Preparedness for Animal Disease Emergencies
*What You Can Do*

**What are animal disease emergencies?**
Animal disease emergencies (ADE) can greatly impact livestock, the livelihood of producers and the local communities. Often referred to as FADs (foreign animal diseases) or high consequence pathogens, these diseases typically result in high death rates, high levels of illness, or loss of production in animals. These diseases can also have severe economic consequences due to disruption in trade, such as embargos and import restrictions. Some of these diseases are also zoonotic (diseases of animals that can spread to humans) and have the potential to impact human health. Individuals raising or working with these animals can also have severe mental health impacts due to their loss of animals, as well as their business or livelihood.

**What can YOU do to prepare for an ADE?**

**Awareness**
- Be aware of the steps involved in an ADE event and the measures needed to control an ADE outbreak
- Identify roles you could assist with during a response
- Know the current plans and planning resources (Federal, State, Local levels)

**Local Planning**
- Get involved in response planning for your community
- Work with State and local officials to improve your communities preparedness
- Help determine risks, needs and resources for your area, organization and community
- Make others aware of resources you have available

**NIMS/ICS Training**
- All responders for an ADE event should be NIMS and ICS trained

**Business Continuity Planning**
- Develop a business continuity plan
- Practice your plan

**Biosecurity**
- Monitor animals for signs of disease
- Report any illness or unusual signs to your veterinarian immediately
- Limit incoming animals and people onto your farm
- Clean and disinfect your premise to reduce the risk of disease spread
- Encourage prevention and vigilance among members of your community

**For More Information**
Animal Disease Emergencies – Local Preparedness and Response
www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Animal_Response/default.htm