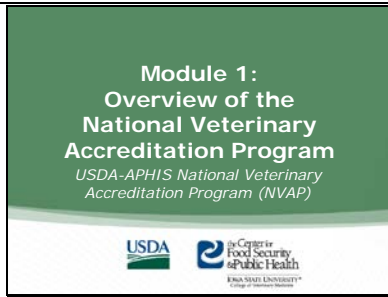
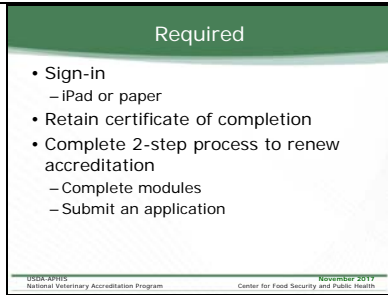


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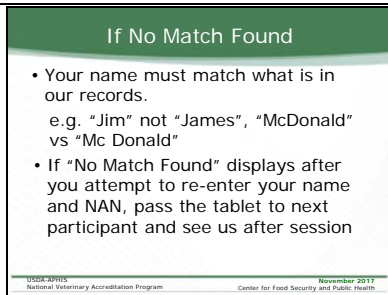
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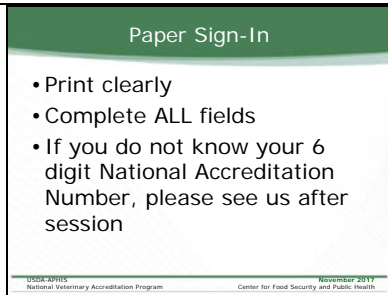
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Supplemental Training

- Familiarize accredited veterinarians with animal health regulatory concepts and activities
 - Does not supersede the regulations
- For the most up-to-date regulations and standards, please refer to:
 - Code of Federal Regulations
 - OSHA
 - Occupational health specialist
 - Local VS District Office

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Supplemental Training

- All APHIS Approved Supplemental Training (AAST) modules are also available on our website with interactive links to additional web resources.
- Type “NVAP” into your search engine e.g., Bing, Google, Yahoo.


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Introduction

- Understand importance of role in protecting, ensuring animal health
- Describe duties, responsibilities as AV
- Recognize you are solely responsible for documents signed
- Understand processes of accreditation, training, renewal, authorization in additional States, reinstatement
- Describe Category I and II animal species
- Acknowledge disciplinary actions



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After completion of this module, you will be able to

- understand the importance of your role as an accredited veterinarian (AV) in protecting and ensuring animal health;
- describe your duties and responsibilities as an AV;
- recognize that you are solely responsible for all aspects of the documents you sign, regardless of who assists you in preparing them;
- understand the processes of accreditation, accreditation training, accreditation renewal, authorization in additional States, and accreditation reinstatement;
- describe what species are Category I and II animals; and
- acknowledge the disciplinary actions you could be subjected to if you fail to uphold your duties as an AV.

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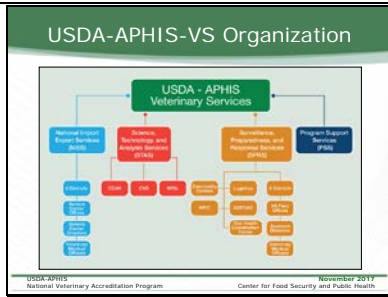
National Veterinary Accreditation Program Overview

- Accreditation: Federal, State governments’ authorization of veterinarians to perform certain official regulatory functions on their behalf
- Voluntary program
- Work cooperatively with Federal veterinarians and SAHOS
- Must be authorized in each State you wish to perform duties

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- Veterinarians participating in NVAP include private practitioners, academic, corporate, military, research, and government veterinarians
- As an AV, you are accredited by Federal government in cooperation with individual State governments
- Program managed through national database
- Each AV assigned a 6-digit National Accreditation Number (NAN)

