

ESF-11 Coordination – When & How

Activity undertaken by any USDA agency	Potential for Stafford Act Declaration	Potential for FEMA Mission Assignments (MA) to USDA agencies	ESF-11 Regional Coordinator Involvement
Under their own authorities and within their capabilities (e.g., Farm Service Agency – Livestock Indemnity Program, Natural Resource Conservation Service – Emergency Watershed Program, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service – foreign animal disease)	Not likely (e.g., Exotic Newcastle Disease 2003)	Not likely.	Very limited engagement. The coordinators mostly to share information and/or contacts as requested.
Under their own authorities and beyond their capabilities (e.g. major animal or plant disease impacting several States)	Potential. FEMA Fact sheet 9580.106 issued on 10/22/09 opened this door during the H1N1 outbreak.	Potential, but not likely. If there is a Presidential Declaration (PD), definite FEMA engagement.	Limited engagement if there is a PD or if FEMA is requested to assist with coordinating the response thru Fed-To-Fed support. The agency responsible to enforce the applicable law will take the lead in coordinating the response, even at a FEMA Coordination center. The ESF-11 Coordinators will assist as requested by the lead agency.
USDA agencies planning for disasters, training, exercises	None.	None.	Engaged. The regional coordinators are connected to most active State Emergency Board's and coordinate an array of training sessions within their respective FEMA regions.
Local small-scale natural disasters (e.g., flooding, tornadoes, ice storms, etc).	Potential. Some small-scale disasters do cause sufficient damage to qualify for a PD if requested by the governor.	Seldom. While FEMA may MA a few federal agencies, it looks to USDA mostly for any statutory authority to assist States & locals (e.g., Food & Nutrition Service food commodities)	Engaged. Even though ESF-11 may not be formally activated, FEMA will request updates from all ESF's on their response activities. Some requests received by FEMA from the States may fall under the Statutory authority of a USDA agency so FEMA will forward those to the agency for action.
Major disasters (e.g., hurricanes, multi-State floods, earthquakes, volcanoes).	Likely.	Likely. ESF-11 would, at a minimum, receive a MA to staff FEMA coordination centers. Additional MA's may be received as the federal response continues.	Engaged. The ESF-11 Coordinators may reach out to several USDA agencies, including those not listed under ESF-11. FEMA wants visibility on what actions agencies are taking under their own authorities to ensure a coordinated federal response and to prevent duplication of services.