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AGRICULTURE RESPONSE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES (ARMAR) EXERCISE

PLANNING AND NEXT STEPS

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Event History

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

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

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

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

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Minnesota Incident Command Post

Over 200 Participants
- Swine Industry - Executive Director, Producer, Processor
- Dairy Industry – Executive Director, Producer, Processor
- Beef Industry – Executive Director, Processor, Producer, 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:

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