

# 2019 Impact BY THE NUMBERS

For nearly 50 years, the mission of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has been to protect the health and value of America's agricultural and natural resources. All Americans and many people throughout the world benefit from APHIS' programs and services every day. Here are key results from our work in 2019.

**0**  
incursions of the most dangerous **FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES** of livestock (African swine fever, foot-and-mouth disease)

**0**  
establishment of the most dangerous **FOREIGN PLANT PESTS** and diseases

**1,337**  
**EMPLOYEES DISPATCHED** to 38 emergency incidents or events, swiftly responding to pest and disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and other threats to U.S. agriculture nationwide

**100%**



of the United States now **FREE OF PLUM POX VIRUS**, ending a 20-year battle with the most devastating viral disease of stone fruit worldwide

**300+**



participants in 4 Federal-State-industry responses to simulated outbreaks of African swine fever (ASF), **IMPROVING U.S. READINESS** for foreign animal diseases

**\$90M**



value of **EXPORT MARKETS PROTECTED**—in the last 3 months of FY 2019 alone—by APHIS work to remove unjustified trade barriers for U.S. agricultural products

**700M+**



passengers **PROTECTED FROM WILDLIFE STRIKES TO AIRCRAFT** at approximately 870 U.S. airports and military bases around the globe

**99%**



of **ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (AWA)** licensees and registrants in substantial **COMPLIANCE** through the use of inspections, guidance, and outreach

**954,433**



**HEALTH CERTIFICATES** endorsed or issued to facilitate the safe export of U.S. animals, plants, and their products to hundreds of destinations around the world

**5,000+**



new users signed up to our Veterinary Export Health Certification System, expanding use of digitally signed certificates by 30% to **IMPROVE SERVICE AND SPEED COMMERCE**—with 35 countries to date now accepting these certificates

**440,000**



responses to farmers, ranchers, and others requesting direct control or technical assistance to **REDUCE THE IMPACT OF PREDATORS** on their animals, protecting more than 15.8 million head of cattle, sheep, and goats valued at over \$2.5 billion

**132**



**INNOVATIONS** in agricultural biotechnology authorized (deregulated) to date for field use