



Animal Disease Response Funding

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Background

Defined by 2022 Minn. Laws Chap. 95 Art. 2 Sec. 16, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (Board) is to report to the senate Committee on Finance, the house of representatives Committee on Ways and Means, and the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the board's operating budget the amount of federal money received and spent in the previous fiscal year on the topic of animal disease response. All federal money received by the board for this purpose must be deposited in the state treasury and, except as provided in section 35.156, subdivision 2, is appropriated to the board for the purposes for which it was received.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) FY 23-26

In 2023 & 2024, The Board of Animal Health had three cooperative agreements with the USDA for purpose of managing and researching chronic wasting disease (CWD). The three agreements are described as A, B, and C below with objectives and funding received to accomplish the objectives.

CWDA - Assessment of the Ecology of Wildlife near the Perimeter Fence of Cervid Farms & Indemnity

The funding priority was to improve the management of CWD-affected farmed cervid premises. The objectives were to identify and characterize wildlife activities associated with cervid farms in Midwest US regions with endemic CWD in wild deer populations. The Board contracted with the University of Minnesota to accomplish the objectives. There was no indemnity paid out for the depopulation of farmed cervids. The Board expended \$388,883.30 in FY23 and \$112,930.51 in FY24 with funds provided by USDA

CWDB – Genomic Testing

The funding priority was to conduct additional research on the application of whole genome predictive genetics in farmed cervids. The Board contracted with the University of Minnesota to accomplish the objectives. Additional funding was provided to support BAH staff working on this cooperative agreement. The Board expended \$41,956.95 in FY23 and \$48,499.24 in FY24 with funds provided by USDA.

CWDC – CoreOne Producer Portal

The funding priority was to improve the management of CWD-affected farmed cervid herds with development of the online cervid producer portal. The 3 objectives were to conduct assessment of producers and state animal health official required data elements for managing cervid herds, develop online cervid producer portal with connection to CoreOne/SCS Animal Health Information System, and to develop training materials for use of online portal for cervid producers. The Board contracted with MNIT and TraceFirst to accomplish the objectives. The Board expended \$26,888.58 in FY23 and \$198,031.58 in FY24 with funds provided by USDA.

In FY25, the Board did not receive or expend any federal funding for the purposes of chronic wasting disease.

In FY26, The Board had 1 cooperative agreement with the USDA with the objective to aid the management of Minnesota's Herd Certification Program (HCP) The HCP reduces the risk of interstate CWD spread and increases trade confidence of cervid animals and products. Board staff worked to deliver educational outreach materials to farmed cervid stakeholders in the HCP on program requirements, CWD sample collection, and/or predictive genetics. The Board also contracted with the MN Elk Breeders association to reimburse elk producers on supplies needed for testing herds. The Board expended \$109,644.48 with funds provided by USDA.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) FY 23-26

Since the outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in March of 2022, BAH and USDA-APHIS-VS have worked together to quarantine and depopulate those flocks. BAH and USDA have completed surveillance and testing needed to control the spread of HPAI. Majority of the money spent on this outbreak has been spent on staffing, testing, surveillance, and a small amount on professional/technical services.

The Board worked with USDA to establish emergency cooperative agreements through FY23-26 to contribute to unexpected costs arising from the disease response to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. These costs included State responder overtime, personnel travel and lodging expenses, personal protection equipment (PPE) and other disposable disease response supplies, various shipping costs and unexpected costs generated by the Minnesota NAHLN (national animal health laboratory network) labs that contributed substantially to response efforts, such as lab overtime costs, shipping costs, etc. Activities performed by MN responders include issuance and notification of State's quarantines; disease surveillance in control areas and surveillance zones; monitoring of biosecurity on infected premises; monitoring of euthanasia of infected poultry and disposal of carcasses; monitoring of cleaning and disinfection (C&D) of infected premises; approval of permits for movement of feed, supplies and products into or out of control areas; stakeholder outreach; response to sick bird calls; environmental sampling; real time reporting of disease response status; data entry and incident document management.

The Board had a decrease in federal expenses in FY25 due to downtime in active case disease response. The total federal amount spent on this disease response is listed below.

FY23	\$78,862.26
FY24	\$72,103.84
FY25	\$2,459.13
FY26	\$24,495.95