


# AGENCY PROFILE

*What veterinary practices need to know about regulatory agencies.*

<b>Agency Name</b>	United States Department of Agriculture
<b>Logo</b>	
<b>General Info/ Agency Mission</b>	<p>To provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management. The USDA <a href="#">Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)</a> oversees animal import/ export, health certificates, and several aspects of animal disease management and animal emergency management. APHIS has several divisions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Animal Care (AC)</b> : Determines and promotes standards of humane care and treatment of animals through inspections and educational efforts.</li> <li>• <b>Veterinary Services (VS)</b> : Protects and improves the health, quality, and marketability of our nation's animals, animal products, and veterinary biologics by preventing, controlling, and/or eliminating animal diseases, and monitoring, and promoting animal health and productivity.</li> <li>• <b>Wildlife Services (WS)</b> : Provides leadership to resolve wildlife conflicts and create a balance allowing people and wildlife to peacefully coexist.</li> </ul>
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Animal Disease Traceability</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Export Requirements</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Animals</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Products</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">The Animal Welfare Act and Regulations</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Animal Care Policy Manual</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Horse Protection Act</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Horse Protection Act Regulations</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ESF11-- Emergency Support Function #11 (All-Hazards Response)</a></li> </ul>
<b>What it means to you</b>	<p>USDA Regulates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Animal Biologics (vaccine production)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Animal disease management</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Animal Import and Export</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">National Veterinary Accreditation Program (Interstate Health Certificates)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">NVAP Online Mandatory CE</a></li> </ul> <p>APHIS Generates the following annual reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Animal Care Publications and Reports</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Wildlife Reports</a></li> </ul>

	<p>USDA Operates the <a href="#">National Veterinary Services Laboratory</a> system.</p>
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