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At A Glance: All About NAHERC

- NAHERC is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- NAHERC has positions for Veterinarians and Animal Health Technicians
- When activated, NAHERC members become temporary USDA APHIS employees and are compensated in accordance with the General Service (GS) pay scale
- NAHERC members volunteer for all temporary assignments or deployments. NAHERC members are not involuntarily drafted for assignments or deployments. Assignments or deployments may be as short as 3-4 weeks, and can be much longer
- Potential NAHERC members apply for positions through the USA JOBS website application process. Over 1200 NAHERC members have successfully completed the application process since 2007
- The mission of NAHERC is to support responses for animal health incidents and emergencies that affect livestock and poultry, and to support other animal health emergency responses, in the event capabilities are overwhelmed
- NAHERC members may join NAHERC as individuals. Existing State and local animal health response teams may also join NAHERC as teams. There are draft Memorandums of Understanding available for State animal health officials and local teams and State animal health teams to define the role and use of teams in the event of an emergency
- The roster of NAHERC members that have been activated or that have signed a privacy act release form is available for State animal health officials
- The roster of all NAHERC members - including members that have not been activated or that have not signed the privacy act release form - is available to APHIS hiring managers
- Interests, skills, and training information for NAHERC members are currently maintained in the APHIS Employee Qualifications System database to facilitate accession and dispatch in the event of an emergency

Brief history:

- NAHERC was started in 2001, when a foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in the United Kingdom required additional veterinary professionals for surge capacity and force sustainment. 145 NAHERC responders from the United States participated in the United Kingdom FMD response
- In 2002, 71 NAHERC responders participated in the low pathogen avian influenza task force, providing support for a large scale disease control program
- In 2003, 340 NAHERC responders participated in the Exotic Newcastle Disease task force, providing support for a large scale disease eradication campaign

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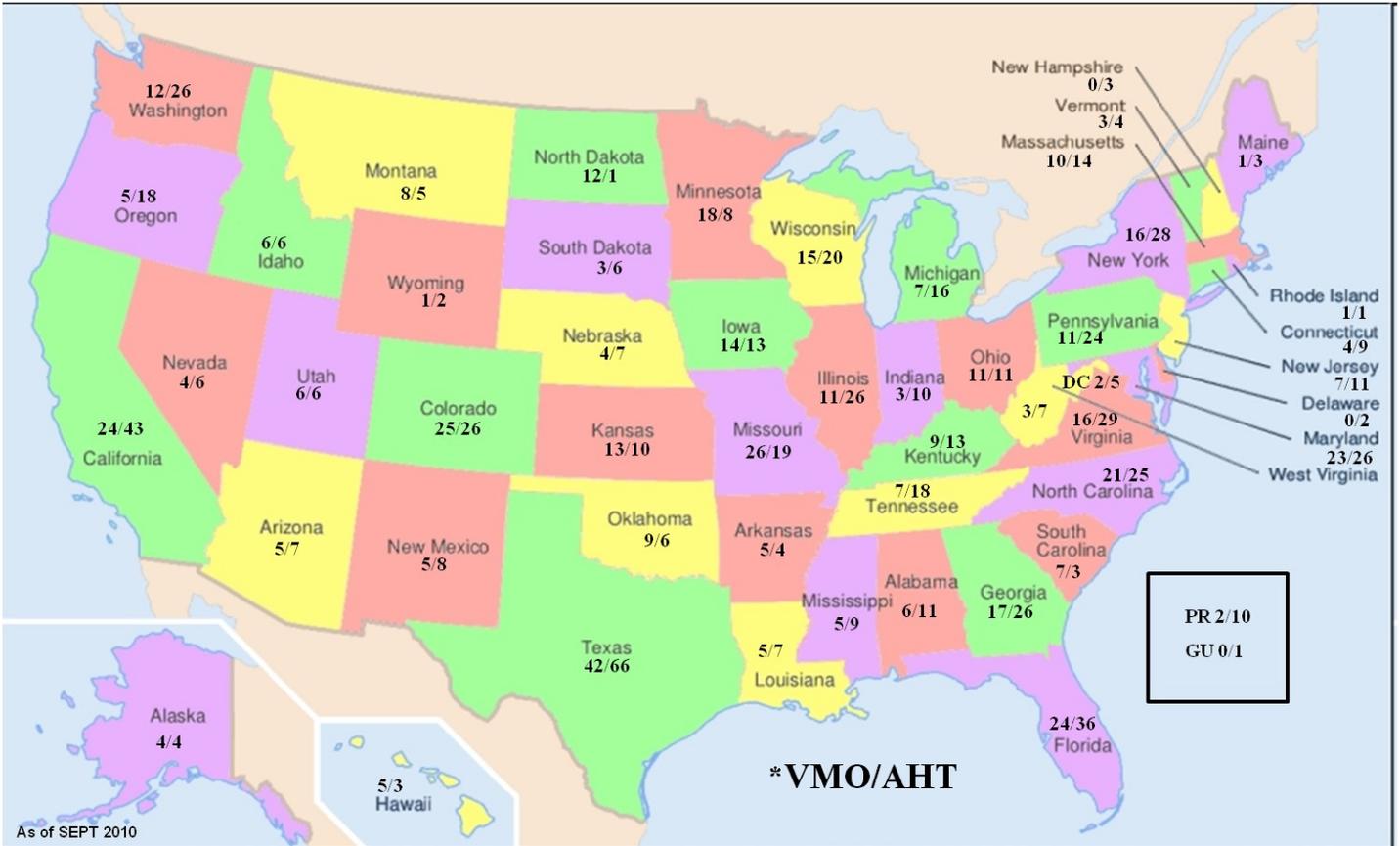
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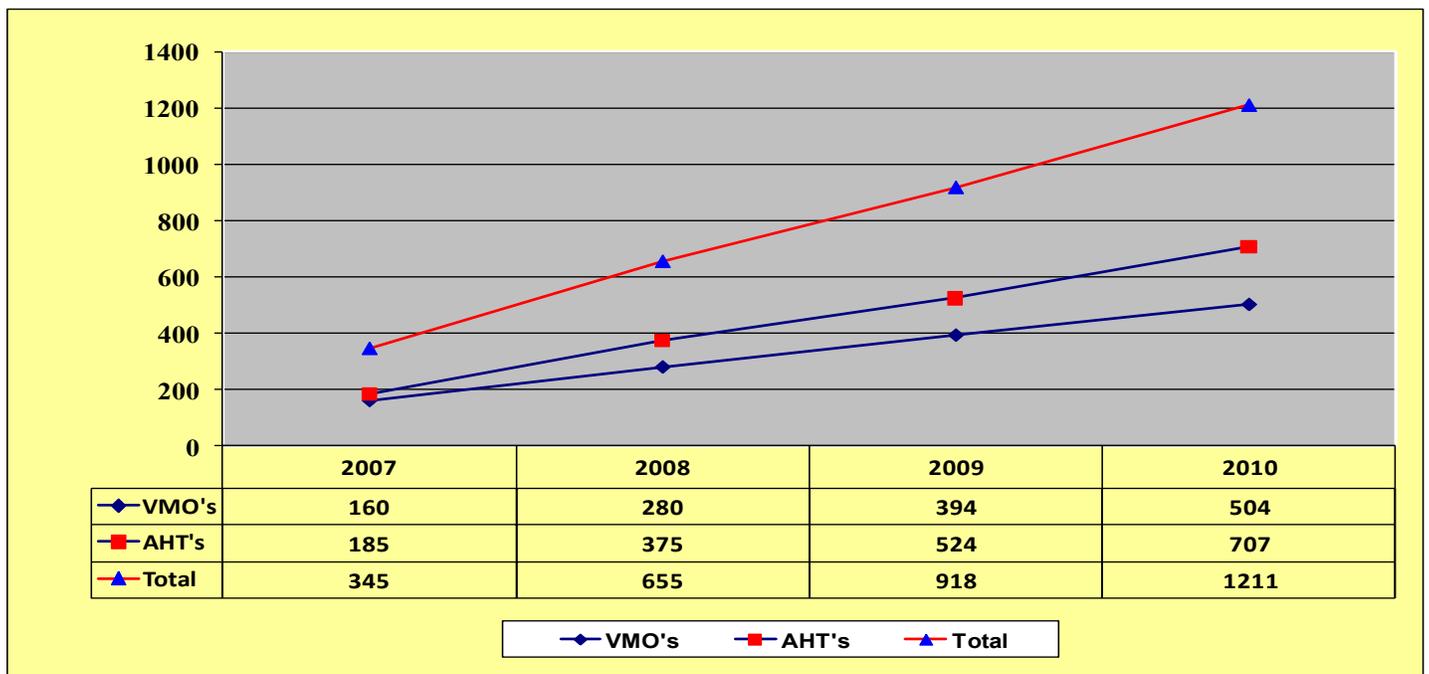
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NAHERC MEMBERSHIP BY STATE



