

VS Training Announcement

Safeguarding Animal Health

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAINING:

March 11 - 13, 2025

1 - 3:30 p.m. (CT) daily

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Open to anyone who has not received extensive training in animal biology or veterinary sciences or would like to better understand VS' role within APHIS.

COST:

None

DEADLINE:

February 7, 2025

APPROVAL:

Supervisor approval is required **PRIOR** to registering. Please follow your Business Unit's approval process for your attendance to this training.

CURRICULUM RELATED QUESTIONS:

Please contact:

Professional People Training

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Safeguarding Animal Health introduces participants to basic concepts in animal biology, veterinary medicine, infectious disease, as well as Veterinary Services (VS) Program and transboundary animal diseases. The training places special emphasis on the role VS plays in safeguarding the health of our nation's production animals. By focusing on basic concepts, participants obtain a functional knowledge of animal health and disease, and how this relates directly to their duties.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES:

During this training, participants will:

- Identify major food animals produced in the United States and wild relatives in North America and/or distant geographical locales.
- Identify major groups of disease-causing agents and their various modes of transmission.
- Describe models of food animal care in the United States.
- Summarize the majority of endemic diseases VS is working to eradicate from or control in the United States.
- List the major transboundary animal diseases VS works to keep out of the United States.
- Describe how every role in VS contributes an important part in monitoring and surveillance as well as in control and eradication programs.
- Identify the important role of food production animals to the wellbeing of the economy of the United States and public health infrastructure.

TRAINING TOPICS:

Training topics will include, but are not limited to:

1. Economic and public health impacts
2. Infectious agents and disease transmission

3. Program diseases
4. Foreign animal diseases

TO REGISTER:

Registration will be managed outside of AgLearn. After supervisory approval is received, complete the registration survey using the below link by **February 7, 2025**.

[Registration - Safeguarding Animal Health](#)

All applicants will receive participation information prior to the start of the training.