

## Secure Food Supply Plan –What a Kentucky Producer Needs to Know

### **Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) Outbreak Response**

With the growing international movement of animals and animal products, the agricultural trade and marketing opportunities are greater than ever before. However, along with this opportunity comes the increasing risk of introduction of a Foreign Animal Disease (FAD). This is defined as any animal disease that is not known to currently exist in the U.S. animal population, and has potential for catastrophic impact to U.S. animal agriculture.

A coordinated immediate response by regulatory officials, producers and industry stakeholders is crucial to protect animal health, public health, the environment, the food supply, and the economy.

The goal of the response is to eradicate disease and regain disease-free status as quickly as possible to resume normal agricultural production and commerce.

### **Why is a Secure Food Supply (SFS) Plan Important?**

During an FAD outbreak, it is the producer's responsibility to keep their animals from becoming infected, by focusing on what they can control on their operation. An SFS Plan will outline biosecurity measures as the first line of defense for keeping disease from entering the premises and preventing disease spread.

In order to implement these biosecurity measures, each operation must first identify the most vulnerable points for entry of disease. This knowledge will equip a farm Biosecurity Manager to build a written Biosecurity Plan to minimize the identified risks for disease pathogen entry and spread.

In the midst of an outbreak, an approved Biosecurity Plan will be required for permitted movement of animals showing no signs of disease.

### **How can I participate in the SFS Plan in Kentucky?**

Through Federal Grant money awarded from the USDA, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture has been tasked with developing industry specific Secure Food Supply Plans for Kentucky's Beef, Pork and Poultry industries.

The process of building Kentucky Specific Secure Food Supply Plans starts with gathering information through a species specific survey that will characterize the operation's management and animal movement practices.

The survey data describing the pertinent characteristics of Kentucky's animal agriculture industries will be utilized to build a Kentucky specific SFS Plan template including a Kentucky specific biosecurity plan template to be implemented by Kentucky producers. To ensure that this SFS Plan template represents the needs of each operation, we encourage every farm to participate in the surveys being distributed in the coming month.