National Livestock Readiness Program (NLRP)

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Discussion Points

• DHS/OHA/FAVD: Building towards the NLRP
• What is the NLRP?
• NLRP Workshop Results
• Future Directions
HSPD-9 → HR1238
“Securing our Agriculture and Food Act”

- Livestock Emergency Response Plan (LERP) toolkit
- 2016 “State of the State Plan” Study
- Identifying Corrective Actions from Agricultural Response (ICAAR)
- Animal Disease Response Training (ADRT)
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- Effective animal disease outbreak response is dependent upon coordinated efforts between local, state, regional, tribal, and national entities.

- Planning, training/credentialing, and information sharing varies in form and functionality between local, state, and tribal response entities across the US.

- There currently exists no national program at the local, state, and tribal levels for FAD response plan support, outbreak response position training/credentialing, and information resource-sharing.

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NLRP Workshop

• Followed the last day of the February, 2017 Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture annual meeting in East Lansing, Michigan

• Invited a focus group of state Ag emergency response coordinators, USDA/APHIS, tribal, private, and industry representatives

• The workshop goal was to present the NLRP concept and gain insight on stakeholder needs

• Discussed sustainability for NLRP (not dependent on grant or government funding sources)
• States currently hire individuals who are “solid planners”, usually with some emergency management background/knowledge but little agriculture/animal disease experience
  o Lack the knowledge and ability to “hit the ground running”

• Currently not enough offerings of agriculture focused/aligned trainings available leading to a lack of understanding by coordinators

• Most states indicated a desire to send new personnel to training
• Develop Training for Planning in Two Parts:
  1. Face to face or online introductory training for new planners
  2. In-person seminar/workshop after completing the introductory course

• Year 1: Introductory Course
  o Provide an introductory picture of US Agriculture
  o Describe the range and respective roles of stakeholders
  o Provide introduction to “the system” (non-Stafford Act, emergency declarations, business continuity plans, emergency management models, real-world case histories)
  o Provide current resources available (FADPReP, POC’s within states, etc.)

• Keep curriculum constantly updated with current information
• Year 2: In Person Seminar or Workshop
  o Piggy-back onto national meetings, deliver more than once yearly, attend after completing the introductory curriculum
  o Provide direct contact with industry level representatives, producers, and real-world ag response SME’s
  o Provide a complete and comprehensive picture of US agriculture (niche, organic, small-scale, large-scale)
  o Roles and responsibilities of stakeholders (producers, cooperatives, trade associations, universities, state and federal regulators and responders)
  o Include One Health and All-Hazard components
  o Consider a mentoring program to match new planners with “seasoned veterans”
• Many, many questions within this category
• Look at and evaluate existing credentialing/training systems
  o FRAME
  o International Food Protection and Training Institute (IFPTI)
  o KS TRAIN/CRMCS
  o CAHEMS
• Develop a credentialing-sharing resource between states
  o State to state or county to state requirements
• Could credentialing systems be driven by the states through a system of ratings for courses that have been taken?
• Critical to develop a working focus group with states for needs assessment and usefulness by states (Done but will be expanded)
Many states have developed a large repository of information and tools that are not currently shared with other state Ag response communities.

NLRP website will be a “go to” source to guide users to resources at the state and federal levels (information not housed within NLRP, user will be pointed to resources).

NLRP knowledge repository divided into areas – composting, biosecurity, C&D, etc.

Some states may not want their materials available publicly – develop POC information.

Include a search engine function.

Include the capability to request an information resource and have the answer provided within 24 hours.

Method to vet quality and credibility of resources – a Yelp system for rating?
• Information must be kept current
• Don’t duplicate the capabilities of other resources (CFSPH, USAHA, IIAD, FADPreP)
• Work to support multi-state alliances (MSPSA, SAADRA, NESAASA)
• Consider including sample SOP’s, IAP’s, incident org charts, LERp toolkit

• **Critical to maintain input from the user community**
  ○ Surveys, working groups, feedback

Beta-Test Website has just become active
[www.livestockreadiness.org](http://www.livestockreadiness.org)
Effective animal disease outbreak response

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Workshops

Workshop and course resources.

Livestock Emergency Response Planning Toolkit

This toolkit is designed to assist state, tribal, and territorial government entities in developing an Emergency Operations Plan for responding to a livestock-related emergency such as an infectious or highly contagious foreign or emerging animal disease affecting poultry, exotic, and domestic livestock.

Topic-based resources

We work with clients to develop the evaluation strategies needed for...
Building a Sustainable NLRP

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- Current program funding: DHS/OHA Food, Ag, Veterinary Defense Branch
- Investigating innovative methods and sources for future long-term program support
- Functionality and success is dependent on creating tools that are user friendly and provide dependable information to the state, tribal, and territorial Ag response communities.
QUESTIONS?

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