NAHERC currently has 1211 members. These numbers are broken down by state. VMO's are listed first, followed by AHT's.

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**Safeguarding Animal Health
Protecting Our Communities**

When an animal health emergency occurs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will look to veterinary professionals to help meet critical staffing needs during animal health incidents and emergencies.

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More Information is Just a Click Away...

USDA APHIS NAHERC Website

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/emergency_management/naherc.shtml

NAHERC Computer Based Training Website, Iowa State University, Center for Food Security and Public Health

<https://naherc.sws.iastate.edu>

Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Plan (FAD PRoP) Website

<https://fadprep.lmi.org> (New users will need to request access and establish user name and password)

Notes from the NAHERC Coordinator

Here is a summary of what we have been doing to sustain and improve the NAHERC program.

We have developed a NAHERC Deployment Guide. This is the first time a Deployment Guide has been produced since creation of the program in 2001. The NAHERC Deployment Guide has been posted to the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Plan (FAD PRoP) website, and you are welcome and encouraged to review.

As part of outreach and communication efforts we have made NAHERC power point presentations for conferences and meetings, and also several brochures. We have also developed draft Memo-

randum of Understanding (MOU) templates for APHIS, State animal health officials, State Animal Response Teams (SART), County Animal Response Teams (CART), in order to establish clear understanding, expectations, and relationships for any NAHERC teams that are established.

As most of you already know, we distributed a Privacy Act Release form so that we can share NAHERC member interests and abilities with local and state animal health officials. As of this writing, we have received about 266 responses and the numbers are steadily growing. Thank you for taking the time to fill out and return the form!

We attended two conferences recently, AVMA in Atlanta, GA, and CVC Central in Kansas City, MO. During these events we received a positive reaction among participants and we are very motivated by your energy and interest.

I am proud to share your stories and promote the USDA NAHERC program to every prospect we meet or audience we visit.

As our program grows, we will work to better provide better support through initiatives, training, and other events.

Thomas Cunningham
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