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Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response

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HPAI Animal Health Emergency Alert

A form of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been causing widespread disruption and illness in birds since first being detected in 2022. Learn more about Detections of HPAI and HPAI Emergency Response.

HPAI has also been detected in domestic livestock. For the latest information, visit Detections of HPAI in Livestock.

Preparedness and response planning for foreign animal disease (FAD) incidents is crucial to protect public health, animal health, animal agriculture, the environment, the food supply, and the economy. Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response (FAD PReP) is the United States' comprehensive preparedness and response strategy for FAD threats.

APHIS FAD PReP Framework: Overview, Manuals, Strategy, and Concept of Operations

To learn more about FAD PReP, here are some resources to help you get started:

Introduction to FAD PReP (Overview)
VS Guidance Document 12001.5 (Policy for the Investigation of FAD/EDI)
VS Guidance Document 12001.5 (Ready Reference Guide)
FAD Investigation Report (CY 2023)
FAD PReP Useful Weblinks

1. Roles and Coordination (September 2022)

FAD PReP Manual 1-0 (1.88 MB) FAD PReP Manual 1-0 Presentation (1000.63 KB)

2. Response Strategies (October 2015)

FAD PReP Manual 2-0 (4.75 MB) FAD PReP Manual 2-0 Presentation (1.21 MB)

3. Incident Information Management and Reporting (February 2018)

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4. Investigation Manual (2022)

FAD PReP Manual 4-0 (16.71 MB)

5. Partial List of FAD Stakeholders (December 2015)

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6. Permitted Movement (February 2017)

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Disease-Specific Response Planning and Guidelines

Learn more about planning for specific foreign animal diseases. We offer tools and resources you can use to prepare for and respond to an emergency outbreak of these diseases.

African Swine Fever
Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
Foot-and-Mouth Disease
Virulent Newcastle Disease
New World Screwworm

Response Plans and Strategy Documents

Response plans provide disease-specific information and response strategies. They offer guidance to potential responders (Federal, State, Tribal, local, and private sector) on capabilities and critical activities that are required to respond to an FAD outbreak.

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FAD PReP Standard Operating Procedures

FAD PReP standard operating procedures (SOPs) include information on how to effectively prepare for and respond to an FAD outbreak. These SOPs provide operational details that are critical to the response, like biosecurity and communication, not discussed in-depth within the strategy documents or disease-specific response plans.

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Outbreak Response Tools

Find more information to help with FAD planning and response, including surveillance, carcass disposal, and other topics.

Carcass Management Dashboard

This page quickly guides you through carcass management options for planning or response purposes.

Outbreak Response Toolbox

This page provides veterinary epidemiologists with resources for designing surveillance schemes to support outbreak response.

USDA Indemnity Values: Commercial Table

(PDF, 582.05 KB)

This document contains indemnity values for commercial animal agricultural commodities intended for use across USDA agencies or business units that deal with indemnity programs.

Emergency Management: Disinfectants

This page lists various documents that can help government agencies and the public choose appropriate disinfectants to use against animal disease causative agents.

More FAD PReP Resources

Ready Reference Guides

Easy reference guides for foreign animal disease response

Emergency Management Response System

This web-based system is used for reporting routine investigations of FADs, surveillance and control programs, State-specific disease outbreaks, and national animal health emergency responses (all-hazards).

National Animal Health Emergency Management System

These guidelines and other materials provide the foundation for a coordinated national, regional, State, and local response in an emergency, complementing non-Federal preparedness activities.

Industry Manuals

These manuals provide a broad overview of U.S. animal production methods and the procedures that may be established during a FAD outbreak.

State and Tribal Resources and Other Information

Further guidance for States and Tribes on minimizing influenza transmission in swine, financing a response through cooperative agreements, the economic impact of FADs, and FAD investigation reports

Secure Food Supply and Continuity of Business Plans

These websites offer plans that use science- and risk-based information to facilitate market continuity for specific products and maintain business continuity at animal facilities in an outbreak.

- Secure Beef Supply
- Secure Poultry Supply
- Secure Broiler Supply
- Secure Egg Supply
- Secure Turkey Supply
- Secure Milk Supply
- State/Regional Secure Milk Supply Project
- Secure Pork Supply
- Secure Sheep and Wool Supply
- Secure Zoo Strategy

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