The
Animal Health Branch (AHB)

The AHB protects animal health, food safety and security by preventing, detecting, and responding to catastrophic livestock diseases, natural disasters, and other agricultural problems.

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In the office

Develop and apply disease prevention programs including biosecurity, vaccination, testing, and movement controls.

Detect diseases by monitoring disease surveillance streams.

Train and prepare staff to respond to foreign and domestic disease outbreaks and natural disasters.

In the community

Develop healthy working relationships that support efficient responses to diseases or natural disasters.

Collaborate with industry, local veterinarians, laboratories, and provide disease reporting hotlines.

Perform outreach and education to protect the health of livestock and the environment.

Prevent
Detect
Respond

On the farm

Provide disease awareness and biosecurity recommendations on farms, during animal transport, and at livestock markets and exhibitions.

Deploy highly trained staff to swiftly respond to outbreaks of animal diseases and natural disasters.

Detect diseases rapidly by working with livestock industry to inspect and test animals.

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