edu>  
 Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness Response Plan (FAD PReP) training : <https://fadprep.lmi.org/>  
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