

ESF 11 **Food and Agriculture**

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1 Introduction: Purpose and Scope

Emergency Support Function 11 focuses on protecting the food supply and ensures that victims of emergencies/disasters are provided with adequate nutrition. This support function also outlines procedures for control and eradication of disease or infestation potentially impacting plant and animal health while also introducing significant risk to the local economy (dairy and poultry operations, feedlots, auction yards, Christmas tree farms, timber/logging operations, agricultural crops, wildlife, etc). ESF 11 includes information regarding emergency animal sheltering and evacuation specific to livestock, such as dairy, cattle, poultry, sheep, goats, equine, and other production species. Procedures for evacuating and sheltering household pets and service animals are presented in ESF 6.

2 Policies and Agreements

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), in accordance with Oregon State law, specifically ORS, Chapter 596 (Disease Control Generally) and Oregon Administrative Rules 603 Division 11, has the authority to:

- Declare an animal health emergency;
- Impose restrictions on importations of animals, articles, and means of conveyance;
- Quarantine animals, herds, parts of the state, the entire state, and create quarantine areas;
- Stop the movement of animals;
- Require the destruction of animals, animal products, and materials;
- Specify the method for destruction and disposal of animals, products, and materials;
- Indemnify owners for animals destroyed; and
- Employ deputy state veterinarians and livestock inspectors.

Farm Service Agency programs are administered through the ODA and are subsequently activated by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in support of a natural hazard event, such as drought. Not all Farm Service Agency programs require a disaster declaration prior to activation. These include:

- Noninsured Assistance Program
- Emergency Conservation Program
- Emergency Haying and Grazing Assistance

The Farm Service Agency has local offices throughout the state that are often co-located with the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and/or the local soil and water conservation district office. More info on programs administered by Farm Service Agency can be accessed via the following website: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/fsa.asp>

3 Situation and Assumptions

Marion County has limited capability to respond to an agricultural or natural resource-related emergency incident. The County will rely on State and Federal assistance during such emergencies. Numerous local, State, Federal, and volunteer organizations will play a role in eradicating a Foreign Animal Disease or other types of domestic disease outbreaks potentially impacting plants and/or animals.

The occurrence of Foreign Animal Disease, other highly contagious diseases, and catastrophic events may require mass culling of livestock, carcass removal, and disposal. Response efforts could also include culling of non-domesticated animals/birds such as wildlife. Animal carcasses, unused animal feed, manure, and other organic matter may create sanitation, pest, and vector control issues. Quarantine measures may be implemented for parts of Marion County, and law enforcement may be required for enforcement of quarantine and/or isolation measures.

4 Roles and Responsibilities

LEAD AGENCY

Marion County Emergency Management
Marion County Extension (OSU)
Marion Soil and Water Conservation District
Farm Service Agency

SUPPORTING AGENCIES/ENTITIES

Local volunteer agencies (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Humane Society)
Marion County Health Department

Available through request to OERS

Oregon State Brand Inspector
Oregon Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office
Oregon Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Emergency Response Teams
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Oregon Health Authority
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Oregon State Police
Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Area Veterinarian In-Charge
Oregon Water Resources Division/Water Master

Note: Primary and support roles of city, county, and state law enforcement agencies during animal isolation and quarantine procedures have not been formally defined for the County to date.

The local health department, with support from Oregon Department of Human Services, serves as the principal point of contact during an outbreak of a highly infectious/contagious animal or zoonotic disease posing potential or actual impacts to human health. The Area Veterinarian in Charge for the USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services will assist the State Veterinarian as appropriate in any type of animal health emergency.

5 Concept of Operations

If animal quarantine measures are necessary to protect human health, they will be implemented through Marion County Health Department and do not require a court order. Most likely, support from the State Brand Inspector, state agricultural agencies, and the Oregon Department of Human Services would be included in these procedures. In all other cases, formal quarantine measures will be implemented following existing procedures established through ODA.

In response to declared emergencies involving animal and agricultural issues Marion County will work closely with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Marion County Health Department. However, the ICS and NIMS process would be implemented into the command structure established for the County ECC to track and mobilize all resources necessary to accomplish the incident objectives. OEM will be relied upon to coordinate assistance by State and Federal agencies during a disaster or animal health emergency.

6 Supporting Plans and Procedures

Oregon Animal Disease Emergency Management Plan. Oregon Department of Agriculture, Animal Health and Identification Division. 2004.
http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/AHID/oadem_plan.shtml