APHIS To Host Listening Sessions on New Funding for Farm Bill Animal Health Programs

Should there be a lapse in appropriations that continues into Friday, October 3rd, the listening sessions will be postponed.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advancing animal disease preparedness and response through its Farm Bill animal health programs. Beginning in fiscal year 2026, funding for these programs will increase to $233 million annually under President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill. This includes:

- $153 million per year for the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (NAVVCB)
- $70 million per year for the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP)
- $10 million per year for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)

APHIS will host three virtual listening sessions to gather stakeholder input on how these new funds should be used to strengthen national, regional, and local capabilities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to animal disease outbreaks. APHIS will use the feedback to inform future program planning.

Each session will focus on one of the three programs. While advance registration is not required, we encourage participants to submit their name and affiliation to help us plan and facilitate the sessions.

Listening Session Schedule

- **Monday, October 6 | 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET**
  Topic: National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)
  Join the Listening Session on Teams or
  Call-In: 202-650-0123; Phone Conference ID: 697 205 668#
- **Tuesday, October 7 | 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET**
  Topic: National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (NAVVCB)
  Join the Listening Session on Teams or
  Call-in: 202-650-0123; Phone Conference ID: 440 983 713#
- **Wednesday, October 8 | 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET**
  Topic: National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP)
  Join the Listening Session on Teams or
  Call-In: 202-650-0123; Phone Conference ID: 188 744 006#

To ensure that we hear from as many participants as possible, we ask that speakers limit their comments to 90 seconds or less.

Stakeholders are also invited to submit written comments before or after the events using the Farm Bill Funding Stakeholder Feedback Form. Written comments will be accepted through **October 15, 2025.**

This is a valuable opportunity for all interested stakeholders to help shape the future of these critical animal health programs. Please share this announcement with colleagues who may wish to participate. We look forward to hearing from you.

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