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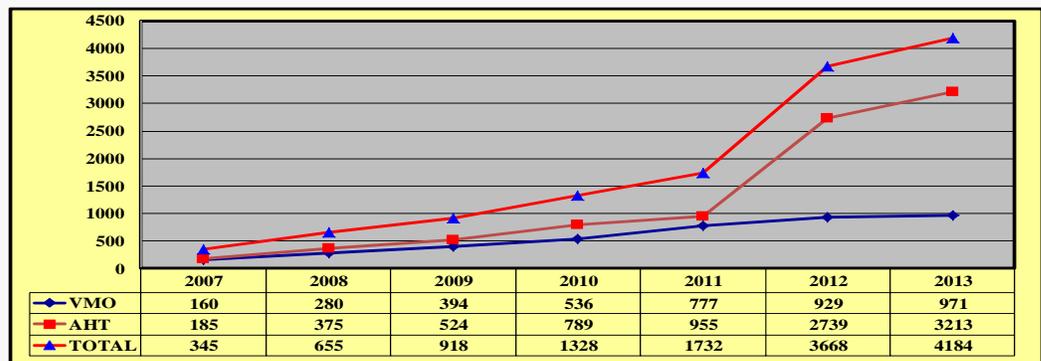
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## NAHERC Over the Years

The National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps has grown tremendously since its inception. NAHERC went from having only 345 members in 2007 to now having more than four thousand members. Although we've grown quite a bit over the years, we are constantly seeking to improve our numbers and improve our readiness. We are encouraging all members to complete the online training and share their knowledge about NAHERC with colleagues and friends. It is our goal to have 1,000 Veterinarians and 4000 Technicians in NAHERC at years end. If you, any of your colleges or friends have any questions about NAHERC, don't hesitate to e-mail or call us at NAHERC@usda.aphis.gov or 301-851-3496.



## NAHERC at the Conventions



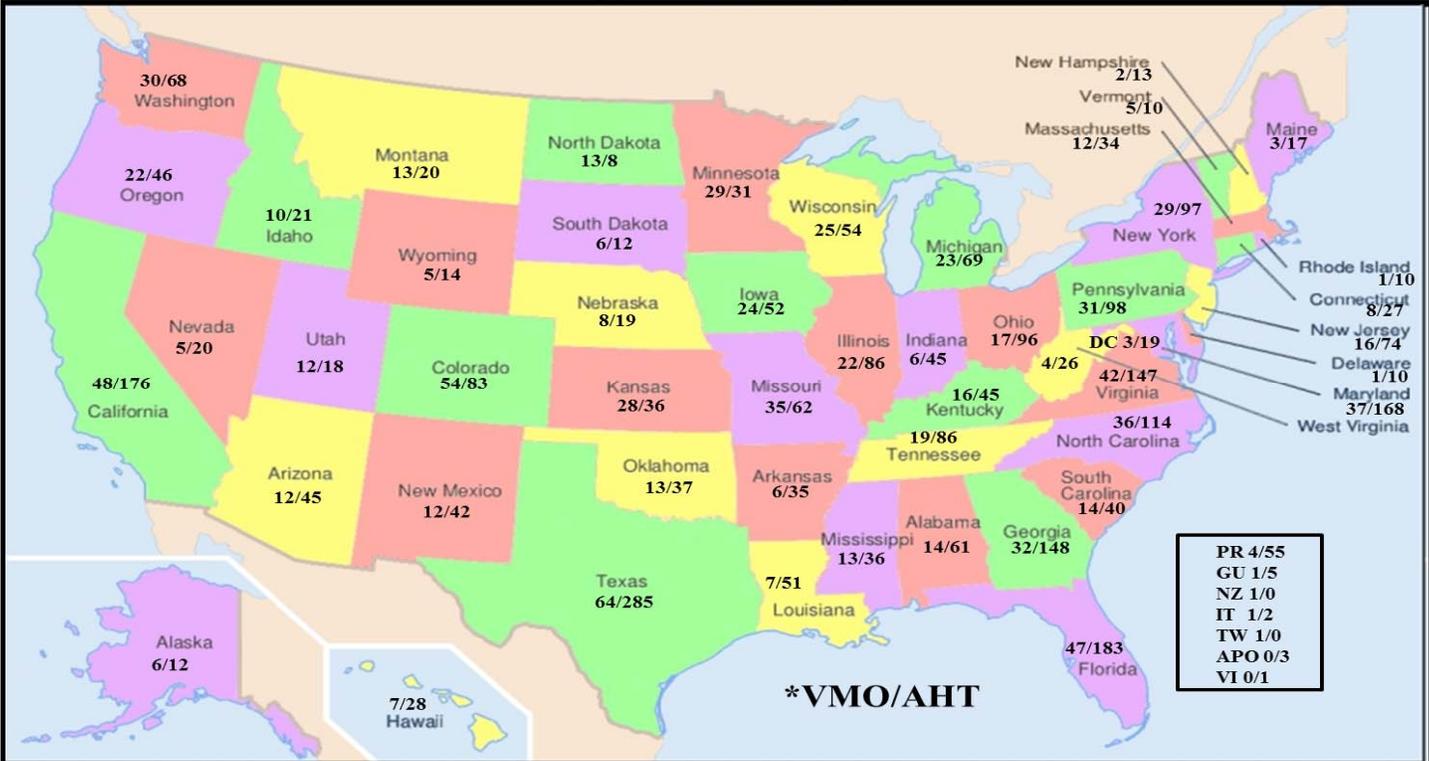
After a hiatus from the CVC East, NAHERC was excited to be present this year as well as return to the AVMA and CVC Central where several NAHERC members were in attendance. I had the pleasure of meeting Doctors Dale Gillet, Christine Hinze, Yoanna Maitre, Deci McIver, Adena O'Brien, Elaine Painter, Alan Raeburn, Darren Rausch, Trina Ward, Carolyn McKinnie, Jon Pennell, and Technicians Michael Bernardi, and Karie Williams. Also in attendance was Dr. Stephan Singleton. She is featured in the NAHERC Animal Health Technician brochure.