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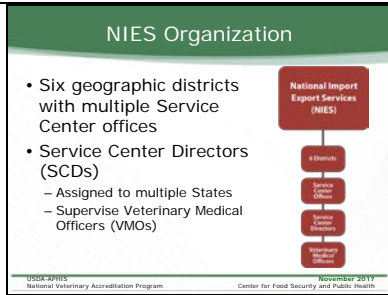


VS divided into four operational units:

- National Import Export Services (NIES)
- Science, Technology, and Analysis Services (STAS)
- Surveillance, Preparedness, and Response Services (SPRS)
- Program Support Services (PSS)
 - AVs will not interact with PSS

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VMOs employed by NIES responsible for

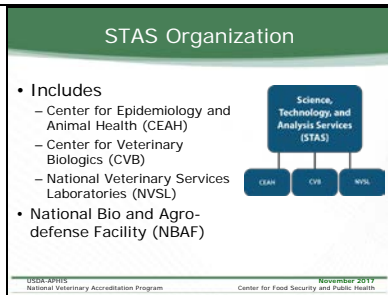
- Inspecting, testing animals for import, export
- Ensuring compliance with regulatory programs
- Endorsing certificates for export of animals, animal products

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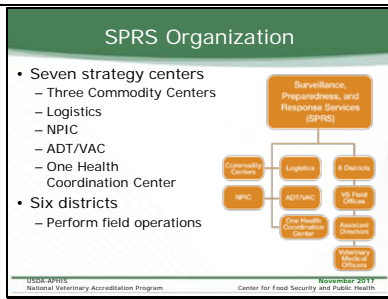
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- **CEAH:** provides information, analysis about animal health, veterinary public health; National Animal Health Surveillance System (NAHSS); National Animal Health Reporting System (NARHS)
- **CVB:** regulates veterinary biologics to ensure products are pure, safe, potent, effective
- **NVSL:** National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) program office; combined NVSL facilities have expertise in all of the diagnostic tests for significant animal diseases found in the Americas; Assistant Director (AD) authorizes U.S.-origin submissions to NVSL
- **NBAF:**
 - New facility located in Manhattan, KS
 - Will replace Plum Island Animal Disease Center in New York
 - Expected to be operational by 2022–2023

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- NPIC = National Preparedness and Incident Coordination Center
- ADT/VAC = National Animal Disease Traceability and Veterinary Accreditation Center

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Assistant Director

- Located in VS Field Offices throughout six districts
- Works at State level
- Supervises VMOs and support staff
- Excellent resource
 - First contact for animal disease-related problems

- VMOs employed by SPRS responsible for
 - Investigating animal disease outbreaks
 - Contributing to disease surveillance and emergency management programs
 - Inspecting, testing animals for disease control and eradication programs
- VMOs also serve essential functions within NPIC and Commodity Centers

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Accredited Veterinarians

- NVAP mission
 - “To provide AVs with the information they need to ensure the health of the Nation’s livestock and animal population and to protect the public health and well-being”
- NVAP goal
 - For VS, AVs, SAHOs, veterinary colleges to work cooperatively toward protecting, improving the health, quality, marketability of animals from the United States

- Dependent on AV partnership to protect public health, well-being by preventing, controlling, eradicating disease in animals
- Increased collaboration crucial to continued success of program

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Accredited Veterinarians

- >68,000 AVs
 - Participate in regulatory programs (testing, vaccination, certification for livestock diseases)
 - Perform health certifications
 - Help USDA conduct surveillance, monitoring for diseases of concern
 - Recognize, promptly report FADs, foreign pest incursions*

- *On October 3, 2016, USDA announced confirmation of New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) in Key deer from National Key Deer Refuge in Big Pine Key, FL
 - New World screwworm eradicated from United States more than 3 decades ago
 - First infestation in Florida in 50 years
 - USDA partnered with US Fish and Wildlife Services, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Florida’s Monroe County to prevent spread of screwworm, eradicate screwworm flies from affected Florida Keys, preserve endangered Key deer, protect domestic animals and pets on the Keys
 - USDA declared outbreak officially over April 12, 2017

