



United States
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National Veterinary Stockpile

*"Science-Based Logistics
Improving Disease Response"*



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Mission

To provide the veterinary countermeasures animal vaccines, antivirals, or therapeutic products, supplies, equipment, and response support services that States, Tribes, and Territories need to respond to damaging animal disease outbreaks.

Purpose

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9 established the NVS in 2004 to protect the nation's food supply by maintaining sufficient amounts of countermeasures capable of deployment against the most damaging animal diseases within 24 hours. The directive reflected the national concern that terrorists could simultaneously release animal diseases of catastrophic proportions that would quickly deplete available resources within the State, Tribe, or Territory and overwhelm the private sector's ability to support such a disaster.

For more information, visit the NVS website <http://nvs.aphis.usda.gov> or email nvs@aphis.usda.gov.

Goals

1. Deploy within 24 hours of approval countermeasures against the most damaging animal diseases, including Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Exotic Newcastle Disease, and Classical Swine Fever.
2. Assist States, Tribes, and Territories plan, train, and exercise for the rapid request, receipt, processing, and distribution of NVS countermeasures during an event.

Countermeasures

1. Personal protective equipment to protect people and stop the spread of disease.
2. Decontamination supplies to inactivate pathogens.
3. Vaccines to quickly protect livestock and poultry at risk of infection.
4. Vaccination ancillary equipment and supplies to efficiently immunize large numbers of livestock and poultry.
5. Animal handling and depopulation equipment to humanely and effectively restrain, handle, and depopulate livestock and poultry.

6. Response support services to provide large numbers of trained personnel with equipment to support depopulation, disposal, and decontamination.

Outreach and Exercises

NVS personnel assist States, Tribes, and Territories develop a plan by providing a planning guide, a plan template, and other tools that explain detailed considerations when planning a logistical response. Once a plan is developed, NVS personnel provide logistical training and conduct exercises in partnership with States, Tribes, and Territories and in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

Conducts exercises to test NVS deployment procedures to help Federal, State, and private sector partners:

1. Understand the NVS program and available countermeasures.
2. Test abilities to request, receive, process, and distribute NVS countermeasures.
3. Clarify roles and responsibilities for a logistical response.
4. Identify resource gaps and make improvements before outbreaks occur.