

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture



Subject of Action Item B:

APHIS and Avian Influenza Response

Submitted by:

Secretary Michael Scuse (DE), Secretary Joseph Bartenfelder (MD), and Commissioner Steve Troxler (NC)

Text of Action Item:

In light of the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in states throughout the country, NASDA urges USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to be more inclusive of state officials in the decision-making process during an outbreak. APHIS should coordinate with state officials when determining the type of allowable depopulation method and when determining appropriate instances to use its existing authority to leverage indemnity payments.

NASDA also urges APHIS to continue to look into science-based depopulation methods including advanced system foaming, carbon dioxide gassing, and Ventilation Shutdown Plus (VSD+). While NASDA understands that VSD+ is permitted in constrained circumstances, NASDA encourages APHIS to conduct scientific review on VSD+ as one of the preferred depopulation methods to rapidly eradicate highly contagious diseases.

Adopted: September 29, 2022

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Subject of Action Item D:

Historical Flood Maps, USACE

Submitted by:

Commissioner Steve Troxler (NC), Commissioner Charlie Hatcher (TN), Secretary Wes Ward (AR),
Commissioner Rick Pate (AL)

Text of Action Item:

NASDA supports Congressional action to direct the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) to address flooding issues to protect agriculture in States where historical flood maps are generally thought to be out-of-date.

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