



**NASDA FY26 Funding Request:
APHIS Cooperative Agreements: Animal Health Program
March 27, 2025**

Funding Request Summary:

Appropriations Bill: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Agency: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Title of the Program: Animal Health Programs

Requested Funding Level: Programmatic funding directing the APHIS Animal Health Programs to allocate no less than \$400,000,000 from appropriated funds to support funding for salaries and expenses for the APHIS Animal Health programs line item.

Description: NASDA is requesting \$400 million for Salaries and Expenses for the APHIS Animal Health Programs line item. These funds support national animal health programs, as well as funding for cooperative agreements with state animal health officials involved in surveillance, early detection, and rapid response to animal diseases generally, and foreign animal diseases specifically. Without adequate funding, state animal health programs would be compromised, and the safety and security of our nations' food supply would be at risk.

Justification & Background

State departments of agriculture and state animal health officials work collaboratively with our federal partners through numerous cooperative funding agreements administered by USDA-APHIS to safeguard animal health and ensure supply chain resiliency across the United States. Risks of foreign animal disease incursions drive these cooperative agreements into the United States and include programs related to avian health, particularly in the wake of recurring outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), preparations for and protections against the threat of African Swine Fever (ASF), continued efforts to protect the livestock sector against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), as well as many program diseases such as bovine tuberculosis, chronic wasting disease, and scrapie. States are critical partners and are often the frontlines for prevention, surveillance, early detection, management, and ultimately eradicating foreign animal disease. The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) requests an increase of not less than 1.75% compared with FY24 and FY25 funding to maintain support for these critical efforts.