

REPORT OF THE USAHA/AAVLD COMMITTEE ON DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY AND VETERINARY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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The Committee met on November 13, 2010 at the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel in Minneapolis, Minn., from 3 to 5:25 pm. There were 33 people in attendance, 12 members and 21 guests.

Presentations

The USAHA Co-Chairs, Drs. David Zeman and Michael J Gilsdorf, of the Diagnostic Laboratory and Veterinary Workforce Committee conducted a survey of all State employed veterinarians during 2010. Out of the 50 States and Washington DC, we received complete or partial responses from 32 States. A summary of data is provided at the end of this report.

The Committee next held discussion on the status of Federal Veterinarians in the workforce. Dr. Gilsdorf presented data on behalf of Dr. Hugh Mainzer.

Food Supply and Food Safety Veterinarians was discussed by Dr. Bill James, USDA-Food Safety Inspection Service.

The Committee heard updates on Current Legislative Initiatives from the American Veterinary Medical Association, presented by Dr. Ashley Shelton, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, presented by Brian Smith. Dr. Gary Sherman additionally provided the latest information on the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) on behalf of USDA-National Institute for Food and Agriculture. The previous discussions included related Resolutions and their content.

Committee Business

Resolutions from 2009 were reviewed, edited and approved by the Committee, and forwarded to the Committee on Nominations and Resolutions.

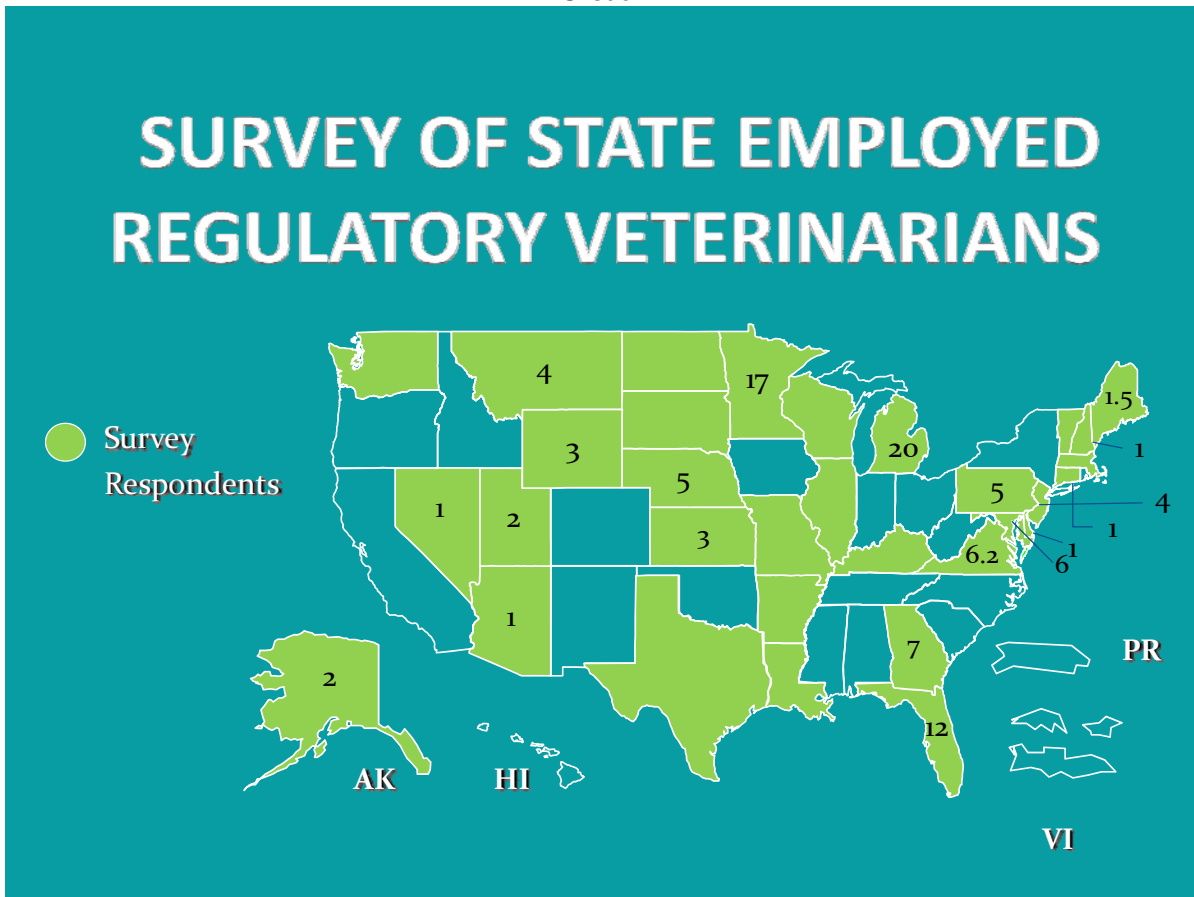
Dr. Dennis Wilson (CA) submitted one new resolution regarding federal accreditation training for DVMs. It was discussed and approved.

