

Animal Health Network

Your Local Information Link for Animal Safety and Security

Duties of other key players....

State Cooperative Extension Ag & NR Program Leader

- Step 1. Exchange letters of agreement to participate and support your State Veterinarian
- Step 2. Designate an Extension Animal Health Network POC who will champion the implementation and maintain a state of readiness of the Animal Health Network across the state
 - It is recommended you identify an Extension Animal Science or Veterinary Medicine Specialist as your POC
 - Your State Cooperative Extension Emergency Management Coordinator should also be included in the development of the ANH so that he/she may include it in EM Plans.
- Step 3. Send name and contact information of the designated Extension Animal Health Network POC to the State Veterinarian (copy Heather Simmons at the Institute for Infectious Animal Diseases so that a roster of state POCs can be established hlsimmons@ag.tamu.edu)

State Cooperative Extension Animal Health Network POC

Activating & Maintaining the Network

- Step 1. Acquire numeric data from state feed regulatory agency about the potential reach, how many, feed manufacturers and feed retailers exist in the state. Send the number feed manufacturers and feed retailers (no names, just the total numbers) to your state veterinarian and to Heather Simmons at the IIAD Center hlsimmons@ag.tamu.edu
 - *NOTE: This should be at least semi-annually to maintain readiness and for accountability to the State Veterinarian, Department of Homeland Security and state Extension organization.*
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- Step 2. Coordinate with State Veterinarian to test the Animal Health Network annually in September – National Preparedness Month
- Step 3. Relay animal disease/biosecurity or other alert message(s) from the State Veterinarian to local Extension educators during actual Animal Health Network activation

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Local/County Extension Educator

Activating & Maintaining the Network

- Step 1. Help State Veterinarian and feed manufacturers to educate local feed retailers about the goals, purpose, and protocols of the Animal Health Network (*Information is available at <http://animalhealthnetwork.org>*)
- Step 2. Maintain Feed Retailer relationship and update local-level Feed Retailer database annually during September - National Preparedness Month
- Step 3. During an actual activation of the Animal Health Network use normal county Extension media outlets to inform animal owners of the impending incident.

Feed Manufacturers

- Step 1. Write letter of agree to participate to your State Feed Regulatory Agency.
- Step 2. Inform/educate feed retailers about the Animal Health Network
 - (*Information is available at <http://animalhealthnetwork.org>*)
- Step 3. Use email communications channels to inform your feed retailers with the State Veterinarian's alert/message.
- Step 4. Share numeric data about the potential reach, how many, feed manufacturers and feed retailers exist in the state. Send the number feed manufacturers and feed retailers (no names, just the total numbers) to your state veterinarian and to your State Cooperative Extension AHN POC.
- Step 5. Participate in at least one test per year of established Animal Health Network in September – National Preparedness Month

Feed Retailers

- Step 1. Write letter of agreement to participate to your Feed Manufacturers.
- Step 2. Inform/educate customers about the Animal Health Network
 - (*Information is available at <http://animalhealthnetwork.org>*)
- Step 3. Use normal communications channels to inform your customers with the State Veterinarian's alert/message.
- Step 4. Participate in at least one test per year of established Animal Health Network in September – National Preparedness Month