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AGRICULTURE RESPONSE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES (ARMAR) EXERCISE


PLANNING AND NEXT STEPS

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Event History








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 2013: Initial discussions between the Multi-State Partnership for Security and Agriculture (MSPSA) and Veterinary Services (VS)

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 May 4, 2016: MSPSA-VS TTX on resource management and AC
 - VS Districts 3, 4, and 5
 - IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, NM, ND, OK, SD, and WI

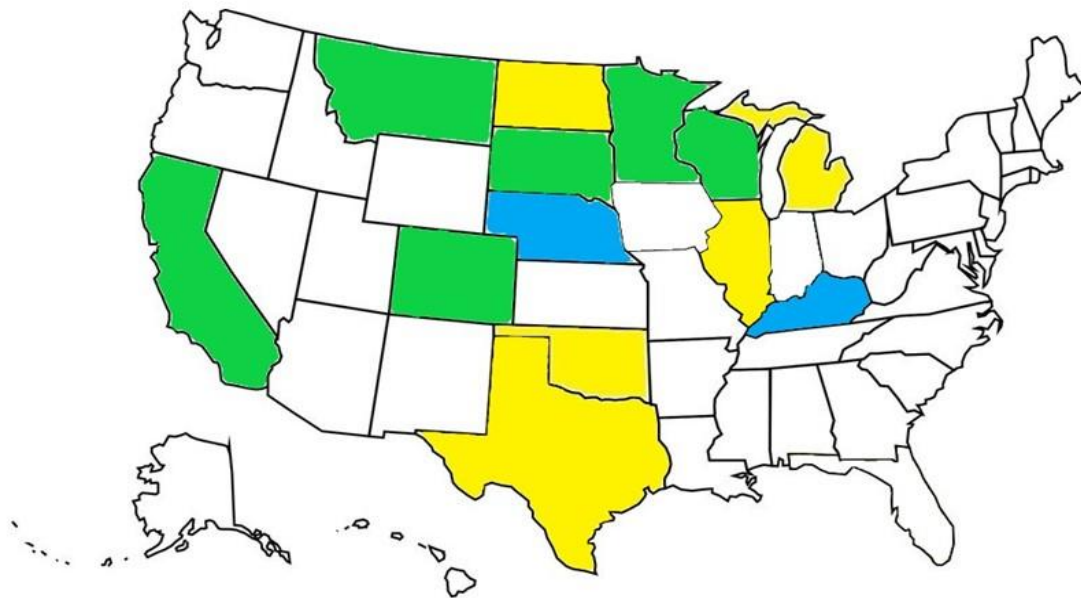
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 July 2016 to May 2018: Preparation for the ARMAR exercise
 - States and districts coordinating and conducting joint exercises
 - Exercise design and development
 - Stakeholder engagement for play



ARMAR FIRST EVER

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 Multi-jurisdictional development team
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 FMD outbreaks in the continental United States
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 Two levels of exercise play
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 Single- or multi-day TTX: six states
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 Three-day functional exercise (FE): six States and multiple Federal partners
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 Across all four time zones for the continental United States
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 All entities participating from locations they would use in a real event






State Involvement







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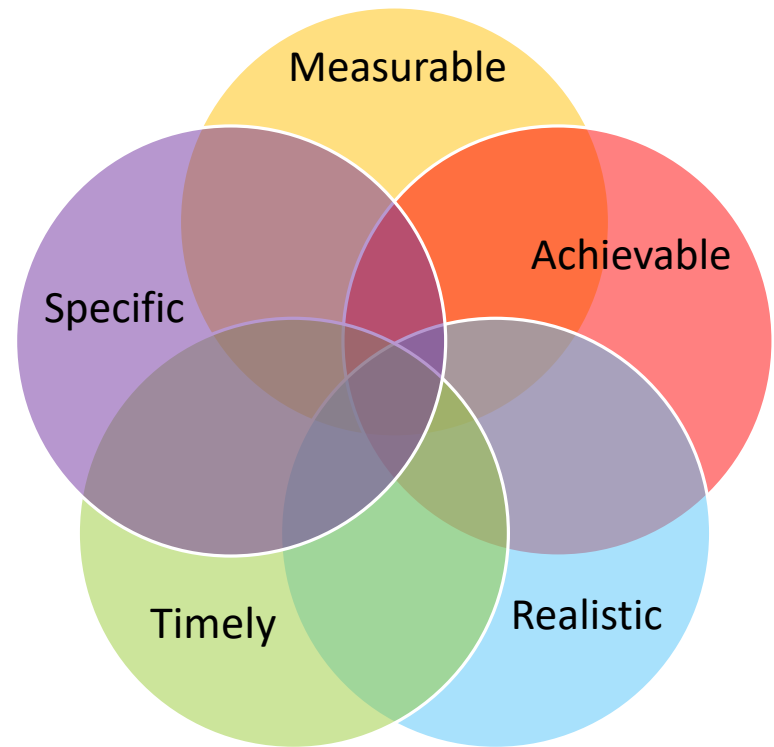
- States participating in the FE
- States participating in the TTX (one day)
- States participating in the TTX (multiple days)

