



# Livestock Emergency Response Plan Participant Workbook

Introduction, Purpose, Scope, Situations  
and Assumptions

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Livestock Emergency Response Plan Template v1.0



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## INTRODUCTION

The Introduction section provides the reader with insight about why the plan was written, how it is implemented, what it addresses and who participated in the planning process. When the introduction is completed, the following questions will be addressed:

1. Which governmental entity is responsible for developing this LERP (state, tribal, territorial)?
2. Why is the LERP being developed?
3. In general, what is the state's approach to emergency operations?
4. Why should the state address FEAD incidents (or events)?
5. What is the significance of livestock production within the state (e.i., employment, economy, feed, etc.)?
6. What non-agricultural entities are affected by a FEAD event?
7. What are the national implications of a FEAD event in the state?

8. What types of emergencies will the plan cover (foreign, emerging animal diseases, zoonoses, livestock feed contamination)?
  
9. What types of FEAD incidents does the plan address (i.e., deliberate or unintentional)?
  
10. Who is the primary audience for the plan?

## **PURPOSE**

The Purpose section must provide the overarching principles and goals used to guide the plan's development. The planning group should consider the various perspectives and reach a general consensus in describing the plan's desired result. Below are questions to consider when developing the Purpose Section of a LERP.

1. Why is the state developing a LERP?
2. Why should the state address FEAD incidents?
3. How is the plan intended to be used?
4. What is the significance of livestock production within the state (e.g., employment, economy, feed, etc.)?
5. What collateral entities are affected by livestock production within the state (e.g., feed, rendering, markets, etc.)?
6. How will this plan fit into the structure of the state plan, as well as other contributing or related plans (i.e., public health, agriculture, emergency management)?

## **SCOPE**

The Scope must identify the general application of the LERP and its limitations. The Scope should briefly introduce any coordinated efforts between federal, state, or local entities. In addition, this section should identify the participating and supporting agencies in livestock emergency response.

1. What will the plan cover?
2. What are the limitations of the plan?
3. What are the most significant objectives?
4. How will each objective be attained in a measurable manner?
5. Is this a stand-alone plan or a component of an all-hazard base plan?
6. Who is the primary audience for the plan?
7. What types of incidents are addressed (i.e., deliberate or unintentional)?



8. How will the plan assist with coordinating a response between local, state, and federal responders?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What will be the role of the LERP in interstate coordination?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. How will preparation change if the FEAD is not identified in your state?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. How will the plan support interstate vs. intrastate response activities?

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## SITUATIONS

1. What key livestock production systems exist within your state?
2. What vulnerabilities related to livestock production are associated with the greatest potential negative consequences?
3. How will identification of a disease outbreak in another state impact the deployment of this plan?
4. What unique physical and geographic features or aspects within the state could affect response activities?
5. Where are livestock production, transportation, distribution, and processing areas located within the state?
6. What areas of livestock concentration within the state may lack biosecurity plans or formal institutionalized procedures (backyard flocks, fairgrounds)?
7. Where are easily accessible slaughter capabilities located outside of the state?

8. What unique physical and geographic features within the state could affect the scope and magnitude of a FEAD emergency?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How might working relationships between partners and stakeholders impact FEAD response activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What cultural aspects of the state could affect the scope and magnitude of a FEAD emergency?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What cultural aspects of the state could influence response activities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What is the expected jurisdictional or municipality level of involvement during a response (e.g., city, county, or state)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What mitigation efforts are in place to support and strengthen FEAD defense and response?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What potential direct and indirect economic impact within the state would result from a livestock/ FEAD incident?

15. How might non-agricultural activities be affected by a livestock/FEAD incident?
  
16. How will a FEAD emergency impact public services (public access, transportation, business continuity, essential public health services, etc.)?
  
17. What unique institutional authorities or barriers exist that could affect response activities (vertical or horizontal integration within varying production systems)?
  
18. What are the political or international trade implications of a livestock/FEAD incident?

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## **ASSUMPTIONS**

This section should identify assumptions which exist in response to a livestock emergency. These assumptions may be in regard to responsibilities, availability of resources, priorities and/or constraints.

1. From where would a FEAD incident likely originate or be disseminated?
2. What surveillance systems currently exist which play a role in detecting a FEAD emergency?
3. What triggers implementation of the LERP?
4. What agency or department is primarily responsible for livestock surveillance and the identification of an emergency?
5. Which agency is identified as lead in a livestock response?
6. Will Unified Command be implemented and, if so, which agencies may be involved?
7. How will the Incident Command System (ICS) be integrated with local or other state's Unified Command during a FEAD emergency?

8. Who is responsible for assigning general ICS roles?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What state agencies play a supportive role in the response?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. How are interstate response efforts coordinated and who is responsible for primary communications between states?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What federal agencies and services support a state's response?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What specific commodities might be impacted by a FEAD emergency?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. How might the response efforts for livestock commodities be grouped for the purposes of planning for a FEAD emergency?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What other sectors of livestock production are likely to be involved in a FEAD emergency?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. What other industries and associated integrated systems are impacted by a FEAD emergency?

16. What is the role of industry, livestock associations, and private sector businesses in supporting a FEAD emergency response?
  
17. What response plans do industry, livestock associations, and private sector businesses have in place to support a FEAD emergency response?
  
18. What resources can be expected from industry, livestock associations, and private sector businesses in support of a large-scale FEAD emergency response?
  
19. What agency or department is primarily responsible for the environmental aspects of a FEAD emergency?
  
20. Who will be responsible for on-site environmental health assessments and control measures?
  
21. What equipment and personnel (volunteer veterinary corps, state animal response teams) does the state have available for response to a FEAD emergency?
  
22. What procedures might be triggered if a FEAD emergency occurred in another state?

23. What existing communication capabilities require coordination during a FEAD emergency response (e.g., government, academic institutions, private sector)?
  
24. What communication capabilities might be missing?
  
25. What emergency control measures and recovery capabilities should be coordinated?
  
26. What agencies are involved in recovery and what is the general scope of their involvement?
  
27. What existing legal capabilities are in place? Which are missing? When multiple state/local agencies are involved, are mechanisms in place to appropriately use these authorities (i.e., MOU, EMAC, etc.)?

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