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History of NVAP

- **1907:** Private practitioners first performed regulatory work for Federal government
- **1917:** Practicing veterinarians participated in Tuberculosis Eradication Program
- **1921:** First accreditation examination to certify practitioners as representatives of Federal government; NVAP began
- **1992:** APHIS standardized accreditation procedures, requirements
- **Today:** Successful control of incursion of several FADs

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- 1907: Large number of horses exported to Canada—not enough Federal veterinarians, Canadian government agreed to accept health inspections, certifications performed by private practitioners qualified by Bureau of Animal Industry (now APHIS)
- 1921: Accreditation program established so private practitioners could assist Federal veterinarians in controlling animal disease
- 1992: Standardization allowed for more uniform administration of the program
- Today: FAD incursions have included outbreaks of contagious equine metritis and equine piroplasmosis, epizootics of Newcastle disease and West Nile virus, cases of screwworm and monkey pox, pandemics of influenza virus including H1N1

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NVAP Today

- APHIS developed elements currently in the NVAP
- Enhancements to NVAP finalized in 2010
- Final Rule (2009)
 - Initial Accreditation Training (IAT)
 - Two accreditation categories—Categories I and II
 - Requirements for supplemental training, renewal of accreditation every 3 years
 - Provided for accreditation specialization(s)

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- APHIS developed current NVAP elements working with State and Federal agencies, major veterinary medical organizations (United States Animal Health Association, American Veterinary Medical Association), academic organizations (Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges), using Federal rule making process
- Final Rule published December 9, 2009
 - Uniform, national education in form of IAT required of all veterinarians seeking accreditation
- IAT has served as mandatory precursor to Orientation Program for accreditation (offered in each State) since July 1, 2010

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Accreditation Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be a graduate with DVM or equivalent degree from college of veterinary medicine
2. Must be licensed or legally able to practice veterinary medicine in State in which you wish to perform accredited duties
3. Must have completed IAT by using APHIS-approved content
4. Must have completed Orientation Program approved by AD for State in which you wish to perform accredited duties
5. Must submit, sign application (VS Form 1-36A)
6. Must complete State-specific orientation, if required
7. Must wait to perform accreditation duties until receive written approval from APHIS
8. Once approved, you will receive notification from USDA containing your NAN and 3-year ARD

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- Upon completion of orientation, you must document in a written statement the date and place of orientation, the subjects covered in the orientation, and any written materials provided. The SAHO often participates in the orientation.
- National Accreditation Number (NAN), Accreditation Renewal Date (ARD)

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Initial Accreditation Training

- Required for all veterinary students, graduate veterinarians seeking accreditation
- Topics related to diseases, their control and eradication, animal movement, Federal animal health laws

Section	This/Topics Addressed
Accreditation Specific Lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Veterinary Accreditation • Rules, Responsibilities, Requirements, Rewards • Animal Movement: The Role of the AV Program Director • Eradication, Certification, Control, Surveillance
Emerging and Exotic Diseases of Animals (EEDA) Lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes and Consequences of Transboundary and Emerging Diseases of Animals: Role of the Veterinarian • Routes of Transmission and the Introduction of Transboundary Animal Diseases • Response to a Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak in the United States • A Veterinarian's Role in an Animal Health Emergency
Disease Incursions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven updated incursions are offered each year


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- Each lesson listed has corresponding quiz
- Must correctly answer 80% or more of the questions for each quiz in order to receive credit
- Once you have successfully completed all lessons, incursions, and passed corresponding quizzes, an electronic certificate will be available to print or save
- Certificate serves as “admission pass” to next phase of accreditation process, the Orientation Program

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Orientation Program

- Federal animal health laws, regulations, rules
- Interstate movement requirements for animals
- Import, export requirements for animals
- USDA animal disease eradication, control programs
- Laboratory support in confirming disease diagnoses
- Ethical, professional responsibilities of AV
- FAD awareness
- Animal health emergency management
- Animal health procedures, issues, information resources relevant to State in which you wish to perform accredited duties



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- You may use the Orientation Program described here for application for accreditation only during the 3 years following your attendance.