During all three events, I had the opportunity to recruit new NAHERC members while current members took the opportunity to review, verify and/or update their information on file, ask questions about training or to ask questions about NAHERC in general. Thank you to all those who stopped by the NAHERC booth. As always, please remember to update your contact info on file with NAHERC as changes occur. If you are using an edu e-mail address, please remember to provide a new e-mail once you know that one will be inactive.

While continuing education is the reason attendees go to the conventions, visiting the exhibit hall is a great place to meet many non-profit and for profit vendors as well as NAHERC staff.



# NAHERC Strength as of September 2013



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971	3213	4184	961

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

## USDA's New Website

In a letter dated July 25, 2013, Secretary Vilsack announced that the department launched a “new and improved” usda website (<http://www.usda.gov/>.) He indicated that the communications team worked long and hard to create a better online experience for each visitor to the site. Peter Rhee, Digital Media Director and Bernetta Reese, Web Project Manager, listed some of the new features of [USDA.gov](http://www.usda.gov/) in the article “Streamlined Design and New Features for USDA.gov.” Those enhancements include:

- Repositioning the homepage photo carousel on the left to optimize content flow and organization
- Placing social media icon links on the top right to maintain consistent navigation across [USDA.gov](http://www.usda.gov/) subpages
- A new *TV and Radio Hub* feature on the homepage to highlight USDA’s YouTube and Weekly Radio activities
- Expanding our Popular Topics section across two columns for quick and direct access from the homepage
- Two additional graphic badges on the homepage to highlight special programs and initiatives
- Modifications to the overall look and feel to provide a cleaner, less cluttered appearance

The complete article “Streamlined Design and New Features for USDA.gov” by Rhee and Reese can be seen here: <http://blogs.usda.gov/2013/07/24/streamlined-design-and-new-features-for-usda.gov/>

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 Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness Response Plan (FAD PRP) training: <https://fadprep.lmi.org/>  
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