





The United States Animal Health Association requests that the President include in his budget, the Secretary of Agriculture support, and that Congress appropriate, funding of the National Veterinary Stockpile sufficient to carry out Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9 (HSPD-9) in protecting human health and the economy.

**RESPONSE:**

**APHIS and NIFA**

We appreciate USAHA's support of the National Veterinary Stockpile as a component of the Nation's agriculture and food defense strategy and will keep your suggestions in mind as we develop the FY 2013 budget.