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Authorization in Additional States

- State-specific orientation to become authorized in an additional State
- Apply for accreditation by completing VS Form 1-36A
- Submit to NVAP Coordinator responsible for State in which you wish to perform accredited duties
- Application reviewed by SAHO and endorsed by AD

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Accreditation Categories

- Category I
 - Dogs, cats, lab animals, nonhuman primates, rabbits, native nonruminant wildlife, marine mammals
 - **No:** food and fiber species, horses, birds, farm-raised aquatic animals, all other livestock species, honeybees, zoo animals capable of transmitting exotic animal diseases to livestock
- Category II
 - Perform accredited duties on **all animal species**
 - Pot-bellied pigs, birds

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- Laboratory animals—rats, mice, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters
- Though pot-bellied pigs and certain birds may be kept as pets, they may harbor diseases that pose significant threats to the Nation’s food producing pigs and poultry; you are **not** able to perform accredited duties for these animals as a Category I AV.

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Accreditation Categories

- Category I
 - THREE training modules during 3-year renewal period to maintain accreditation status
- Category II
 - SIX training modules during 3-year renewal period
- Modules may be completed at any time during renewal period

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- May repeat modules completed during previous 3-year renewal periods
- NVAP will do everything possible to keep information updated

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Supplemental Training

- Increase awareness of prevention, preparedness strategies for animal health emergencies in United States
- Modules focus on
 - Transmission, recognition, reporting of exotic, emerging diseases
 - Current topics in veterinary medicine
 - Interstate, international movement of animals
 - Animal welfare
 - NVAP policy
- Certificates of completion
 - Retain—data used to complete application for renewal

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- Training offered in web-based format (free), USB-drive [electronic PDF] (minimal cost covers production, shipping, handling), and official AAST presentations at various veterinary meetings

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Accreditation Renewal

- May renew accreditation any time within 6-month period leading up to your ARD
 - After completion of AAST modules required for your category
- Complete renewal process by using online application or submitting paper application


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- Submit original paper application with your signature in ink
- May not submit paper applications via fax nor email

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Benefits for the Accredited Veterinarian

- Enhance professional knowledge base
- Obtain up-to-date information on animal health, food safety, regulatory issues
- Choose level of accreditation program participation, tailor accredited activity to practice type
- Receive no-cost RACE approved continuing education credit, AAST
- Receive continued acceptance of official work in support of your clients in interstate, international markets
- Increase your marketability of services to clients through areas of expertise recognized by USDA




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Code of Federal Regulations

- “Rule book” containing all current Federal regulations
- Title 9—Animal and Animal Products, Chapter I—USDA-APHIS, Parts 160, **161**, 162
 - Information pertaining to veterinary accreditation



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Duties and Responsibilities of AVs

- Critical need for close surveillance of health of Nation’s animal population
- Responsible for the health, identification, traceability, movement, certification of many animals
- APHIS uses entire U.S. veterinary infrastructure to protect American agriculture



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- Rapid movement of animals around the country and world increases risk of disease spread like no other period in history
 - Approximately one million swine are moving each day in the United States (Patrick Webb, National Pork Board, personal communication, 2011)
 - One NIES Service Center alone endorsed AVs’ export certificates for over 35,280,000 *dozen* hatching eggs during 2016
- APHIS leverages your medical expertise, relationships in the communities you serve to deliver regulated animal health services
- Disease spread would be devastating to Nation’s food supply, export markets, One Health program
- APHIS safeguards U.S. poultry, livestock from introduction, establishment, spread of FADs
 - Involves regular health surveillance of domestic animal herds, flocks; monitoring of animal disease outbreaks around the world
- APHIS, other Federal agencies inspect and approve incoming shipments of animals, animal products at airports, maritime ports

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Duties and Responsibilities of AVs