Dr. Richard French (NH) introduced one new resolution from the floor regarding DEA licensing for veterinarians that run ambulatory practices that cross state lines. It was discussed and approved.

Dr. Gilsdorf led a discussion regarding to whom or to what agencies in Washington, DC we should send our approved resolutions to and how we should seek feedback from them.

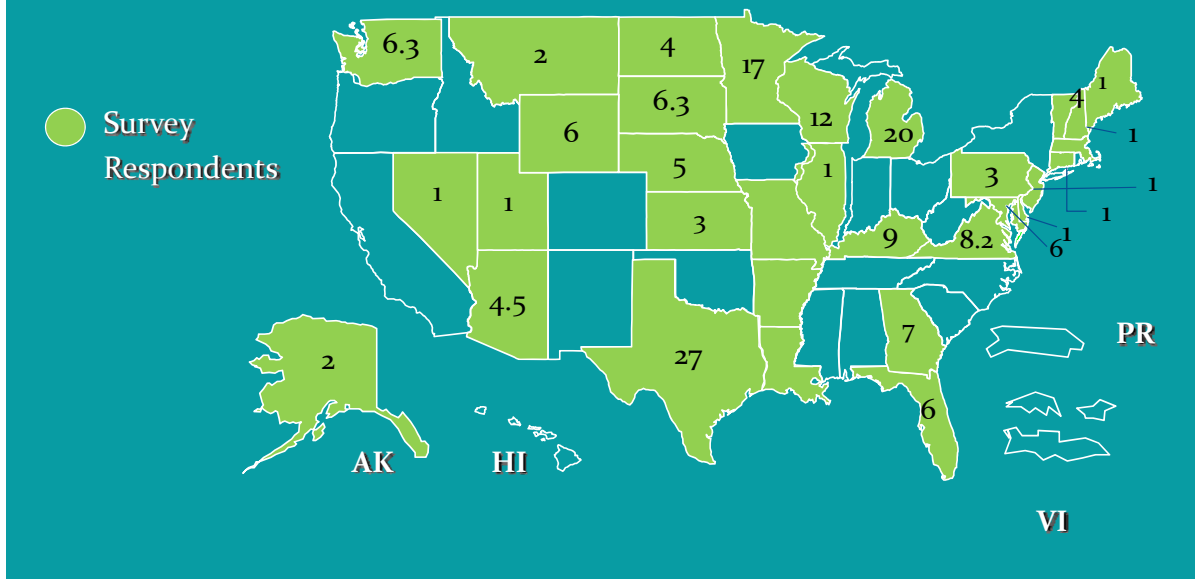
Survey of State Employed Regulatory Veterinarians