Objectives

-  Demonstrate effective communication
-  Define the critical information requirements and prioritization strategies for scarce or critical resources
-  Identify policies and procedures for engaging/requesting support
-  Demonstrate procedures for the integration of State and Federal information management systems
-  Live social media play (Simulation Deck)

Objectives (continued)

-  Manage resources during an FMD response
-  Implement secure food supply (SFS) plans
-  Validate FMD response plans
-  Identify gaps in available resources and policies










Participating Agencies

USDA
VS FMD ICG Incident Coordinator and Deputy IC
VS FMD ICG Planning Section
VS FMD ICG Logistics Section
VS FMD ICG Finance/Admin Section
VS FMD ICG Lab Operations Section
VS Commodity Health Centers
APHIS Multiagency Coordination
VS District Directors and Assistant Directors
VS NIMTs
NVS
CEAH
NVSL Ames
FADDL
NAHLN
EMRS2
APHIS LPA
APHIS EMSSD
APHIS MRPBS
APHIS Wildlife Services
Joint Information Center
Cross Species Working Group
FSIS Headquarters

FSIS Office of Field Operations-District 25
State Environmental Agencies
Governors' Offices
State Diagnostic Labs
State Departments of Transportation
State Public Information Offices
State Attorneys General
State Emergency Management
State Wildlife Agencies
State Health Agencies
State Extension Offices
State Law Enforcement
State Natural Resources
County Elected Officials
County Emergency Management
County Health Departments
County Law Enforcement
FBI Headquarters
Local FBI
National Guard
DHS Headquarters
Slaughter Plants

Minnesota Incident Command Post

Over 200 Participants

-  Swine Industry- Executive Director, Producer, Processor
-  Dairy Industry – Executive Director, Producer, Processor
-  Beef Industry – Executive Director, Producer, Processor, Livestock Market
-  Counties
-  State Agencies – BAH, MDA, UMN, MN; VS, FSIS, WS, DPS, DNR, MDH, MPCA, DOT, NG, NWS, FBI


Preparation Activities

 NAHLN/FADDL/NVSL-Ames: monthly planning meetings

 States

- Conducting VS NTEP TTXs
- Reviewing/revising plans
- Coordinating with VS Area Directors
- Coordinating with State diagnostic labs



 Cross-Species Working Group: coordinating with LPA and non-member groups

 VS National Incident Management Teams (NIMT): providing preparedness support to “functional” States

Events

Preparation webinars

- Area Command
- VS standard operating guides for Transfer of Command, and for State Engagement (requesting a NIMT)
- Enhanced biosecurity
- FAD 101 (for supporting agencies)
- NVS update
- SFS plans (6 webinars)
 - General
 - Pork
 - Milk
 - Poultry
 - Beef
 - How CA is implementing SFS



Events (continued)

Preparation webinars (continued)

- EMRS Permitting During a Foreign Animal Disease Response
- EMRS Using the Permitting Gateway
- Disposal 101
- Contracting
- Federal Resource Requesting
- How to Play in a FE (entity-specific)
- Exercise Staff Training
- Other Exercise Topical Webinars TBD

TTXs

- Resource Management and Incident Command
- State-VS Unified Command
- Requesting a VS NIMT and Transfer/Transitioning of Command



VS Training and Exercise Program

Video Gallery:



<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/training-and-development/video-gallery>

ARMAR Milestones

- 🌐 Exercise conduct
 - “Soft Start” (MT and VS/FADDL): May 7, 2018
 - All players exercise start: May 8, 2018
 - FE end: May 10, 2018
- 🌐 After Action Report (AAR) / Improvement Plan (IP) : July-August, 2018
 - Entity-specific
 - Shared areas for improvement
- 🌐 USDA / States AAR/IP Workshop, March 19, 2019, St. Paul MN
 - National perspective
 - Inform the TEPW on training and exercise needs



What's Next?

First, a Big Thank You To SES, Inc.

Next,

ARMAR 2.0

- FY 2021
- Workgroups are forming

