Farm Bill Update

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Animal Disease Prevention and Management

National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program
- FY 19-22
  - Total mandatory: $120 M
- FY23 and beyond
  - Total mandatory: $30 M
  - ≥ $5 M annually, Secretary’s discretion for additional

National Animal Vaccine Bank*
- Secretary’s discretion

National Animal Health Laboratory Network
- Secretary’s discretion, $30 M authorized annually

*Secretary shall prioritize the acquisition and maintenance of sufficient quantities of foot and mouth disease vaccine and accompanying diagnostic products for the Vaccine Bank.
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APHIS Announces Plan to Use Farm Bill Funding to Support Animal Disease Prevention and Management

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing initial plans to carry out new animal health activities using resources provided by the 2018 Farm Bill. Section 12101 of the 2018 Farm Bill established a three-part program to comprehensively support animal disease prevention and management. The bill included funding to create two new programs: the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (vaccine bank) and the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP). It also expands funding opportunities for the existing National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN).

National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program

Our most effective strategy to protect animal health is keeping disease out of the country in the first place. To that end, the new National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (Preparedness and Response Program) allows APHIS to enter into cooperative agreements with States, universities, livestock producer organizations, and other eligible entities for targeted projects aimed at preventing animal pests and diseases from entering the United States and reducing the spread and impact of potential disease incursions.

National Animal Health Laboratory Network

Should foreign animal pests or disease strike, diagnosing and detecting the extent of the outbreak as rapidly as possible plays a key role in limiting the impact on producers. The National Animal Health Laboratory Network, NAHLN, is a nationally coordinated network and partnership of Federal, State, and university-associated animal health laboratories. NAHLN veterinary diagnostic laboratories provide animal health diagnostic testing to detect biological threats to the nation’s food animals, thus protecting animal health, public health, and the nation’s food supply.

National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank

For our highest consequence animal diseases, it is important to have an effective insurance policy in the extremely rare chance of an outbreak. The new U.S.-only vaccine bank—a concept APHIS officials have long discussed with stakeholders and industry—allows USDA to stockpile animal vaccine and related products to use in the event of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease or other high-impact foreign animal diseases.
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- Required to fund $5 million in prevention grants for 2019
- Additional up to $5 million for either NAHLN or prevention grants
- NAHLN appropriations in 2020 Agriculture Appropriations of approximately $17 million (not yet passed)
Priority #1. Develop and/or deliver emergency management training for animal agriculture sector responders.
Priority #2. Develop, conduct and evaluate emergency management exercises for animal agriculture sector responders.
Priority #3. Supports access and participation in emergency management training and/or exercise events for animal agriculture sector responders.
APHIS Announces Sources Sought Notice to Gather Information for the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank

September 10, 2019, Washington, D.C. -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing the availability of a sources sought notice which will be posted for 30 days to gather information from interested vaccine manufacturers on their ability to supply foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) vaccine.

This is not a solicitation. Information gathered through the sources sought notice will be used to develop a forward-looking acquisition strategy leading to one or more requests for proposals for an increased supply of FMD vaccine for a U.S.-only vaccine bank.

For the first time, the 2018 Farm Bill included funding that directly supports animal disease prevention and preparedness, including the creation of a vaccine bank for livestock diseases. This bank, known as the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank (NAVVCB) will allow the United States to increase its ability to stockpile veterinary countermeasures. The first priority of the NAVVCB is to acquire and maintain FMD vaccine.

- Sources sought notice closed Oct 11
- Previously done for N.A. Bank in 2016
- Expect a RFP to be issued near year end
- No indication of total amount to be dedicated to the bank
DISCUSSION