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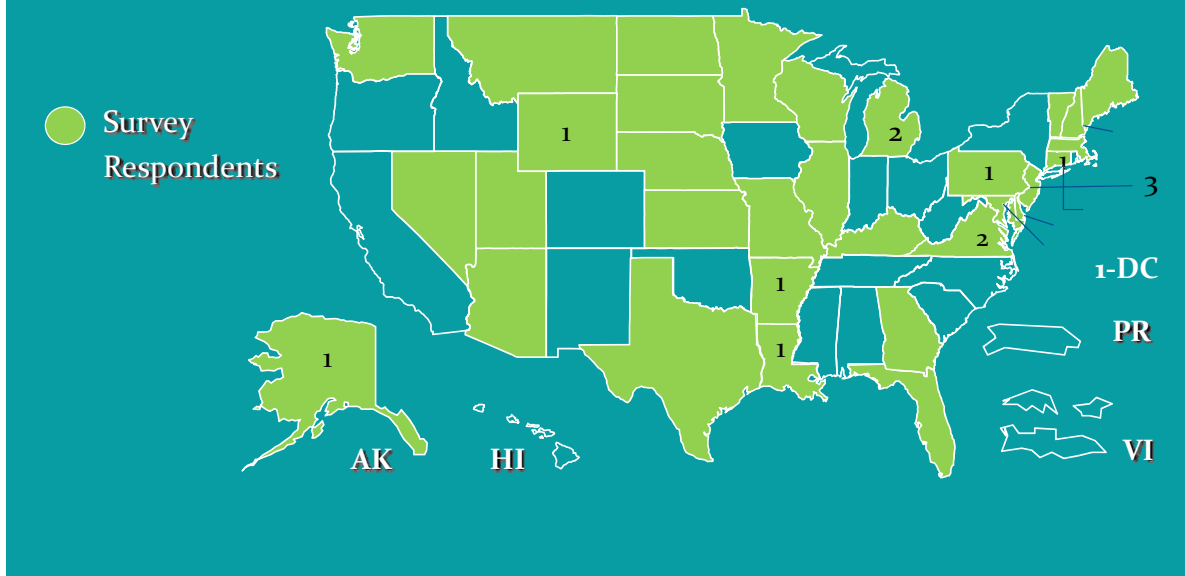
Map 1 shows the total number (101.7) of State employed Regulatory Veterinarians employed in 20 States. The average number of State Regulatory Veterinarians per State was 5.1 in the 20 States that responded to the survey.

SURVEY OF STATE EMPLOYED DIAGNOSTIC LAB VETERINARIANS



Map 2 shows the total number (122.3) of State employed Diagnostic Laboratory Veterinarians employed in 18 States. Average number of State Diagnostic Laboratory Veterinarians per State was 6.8 in the 20 States that responded to the survey.

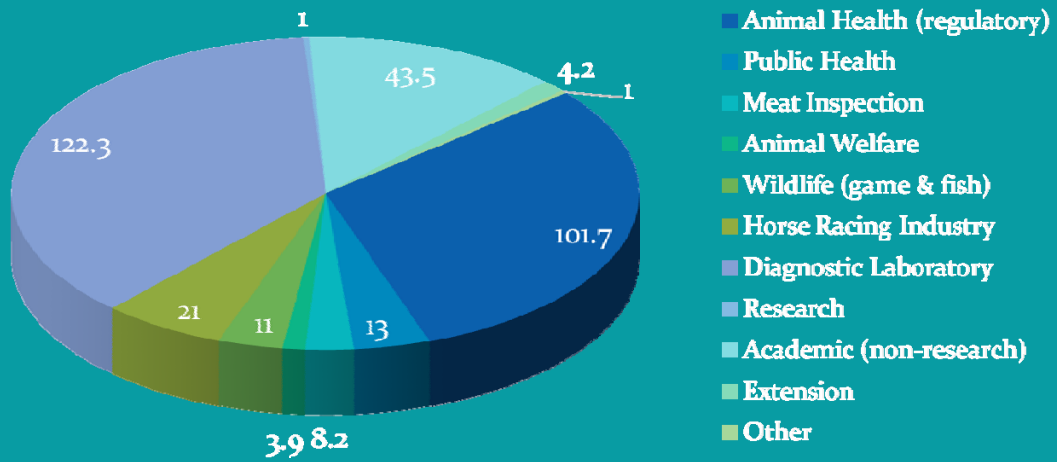
SURVEY OF STATE EMPLOYED PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIANS



Map 3 shows the total number (13) of Public Health Veterinarians employed in 10 States. The average number of State Public Health Veterinarians per State was 3 in the 10 States that responded to the survey.

TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT

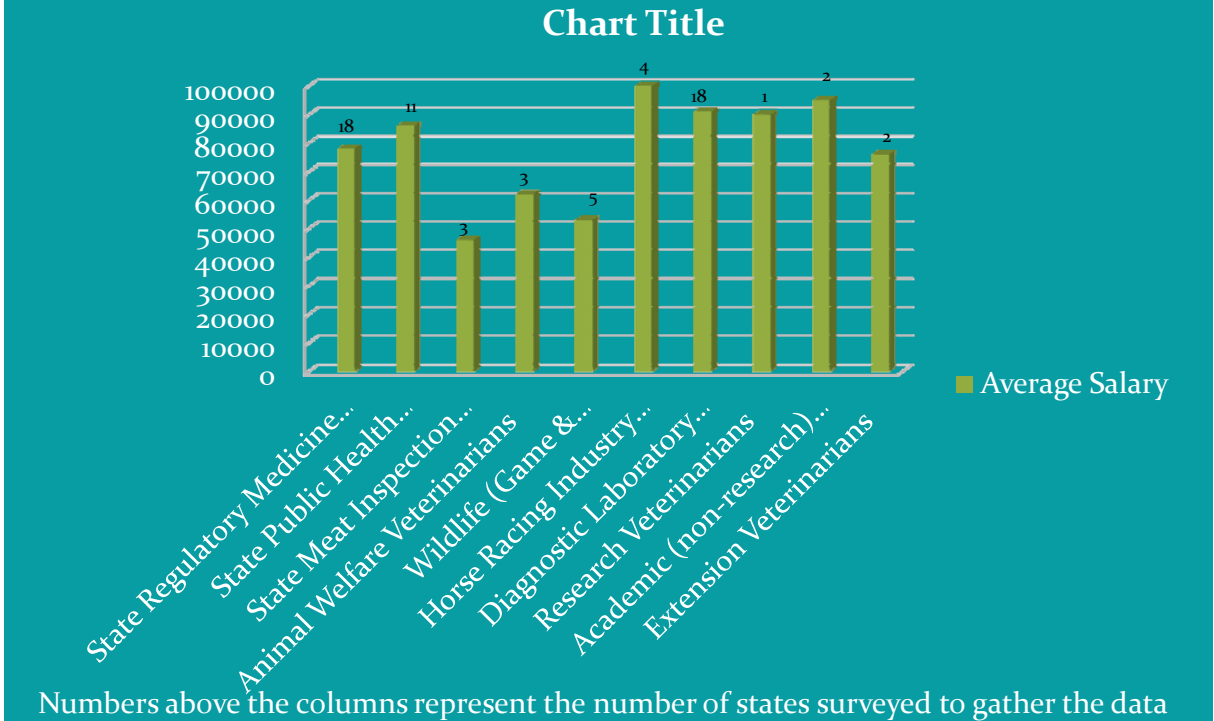
State Employed Veterinarians



TOTAL = 322.8/32 States (504 extrapolated to 50 States)

Pie Chart 1 shows the types of employment for State employed veterinarians.

STATE VETERINARIANS AVERAGE SALARIES



Graph 1 displays the average salaries of State employed Veterinarians, by type of employment, for those who responded to the survey.

STATE VETERINARIANS

DUTY	Most Time Spent		Moderate Time Spent		Least Time Spent	# of States Responding
Administration	6	4	1	0	1	12
Animal Welfare	1	1	2	1	0	5
Animal ID/Tracing/Surveillance	3	1	1	2	3	10
Emergency Management	2	2	2	3	1	10
Meat Inspection	0	0	0	3	0	3
Poultry/Egg Inspection/Regulation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legislation	1	0	1	0	1	5
Rules & Regulations	4	2	5	1	3	13
Education & Outreach	1	0	0	3	2	6
Disease Control/Eradication Programs	7	1	2	1	0	11

Each number represents the number of states that prioritized and ranked a particular duty against each of the other duties listed.

Table 1 displays the types of duties where the State Animal Health Veterinarians, who responded to the survey, spend most of their working time.

STATE/UNIVERSITY DIAGNOSTIC LAB DIRECTORS

DUTY	Most Time Spent		Moderate Time Spent		Least Time Spent	# of States Responding
Administration	2	2	0	0	3	7
Animal Welfare	1	1	1	0	0	3
Animal ID/Tracing/Surveillance	1	0	0	0	0	1
Emergency Management	0	0	0	0	1	1
Meat Inspection	0	0	1	0	0	1
Poultry/Egg Inspection/Regulation	0	0	0	1	0	1
Legislation	1	0	1	1	3	6
Rules & Regulations	5	3	2	2	0	12
Education & Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disease Control/Eradication Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Animal Diagnostic Activity	10	4	1	1	0	16
Companion Animal Diagnostic Activity	3	2	3	2	2	12
Wildlife Diagnostic Activity	2	0	3	2	3	10
Research/Laboratory Animal Diagnostic Activity	1	1	0	1	2	5

Table 2 displays the types of duties where the State and University Diagnostic Laboratory Veterinarians, who responded to the survey, spend most of their working time.