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VS Reorganization

USDA, Veterinary Services (VS) implemented its reorganization effective November 2013. Under this structure, VS is organized into four units:

- **Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services (SPRS)** for animal health needs in the major animal commodity groups
- **National Import Export Services (NIES)** for import and export initiatives from policy setting to inspection at ports of entry
- **Science, Technology and Analysis Service (STAS)** for building scientific, technical and analytical foundation to support VS in meeting its mission
- **Program Support Services (PSS)** for providing key support services for VS personnel and stakeholders

This reorganization allowed VS to reduce costs, streamline activities and processes promoting greater efficiency and effectiveness. Click [here](#) to view Veterinary Services Reorganization Stakeholder Announcement.

National Veterinary Accreditation Program

The National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) is administered by the Veterinary Services division of USDA in collaboration with the states. It was established as a means to allow private practitioners to assist Federal veterinarians in performing regulatory work. A major function of an Accredited Veterinarian includes disease prevention, control, eradication and reporting.

If you would like to become an accredited veterinarian or if you are not sure if you are an accredited veterinarian, please contact your local Veterinary Services NVAP Coordinator. You will need to attend an orientation program, complete online accreditation training and submit VS Form 1-36A to your local VS NVAP Coordinator. Click [here](#) to view the list of NVAP District Coordinators.

Invasive Plant Pests and Disease Awareness



The coconut rhinoceros beetle was found in Hawaii in December 2013. These pests bore into the crowns of coconut palm trees which can kill the trees or leave them vulnerable to other infections. These and other invasive species can have a detrimental economic impact. USDA and its partners are doing everything they can to combat this issue and keep other invasive species out. Secretary Vilsack announced the allocation of \$48.1 million for projects across the nation to prevent the introduction or spread of pests and diseases provided by the Agricultural Act of 2014.

As we roll through spring and prepare for summer trips and activities, we are reminded that April was Invasive Plant Pests and Disease Awareness month. USDA created the Hungry Pests outreach program to inform the public about invasive pests and what can be done to stop invasive pests from entering the U.S. or crossing state lines. These pests can spread by traveling on things people move and pack. To learn about things you can do to assist USDA in protecting our resources, connect with us at hungrypests.com and the [HungryPest](#) Facebook page. Remember to Like us on FB!

NAHERC Strength as of May 2014



VMO	AHT	TOTAL	PA*
971	3208	4179	961

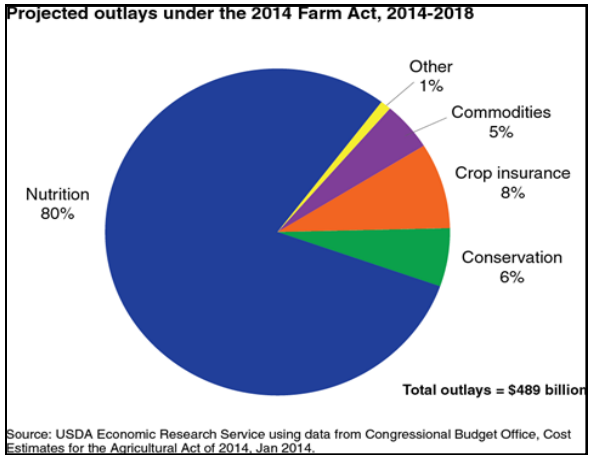
*Number of Members who have signed the Privacy Act Release Form (since May 2010)

Agricultural Act of 2014

Have you read the Agricultural Act of 2014 (H.R. 2642)? Here are a few highlights:

- Restores livestock disaster assistance for losses dating back to 2011, and establishes a permanent livestock disaster program (sign-up began April 15, 2014)
- Continues USDA Rural Development programs. Provides \$15 million to support rural business development and growth through the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program
- Endows \$200 million for a foundation for agricultural research
- Provides \$100 million for the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program
- Increases funding for pest and disease management and disaster prevention to \$62.5 million per year, and \$75 million in fiscal year 2018 and beyond

The Agricultural Act of 2014 can be accessed at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113hr2642enr/pdf/BILLS-113hr2642enr.pdf>



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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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