- Report promptly all diagnosed, suspected cases of FADs, communicable animal diseases and all diagnosed, suspected cases of any animal disease not known to exist in United States
- Perform duties **only** in a **State** in which you are authorized to perform accredited work
- Perform duties in accordance with Federal, State, importing country regulations, requirements
- Complete official documents accurately, fully—clearly identifying animals, dates, results
- Be responsible for security, proper use of official documents, tags, bands, other identification devices, approved digital signature capabilities, and take reasonable care to prevent their misuse

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- A complete listing of duties and responsibilities of all accredited veterinarians can be found in 9 CFR §161.4, Standards for accredited veterinarian duties [Select Title 9—Animals and Animal Products; then Parts 1–199—Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; then find Part 161; then find §161.4]

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Duties and Responsibilities of AVs

- Do not issue documents unless have personally inspected animals related to documents within:
 - **10 days prior to issuance** for animals not participating in regular health maintenance program
 - **10 days prior to issuance** following first two inspections for animals participating in regular health maintenance program
 - **30 days prior to issuance** following third and subsequent inspections for animals participating in regular health maintenance program
- Contact immediately local VS District Office if ever in doubt regarding how to correctly perform a procedure, or what your actions should be

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If You Suspect a FAD:

CALL


Daytime: 866-536-7593
After hours: 800-940-6524

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Duties and Responsibilities of AVs

- Keep current on regulations governing movement of animals, procedures applicable to disease control, eradication programs, emergency programs
- Take measures to prevent spread of communicable diseases
- Identify or be physically present to supervise identification of reactor animals
- Do not use or dispense any pharmaceutical, chemical, vaccine, serum, other biological product which contradicts Federal or State statutes
- Issue origin health certificates for export under certain circumstances, with approval of AD
- May issue a document on animals inspected by another AV under unique circumstances



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- For complete listing of duties and responsibilities of all AVs, refer to 9 CFR §161.4, Standards for accredited veterinarian duties

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Duties and Responsibilities of AVs

- Inform NVAP Coordinator of any changes in contact information
 - Address, phone numbers, email address
- Email address principle method for notification of accreditation nearing expiration
 - Complete required training, renew accreditation before ARD
- Illegal to perform accredited duties if accreditation expires


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- If perform accredited duties to prepare an animal for export to another country and accreditation has expired, USDA will not endorse export documents
- Keeping NVAP Coordinator up to date when contact information has changed ensures NVAP's email and/or paper correspondence can reach you
- NVAP Coordinator also resource for reinstating accreditation if it has expired

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Category I Tasks

- i. Perform physical examination of individual Category I animals, determine whether free from any clinical signs suggestive of communicable disease
- ii. Recognize common breeds of Category I animals, accurately record breed information on official documents
- iii. Apply common animal identification for Category I animals
- iv. Properly complete certificates for domestic, international movement of Category I animals



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Category I Tasks

- v. Perform necropsies on Category I animals
- vi. Recognize, report clinical signs and lesions of exotic animal diseases that occur in Category I animals
- vii. Vaccinate Category I animals, accurately complete vaccination certificates
- viii. Properly collect, ship specimen samples to appropriate lab for testing with complete, accurate paperwork
- ix. Develop appropriate biosecurity, cleaning and disinfection protocols to control communicable disease spread in Category I animals

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Category II Tasks

- i. Perform physical examination of individual animals, visually inspect herds or flocks to determine whether free from any clinical signs suggestive of communicable disease
- ii. Recognize common breeds of Category I and II animals, including types of poultry as defined by NPIP, common breeds of livestock, accurately record breed information on official documents
- iii. Recognize all USDA animal identification systems
- iv. Estimate age of livestock by using dental formula
- v. Apply USDA-recognized identification for USDA animal identification system
- vi. Certify health status of an avian flock regarding diseases of domestic, international regulatory concern, evaluate records pertaining to poultry flock testing, participation in Federal, State poultry health programs, classifications

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- These are in addition to all tasks listed for Category I AVs

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Category II Tasks

- vii. Properly complete certificates for domestic, international movement of animals
- viii. Apply, remove official seals
- ix. Perform necropsies on animals
- x. Recognize, report clinical signs and lesions of exotic animal diseases
- xi. Develop a herd or flock health plan* consistent with requirements of this chapter of CFR
- xii. Vaccinate for USDA Program Diseases, accurately complete vaccination certificates


