



USDA APHIS VS

Voluntary HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program

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Goals



USE REPEATED BULK TANK
MILK TESTING TO ESTABLISH
DISEASE FREEDOM IN A
HERD



ALLOW ANIMAL MOVEMENT
FROM PARTICIPATING HERDS
WITHOUT TESTING INDIVIDUAL
ANIMALS



ENROLL SUFFICIENT NUMBER
OF HERDS TO ESTABLISH STATE
AND/OR REGIONAL DISEASE
FREEDOM

Program Enrollment

- Producer contacts Veterinary Services (VS) Area Office and/or State Veterinarian to start the process
- VS, State Animal Health Official (SAHO), and producer sign a Herd Monitoring Plan agreement
- Participation start date = date of first sample collection
- Statuses are applied to the herd:
 - Provisional Enrolled Herd
 - Monitored Unaffected Herd
 - Monitored Affected Herd

Program Steps and Collaboration*

Herd Enters Program = Provisional Enrolled Herd Status

3 consecutive weeks of negative test results at NAHLN lab

Coordination with milk safety/quality sampling and laboratory reporting*

Continue pre-movement testing until established



Maintain Status = Monitored Unaffected Herd

Weekly bulk tank sample collection and submission*

Continued negative results – **no additional premovement testing needed**

Continued biosecurity and herd health monitoring



Herd Tests Positive = Protocol for Monitored Affected Herds Regaining Status

Epi investigation and evaluation of movement for low-risk animals

2 consecutive weeks of sampling including hospital pen with negative results

Absence of clinical signs and production changes for 2 weeks



Progress Being Made

- Distributing slides and draft Herd Monitoring Plan for feedback and input
- States have expressed interest in participating in our pilot and will set up calls next week
- Setting up additional calls with AMS, FDA, NCIMS and States to discuss sampling
- Additional public previews to encourage participation
- Pilot rollout in June



Discussion

Herd Status Definitions

Provisional Enrolled Herd Status: Herds enrolled in the Voluntary HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program in the first 3 weeks awaiting their official status.

Monitored Unaffected Herd Status: Herds enrolled in the Voluntary HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program with three consecutive weeks of negative prescribed testing results. These herds commit to ongoing monitoring described in their HPAI Dairy Herd Monitoring Plan, which alleviates the need for pre-movement testing for animals moving interstate.

Monitored Affected Herd Status: Herds participating in the Voluntary HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program and have been identified as positive based on testing. Herds may return to Monitored Unaffected Herd Status after completing required testing plan (outlined below).

Unenrolled Affected Herd Status: Herds that are not participating in the Voluntary HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program and have been identified as positive based on testing. Movement restrictions related to the Federal Order apply. Owners may elect to start the enrollment process to become a Monitored Herd while designated as an affected herd.

Unenrolled Herd Status: Herds that are not participating in the program, that are either unknown disease status or previously identified as positive and have not had any sample test positive from an individual animal for over 30-days.