

## THE FARM BILL:

# ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION

## PREVENTING AND MITIGATING DISEASE OUTBREAKS

An outbreak of a foreign animal disease could cripple the entire agricultural sector and have long-lasting ramifications for the economic viability of U.S. livestock production.

The 2018 Farm Bill needs to establish a three-tiered program to deliver the sufficient development and timely deployment of all measures necessary to prevent, identify and mitigate the potentially catastrophic impacts an animal disease outbreak would have on our country's food security, export markets, and overall economic stability.

## ANIMAL PEST AND DISEASE DISASTER PREVENTION PROGRAM

Modeled after the highly successful Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program, a new Animal Pest and Disease Disaster Prevention Program, administered by APHIS, would provide a proactive and concerted preventative "boots on the ground" effort focused on early detection and rapid response to protect the nation's animal agriculture industry.

## ANIMAL VACCINE BANK

Congress should provide funds to establish and maintain a rapidly deployable vaccine bank for high consequence animal diseases that will deliver minimal turn-around time and ensure resources are in place for production capacity (including surge capacity) necessary to deliver sufficient vaccine to meet needs in the early stages of an outbreak.

## NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY NETWORK

Building upon the 2014 Farm Bill's authorization of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), the Animal Disease and Disaster Prevention Program will help support NAHLN and bring together the federal government with states, industry, universities, and other interested groups to reduce disease impact, support research needs, and develop disease prevention and mitigation resources such as vaccines.




**\$3.3  
BILLION**

The economic impact of the 2015 outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, the largest animal health emergency in U.S. history.

**\$200  
BILLION**

The estimated 10-year impact of a single outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the U.S.



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