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*A written herd or flock health management plan may include an agreement signed by the owner of herd or flock, the AV, and a State or APHIS representative, in which each participant agrees to undertake actions specified in the agreement to maintain health of animals and detect signs of communicable disease

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Category II Tasks

- xiii. Properly collect, ship sample specimens to appropriate lab for testing with complete, accurate paperwork
- xiv. Properly perform testing for tuberculosis (e.g., caudal fold test)
- xv. Develop appropriate biosecurity, cleaning and disinfection protocols to control communicable disease spread
- xvi. Explain basic principles for control of diseases for which APHIS or APHIS-State cooperative programs presently exist



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AV Importance

- You are first line of defense to protect health of U.S. animal population
- Evaluate sick animals daily
- Conduct regulatory testing on millions of animals yearly
- Certify billions of animals yearly for movement
- Agree to protect animal health and welfare, prevent animal suffering, promote public health, advance medical knowledge


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- Your name, signature allows animals to move around the world, recognized interstate and internationally
- APHIS relies on you, as their representative, to serve unique role in animal health and well-being that is respected, desired, required (in most instances) worldwide
- Imperative you can be trusted, meet a high standard to represent U.S. government

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AV Importance

- APHIS endorses AVs' work
- Endorsement means APHIS ensures:
 - An AV performed the work
 - An approved lab conducted tests
 - Certificates meet destination requirements
 - Statements are true
 - A Federal (USDA) veterinarian has reviewed and approved documentation
- If you see something, say something



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- AVs part of foundation for all aspects of U.S. animal health and welfare
- AVs located in, provide services to, nearly every community in the country
- AVs are eyes and ears for the world on health and welfare of Nation's animal population
- Failure to immediately report clinical signs in animals which are atypical and could indicate presence of a FAD could result in catastrophic consequences

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Disciplinary Actions

- APHIS is committed to
 - Education to correct minor infractions
 - Warnings: formal information documentation, may include Investigative Enforcement Services (IES) investigation
 - Enforcement for serious infractions
- Remedies have included
 - Phone calls, letters of information or warning, accreditation suspension, revocation
- Severe cases transferred to Office of General Council or to a U.S. attorney
- Serious cases resulted in six-figure fines, prison time for AVs


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- NVAP and APHIS business units responsible for movement certifications, testing developed compliance program—considers seriousness of any infraction related to animal issues, determines if infraction was willful and/or fraudulent
- Education (cursory contact and informal information)
- Enforcement (investigative action, will include IES)
- Your work, signature represent professional integrity, reputation, honesty, reliability to perform accredited duties appropriately, effectively, and to uphold integrity of the NVAP

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Summary

- Understand importance of role as AV in protecting, ensuring animal health
- Describe duties, responsibilities as AV
- Recognize you are solely responsible for documents signed
- Understand processes of accreditation, training, renewal, authorization in additional States, reinstatement
- Describe Category I and II animal species
- Acknowledge disciplinary actions



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- Now that you have completed this module, you should be able to
- understand the importance of your role as an AV in protecting and ensuring animal health;
 - describe your duties and responsibilities as an AV;
 - recognize that you are solely responsible for all aspects of the documents you sign, regardless of who assists you in preparing them;
 - understand the processes of accreditation, accreditation training, accreditation renewal, authorization in additional States, and accreditation reinstatement;
 - describe what species are Category I and II animals; and
 - acknowledge the disciplinary actions you could be subjected to if you fail to uphold your duties as an AV.

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Conclusion

- As an AV, you are essential to ensuring continued health and well-being of Nation's animals
- The NVAP is designed and managed to increase its effectiveness, credibility, global recognition as a quality program
- The NVAP Program provides you needed knowledge to deal with animal health, disease prevention, preparedness issues of the future
- Opportunities exist in both Categories of accreditation to protect health of America's animal population

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