Flow Charts for FAD Emergency Response Levels – Level 5

- While the associated chart indicates the primary lines of communications and activities, many of the response activities occur simultaneously or within a short time of each other (lines of communication are not necessarily linear). Activities depicted below are in addition to those listed in previous levels.
- This chart represents a likely timetable of events which could occur during a Level 5 Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) animal emergency. It describes the interactions between levels of governments (Federal-State, State-Local) and describes major contacts the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) will have with Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Governor's office.
- This chart does not describe actions taken by other Nebraska State agencies that play a role in a livestock or poultry emergency incident as Emergency Support Function (ESF)-11 is activated. Agencies are encouraged to develop plans based on ESF-11, using the flow chart as a theoretical timetable of events.

Implementation - Initial Event:

NAHLN laboratory (UNL/VDC) receives a suspicious sample or identifies a suspect disease

Producer/processor notices unusual condition or symptoms
  
  Notifies local veterinarian  →  State or federal veterinarians notified

  Investigates and diagnoses

  If  →  Condition identified is not a FAD

  Normal health care practices initiated

  Required to notify Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture

  Advises producer/processor of immediate actions

  State Veterinarian and Area Veterinarian-in-Charge (AVIC) dispatches FADD to incident site

  Investigates, takes tissue samples, submits to USDA for analysis

  Reports activities /situation to AVIC and SV

If FADD determines that local condition is “medium” or “high suspicion”

  Informs NDA and AVIC of situation

  SV may request split samples be sent to the closest appropriate NAHLN laboratory for screening (presumptive) analysis

  NEMA and NSP may be requested to assist in sample transport

  NEMA may activate SEOC & ESF-11

  Becomes Site Incident Commander
Makes and implements local quarantine and may request/issue an embargo or import order. Requests voluntary travel restriction of people at the incident site.

SV and the AVIC

- Notifies NEMA
- Activates ESF – 11, including the JIC
- NDA notifies Governor/Governor’s Office
- If SV requests split sample analysis (NAHLN) Local EM notified
- Completes sample analysis and diagnosis
- Local resources activated
- Informs FADD, AVIC, NDA of results
- Notifies LEDRS
- Activates NDA Command Center
- Incident site security established
- Access Control Point(s) established
- Decontamination established

USDA

- Activates ESF – 11, including the JIC
- NDA notifies Governor/Governor’s Office
- If SV requests split sample analysis (NAHLN) Local EM notified
- Completes sample analysis and diagnosis
- Local resources activated
- Informs FADD, AVIC, NDA of results
- Notifies LEDRS
- Activates NDA Command Center
- Incident site security established
- Access Control Point(s) established
- Decontamination established

**IF USDA RESULTS ARE NEGATIVE for FAD:**

A. FADD notifies producer/processor and local veterinarian; Incident Command suspended

B. NDA notifies NEMA and the Governor/Governor’s Office

**Notifies local Emergency Manager**

**IF USDA or NAHLN RESULTS ARE POSITIVE (PRESUMPTIVE OR CONFIRMED) for FAD:**

USDA (Confirmed Analysis Only)

- Advises Nebraska SV and AVIC of situation
- Notifies all Federal AVICs, SVs, and state departments of agriculture
- Activates National Animal Health Emergency Management System
- Secretary of Agriculture may declare an “Emergency” or “Extraordinary Emergency” (Confirmed Positive)
- Evaluates the need for Presidential Declaration (Confirmed Positive)
- Provides technical advice and personnel to support NDA
NDA
Notifies NEMA and the Governor/Governor’s Office
Activates the NDA Command Center
May issue an embargo/import order, or an agriculture movement control order
Activates LEDRS
NDA Emergency Coordinator reports to SEOC as ESF-11 Coordinator

NEMA
Activates SEOC, ESF-11,
Notifies additional agencies under ESF-11
Advises Governor’s Office for State Emergency Proclamation, may request a Presidential Declaration
Coordinates with local Emergency Managers, gathers local intelligence for analysis by NDA, et al.
Coordinates with other state, federal agencies
Establishes a JIC, if not already activated

Governor
Contacts surrounding states
May request that the State Veterinarian issue an embargo/import order, or an agriculture movement control order
Monitors and may assign state resources for import/export restrictions.
May issue “Stop (People) Movement Order”

Local jurisdictions:
A. County with Suspected or Presumptive Positive FAD
   - Receives notification from NEMA or NDA.
   - May open EOC (limited staffing).
   - Reviews and readies to implement FAD Annex of LEOP.
B. County with Presumptive Positive or Confirmed FAD

- Emergency Manager activates EOC, implements FAD Annex of LEOP
- Emergency Manager notifies Chief Elected Officials, prepares County Disaster Declaration
- Emergency Manager confers with state and/or federal veterinarians
- Supports Site Incident Command
- Coordinates with local Law Enforcement and other supporting agencies
- Coordinates with local VOAD for Mass Care, if appropriate
- May request mutual aid
- May establish communications with NDEQ, NDNR, NHHSS to establish decontamination stations as directed
- Prepares for temporary housing of animals, reviews process for potential animal euthanasia and disposal

C. All Counties affected by an agriculture movement control order

Emergency Manager:

- Notifies Chief Elected Officials, prepares Disaster Declaration
- Notifies local law enforcement
- Confers with NSP
- Informs producersprocessors through local network of county extension agents and other local communications, groups
- Implements temporary animal housing SOP, notifies local veterinarians, State and Federal Area Veterinary Medical Officers, animal handlers, etc.
- Confirms with NEMA and NDA that an embargoimport order, or agriculture movement control order is effected

Following the response to a FAD outbreak at a premises and the removal of the contamination/disease source, the recovery process will begin. Recovery may involve the placement of sentry animals as part of the process of determining that a disease threat no longer exists. If this determination is made, the property(ies) may return to its pre-event status.