



# National Milk Testing Strategy

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## Begin National Plant Silo Monitoring

Begin nationwide testing of milk silos at dairy processing facilities. This national sample will allow USDA to identify where the disease is present, monitor trends, and help States identify potentially affected herds.

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## Determine State Status

Building on the results of silo monitoring, USDA will work with States to stand up bulk tank sampling programs. This will enable us to identify herds in the State that are affected with H5N1.

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## Detect and Respond to the Virus in Affected States

For States with H5N1 detections, we will work quickly to identify specific cases and implement rapid response measures. This includes enhanced biosecurity using USDA's existing incentives programs, movement controls, and contact tracing.

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## Demonstrate H5 Absence in Unaffected States

Continue regular sampling of farms' bulk tanks. Bulk tank sampling frequency will progressively decline as the State demonstrates continual silo negativity.

If a State becomes affected, it will return to stage 3.

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## Demonstrate H5 Freedom in U.S. Dairy Cattle

After all States move through stage 4, we will work with the States to begin periodic sampling and testing to illustrate long-term absence from the national herd.