

IDALS Animal Industry Bureau \$500,000 Funding Request

IMPORTANCE: Foreign animal disease (FAD) presents a critical risk to the Iowa livestock industry. It is therefore essential that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has robust and timely response capability in the form of dedicated staff committed to livestock health emergency preparedness.

Iowa's Livestock Industry provides:

- 160,000 direct jobs
- 4.5% of total Iowa employment
- \$38 billion in sales
- \$15.9 billion in value added
- \$9.5 billion in labor income
- \$1.2 billion in state and local taxes

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Impact (in Iowa)

- Output losses = \$1.2 billion
- Value added losses = \$426.9 million (more than ½ was income)
- State and local tax receipt decreases = \$47.2 million
- Impacts could last 3 years or more

Source: Decision Innovation Solutions

Estimated Foot and Mouth Disease Impact (nationally)

- Revenue losses to pork and beef industries would average \$12.9 billion per year
- 58,000 full time jobs lost
- Total cumulative revenue losses across commodities over a 10 year period = \$199.9 billion

(\$57 billion for pork, \$71.23 billion for beef, \$0.98 billion for poultry, \$44 billion for corn, \$24.9 billion for soybeans and \$1.8 billion for wheat)

Source: Center for Agricultural and Rural Development Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (CARD FAPRI)

BACKGROUND: The ability to rapidly respond to livestock health emergencies is critical to limiting the negative impact on Iowa's livestock producers and economy. Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) does not have adequate resources or full-time staff committed to FAD preparedness. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has oversight authority and will provide available federal funds, but the states are in control of depopulation, disposal, and virus elimination. Assessments have revealed the need for Iowa to be locally staffed to enact and lead established response plans.

If an FAD outbreak occurred, IDALS has an important role in the disease response. The department is responsible for permitting the movement of all agricultural vehicles into and out of a control zone, which required over 5,000 permits during the four-month HPAI outbreak. IDALS also serves as a liaison between federal government response teams and local response teams; determines how, when and where resources will be used; and communicates regularly with all stakeholders. In a larger foreign animal disease emergency, IDALS staff time and resources would be quickly depleted.

REQUEST: We request full funding of the IDALS \$500,000 appropriations request to support FAD response and preparedness. We request that IDALS hire dedicated staff to undertake the following:

- 1) Actively monitor Iowa's livestock and poultry health;
- 2) Ensure continuity of all stakeholders in FMD outbreak response plan and coordinate with regional, state, and federal agencies;
- 3) Regularly train personnel, prepare equipment, and perform exercises to ensure operational readiness; and
- 4) Enhance educational awareness of biosecurity in livestock production and traceability through premise ID records.

Iowa's livestock associations are leading a barnyard coalition to meet the needs of today's livestock industry and mitigate the increasing threat of a FAD outbreak.

SUPPORTERS: Iowa Cattlemen's Association, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa Turkey Federation, Iowa Poultry Association, Iowa State Dairy Association