California
Exercise Overview and Lessons Learned

AGRICULTURE RESPONSE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES
(ARMAR)

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ARMAR EXERCISE PREPAREDNESS EVENTS

- Pre-Exercise Workshops conducted with CA Blended IMT
- Depopulation
- Disposal
- Vaccination
- Controlled Movement

- Pre-Exercise Training
  - EMRS Training
  - ICS IMT Training (ICS 320 3-Day course)
CALIFORNIA ARMAR EXERCISE

- Foot-and-mouth Disease Response Exercise
- Activated CDFA/USDA California Blended IMT
- Unified Command
- Three Exercise Venues
- Over 100 participants
Incident Action Plans and Situation Reports generated each Operational Period
RESPONSE TOPICS TESTED

- Activating enhanced biosecurity
- FAD investigation
- Laboratory coordination
- Setting disease control zones
- Prioritize industry needs within control area
- Planning for disease control strategy
  - Depopulation
  - Vaccination
- Quarantine Enforcement
- Public Information
EXERCISE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Transitioned from District response to statewide response
• Activated Incident Management Team
• Developed Incident Objectives
• Established a Control Area
  • Movement Restrictions
• Documented Incident Activities
  • Daily IAP & Situation Reports
• Participated on multi-state conference calls
• Evaluated response strategies and tactics
• Evaluated personnel resource needs
EXERCISE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Both Unified Command agencies activated incident support organizations
• Activated a high functioning ICP
• Track and order resources
• Issue quarantines
• Develop biosecurity plans
• Draft epidemiology report
• Request for vaccine
• Perform disease tracking, tracing and data management
• Messaging
SUCCESSES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- IT – virtual server connected CDFA and USDA personnel on a single shared drive
- Connectivity for HQ with incident, USDA & CDFA IMT
- Same technology used for vND and LPAI Response
SUCCESSES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Successfully submitted barcode labeled milk samples to CAHFS
- CAHFS Lab confirmed ability to scan and read NPIN barcodes
- Fake barcodes so lab could not upload into EMRS
- vND response successful in using barcode labels for samples to CAHFS Lab
- Lab able to upload into EMRS
LESSONS LEARNED/IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

- Milk sample collection SOP needs revision
- Leadership identified the need to activate an Industry Advisory Committee to assist with quick decision making
- Need for review and refresher training on lab coordination and lab submissions
- Strategic decisions on response strategies, like vaccination, since other states are impacted
And last but not least:

Stronger coffee!
ARMAR EXERCISE

- Core capabilities – operational communication and coordination, logistics and supply chain management, and planning – well exercised in 2018 ARMAR Exercise.

THANK YOU!