

Animal and Feed Emergency Response Resources

- a) Animal Response Team
 - b) County Agricultural Disaster Assessment Team
 - c) County EOC Agricultural Representative
 - d) PA Food and Feed Rapid Response Team (RRT)
 - e) Plant Disease Response Team
 - f) Veterinary Response Team
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RESOURCE: ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM						
CATEGORY: Animal Emergency Response			KIND: Teams			
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III (STATEWIDE)	TYPE IV (REGIONAL)	TYPE V (COUNTY)
Component	Metric					
Personnel		30 member team for sheltering event; shelter manager, veterinarian, intake manager, logistics manager, plus animal handlers and support personnel	25 member team for sheltering event; shelter manager, veterinarian, intake manager, logistics manager plus animal handlers and support personnel	20 member team for sheltering event; shelter manager, veterinarian, intake manager, logistics manager, plus animal handlers and support personnel	15 member team for sheltering event; shelter manager, veterinarian, intake manager, logistics manager, plus animal handlers and support personnel	10 member team for sheltering event; shelter manager, veterinarian, intake manager, logistics manager plus animal handlers and support personnel
Training		IS 100 IS 700 IS 800b IS 5a Disaster Shelter Training	IS 100 IS 700 IS 800b IS 5a Disaster Shelter Training	IS 100 IS 700 IS 800b IS 5a Disaster Shelter Training	IS 100 IS 700 IS 800b IS 5a Disaster Shelter Training	IS 100 IS 700 IS 800b IS 5a Disaster Shelter Training
Equipment		Crates, food /water bowls, leads, tables, cleaning supplies, bedding	Crates, food /water bowls, leads, tables, cleaning supplies, bedding	Crates, food /water bowls, leads, tables, cleaning supplies, bedding	Crates, food /water bowls, leads, tables, cleaning supplies, bedding	Crates, food /water bowls, leads, tables, cleaning supplies, bedding
COMMENTS:	Animal Response Teams were developed for county and or regional response. Given the size of Pennsylvania, it is highly improbable that a statewide event would occur at the magnitude sufficient to have a type 3 event. However, regardless of magnitude, PASART has MOU's with HSUS, American Humane and International Fund for Animal Welfare that would bring those organizations to PA to assist. CARTS will not deploy outside PA....each County has a small CART team thus CART teams are really either Type 4 or "other" resources....Type 4 meaning they could respond with other County Teams to a regionalized event or "other" meaning they are just for events in their own counties.					

RESOURCE: COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSESSMENT TEAM							
CATEGORY:		Animal Emergency Response			KIND:	Teams	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	TYPE V	
Component	Metric						
Personnel		2-person teams as needed for each impacted county during an emergency.					
DESCRIPTION:	All Counties are represented by USDA Farm Services Agency Representatives, Conservation District Reps, Penn State Univ. Extension Agents, County emergency employees, and PDA field personnel. 2-person teams could be formed to conduct disaster assessments to determine crop, animal, structural, feed, and equipment damage in affected counties.						
COMMENTS:	It would be practical to have requests for teams be activated by County EMAs or the PA Department of Agriculture when needed during emergencies.						

RESOURCE: COUNTY EOC AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE							
CATEGORY:		Animal Emergency Response			KIND:	Teams	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	TYPE V	
Component	Metric						
Personnel		1 person per shift in each County					
DESCRIPTION:	At a minimum, each "Risk County" that has a nuclear power plant within 10 miles of any part of the County should have an "Ag Rep" to represent the disaster needs of the food and agriculture industries. This could be extension, volunteers, county, state, or federal employees.						
COMMENTS:	The Ag Rep would be activated by the County Emergency Management Agency						

RESOURCE: PA FOOD AND FEED RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT)							
CATEGORY:		Animal Emergency Response			KIND:	Teams	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III (STATEWIDE)	TYPE IV (REGIONAL)	TYPE V (SINGLE COUNTY)	
Component	Metric						
	Event size	A food/feed "federal" emergency occurring in more than 1 state	A food/feed emergency is occurring in more than 1 of PDA's 7 regions and federal agency assistance is needed.	RRT agency response in multiple PDA regions and federal agency assistance is not needed.	RRT agency response in several counties but only in 1 of PDA's 7 regions (more than one county)	There are no effects outside of one county - RRT agency response in only 1 county.	
DESCRIPTION:	PDA leads a multi federal, state, local "Pennsylvania Food and Feed Rapid Response Team-RRT" which can perform the following emergency-related functions based off the needs of the food emergency event: FDA food regulators/inspectors; USDA FSIS investigators; federal and state homeland security officials; a CDC public health veterinarian; 140 local health departments that handle food inspections; state health department food epidemiology and lab work; PDA food, feed, and animal testing labs and field inspectors; the PA Animal Diagnostic Lab System for food and food-animal related lab testing; DEP drinking water safety and testing functions; DEP radiological response and radiological food testing; PA State Police Officers for criminal food investigations; and a PA National Guard 3rd Civil Support Team (CST) that can conduct chemical and biological response and testing for food.						
COMMENTS:	Based off the response needs of the event, the RRT "Core Team" consisting of PDA's Director of Food Safety, PDA's State Veterinarian, PDA's Director of Plant Industry, and PDA's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator will dictate the operational needs of the activation. If outside RRT agencies are needed, the Core Team will activate them as needed.						

RESOURCE: PLANT DISEASE RESPONSE TEAM							
CATEGORY:		Animal Emergency Response			KIND:	Teams	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III (STATEWIDE)	TYPE IV (REGIONAL)	TYPE V (SINGLE COUNTY)	
Component	Metric						
	Event size	A "federal" plant disease emergency occurring in more than 1 state	Plant disease response in more than 1 of PDA's 7 regions and federal agency assistance is needed.	Plant disease response in multiple PDA regions and federal agency assistance is not needed.	Plant disease response in several counties but only in 1 of PDA's 7 regions (more than one county)	There are no effects outside of one county - plant disease response in only 1 county.	
DESCRIPTION:	Comprised of PDA's Agronomic Products inspectors, plant inspectors, plant pathologists; USDA APHIS (Plant, Protection, Quarantine); DCNR; Penn State University.						
COMMENTS:							

RESOURCE: VETERINARY RESPONSE TEAM							
CATEGORY:		Animal Emergency Response			KIND:		Teams
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III (STATEWIDE/ REGIONAL)	TYPE IV (SINGLE COUNTY)	TYPE V	
Component	Metric						
	Event Size	National event - USDA VS IMT teams, AVMA's VMAT team, National Veterinary Response Teams (federally paid pre-registered volunteers)	Federal/Interstate response – PDA field vets, PDA field domestic animal health inspectors, USDA VS IMT teams, AVMA's VMAT team, National Veterinary Response Teams (federally paid pre-registered volunteers)	Vet response in more than 1 PDA region - 7 PDA field Veterinarians and 19 Domestic Animal Health Inspectors could be brought in for statewide animal events. USDA VS IMT teams would likely assist in statewide event. The AVMA's VMAT team could be used for further assistance.	2-person team consisting of PDA field Veterinarian and Domestic Animal Health Inspector (DAHI) per county as needed		
DESCRIPTION:	Perform high quality care for animal during disasters and emergencies. Duties include conducting vaccinations, disease surveillance, establishing quarantines and movement restriction zones, euthanasia, and carcass disposal activities. USDA VS IMT: USDA Veterinary Service Incident Management Team						
COMMENTS:	The Ag Rep would be activated by the County Emergency Management Agency						