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USDA Updates: Initial State Response and Containment Plans, Cooperative Agreements and the National Avian Influenza Surveillance Plan

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Initial State Response and Containment Plans for NAI

- Revised plans were due December 2012
- Comments to revisions are underway; we expect to have the majority of the plans back out to OSAs by the end of the summer
- Reminder, these are living documents and should be updated regularly (annually is recommended)
- Formal NPIP and Regional review will only occur every 5 years



2013 Cooperative Agreements

- Umbrella Format for 2013 agreements, but still contain specific allocations for each commodity (Avian Health)
- Four Major Objectives: Education and Outreach, Preparedness and Response, Surveillance (Active and Passive), Laboratory Diagnostics
- Surveillance goals based on historical levels of surveillance with consideration of recommendations in the National Avian Influenza Surveillance Plan



ACIA Testing

- ACIA is an official test of both the NPIP and LBMS programs for use in sick and dead birds following manufacturer label directions.
- There were stakeholder concerns voiced about limitations on reimbursement for ACIA testing in the 2013 cooperative agreements.
- Some additional laboratory study of ACIA testing at NVSL is proposed (investigation of pooling).
- Use of ACIA testing is being reviewed for full inclusion in the 2014 cooperative agreements.



Laboratory Diagnostics in Future Cooperative Agreements

- Working group developed to explore options for removing diagnostic testing costs from CAs and paying laboratories directly instead. Laboratory directors will be included in WG.
- Purpose is NOT to create competition, have only the lowest priced labs perform tests, or cut the number of laboratories; just to make sure that the costs are reasonable, can be accounted for and funding allocation is fair.
- Maintaining laboratory capacity for AI testing at all approved labs is a high priority.
- Contact Patricia Fox or Angela Pelzel-McCluskey for a list of working group members. Discuss any specific issues your laboratories may have using other funding mechanisms with a working group member.



The National Avian Influenza Surveillance Plan

- Provides the minimum level of testing for a State to achieve 95% confidence of detection if virus is present.
- The plan states that the expectation is for current participants in the NPIP, LBMS or other state-sponsored programs to continue their current levels of participation, providing additional confidence in the Nation's disease-free status.
- The recommendations in the plan do not change the regulations and standards for NPIP, LBMS or other State-sponsored programs.

For reference: All of these statements are on page 3 of the plan



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The National Avian Influenza Surveillance Plan

- The 1st draft of the plan used **estimates** of premises types in each state. We are aware that these numbers were not correct and will use actual numbers provided by cooperators to update this plan.
- The plan is risk-based, placing a greater emphasis on obtaining samples from high-risk, high impact, and longer lived poultry types.
- These are only **minimum estimates** to use as a comparison to historical surveillance numbers in developing 2013 goals.
- The intention is to **recommend** collecting samples from all poultry types, especially the high risk ones, NOT to limit commercial testing.



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Developing Avian Health Surveillance Plans

- The National Avian Influenza Surveillance plan is not meant to supersede or replace NPIP monitoring goals.
- The goals in the plan are **minimum** goals; we anticipate that commercial testing will far exceed the minimums.
- The main purpose of the targets in the National Surveillance Plan is to encourage all poultry sectors to meet **minimum** surveillance targets to achieve comprehensive national AI surveillance.
- The overall goal is to help decrease the risk of disease introduction to commercial poultry by conducting an adequate level of surveillance in high risk flocks.



The National Avian Influenza Surveillance Plan

- The plan is currently being revised to ensure that the intent is made more clear.
- Items we have identified to be added or improved include:
 - ❖ Updating the numbers of known flocks using input from the States
 - ❖ Making sure the language used matches other National plans including NPIP and LBMS (i.e. terminology such as flocks, houses, tests and samples)
 - ❖ Clearly identify that the surveillance goals are recommendations only
- Mechanisms are being considered for distribution of the revised plan to stakeholders for their direct comments.



Coming Soon

- Revised National Avian Influenza Surveillance Plan with opportunity for stakeholder comments
- Review of ACIA testing for more widespread inclusion in the 2014 cooperative agreements
- NVSL investigation of pooling samples for ACIA testing



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Questions/Comments

