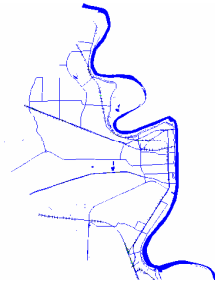


**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**



EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 11a

AGRICULTURE

I. PURPOSE

ESF 11 provides protection for the State's food supply to ensure that the population of the Parish is provided adequate and healthy nutrition during and after natural and technological emergencies and disasters. It is also concerned with diseases and infestations that could affect plant, animal, and cultivated seafood species, as well as with animal evacuation, sheltering, and health care. ESF 11 covers the whole range of nutritional assurance and plant, animal, and cultivated seafood health and safety in all types of natural and technological threats.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A. An emergency or disaster may adversely affect, agricultural livestock/poultry, plant/crop industries and pets within West Baton Rouge Parish. Lives of animals may be threatened, as well as the disruption of evacuation, or the interruption/destruction of the various businesses involving animals. Also, substantial damage to plants/crops would have significant and long-lasting negative impacts on the Parish's economy through disruption of food supply, trade, and tourism.
- B. Because estimates indicate that more than 60% of households in the U.S. have a pet, not counting the hundreds within West Baton Rouge Parish who have livestock/horses, it is critical that animal emergency plans are developed that coordinate with plans for human emergency response, in order to facilitate (and not disrupt) human emergency response.

- C. Natural disasters, as well as man-made disasters, may negatively impact crops and the various animal industry and pet populations. Naturally introduced or intentionally introduced (bioterrorist) disease may threaten the animal or plant industry, or zoonotic disease may threaten public health as well as animal health.
- D. Efficient response and recovery efforts assure rapid return to economic soundness of the livestock/pet industry, agronomic and horticultural crops, and public health protection, as well as the benefit of the human-animal bond of pets in the human recovery process following a disaster.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. ESF-11 consists of two distinct components, animal emergency response, and plant emergency management, with a separate agency responsible for each component.
2. The Louisiana Department of Forestry at the State level and the West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent at the Local level are responsible for the coordination of all ESF-11 administrative, management, planning, training, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities to include developing, coordinating, and maintaining ESF-11 Standard Operating Procedures. All ESF-11 supporting agencies will assist the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry in the planning and execution of the above. All ESF-11 personnel will be trained on the principles of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command and integrate those principles into all ESF-11 planning and response operations.
3. Critical ESF 11 functions include, but are not limited to, developing:
 - a. Veterinary medical care and plant health programs at all levels (Local, State, and National) as necessary to protect animal health, the animal and plant industries, and public health.
 - b. A back-up support service at a Local and State level to assist animal owners when necessary in protecting and caring for their animals during and after disaster.

- c. Maintaining and prioritizing lists of plant and animal pests/diseases of national and jurisdictional significance.
 - d. A public information program enabling the majority of agricultural premises to develop and carry out their own individual emergency response plans under most circumstances.
 - e. Plans dealing with the threat of bioterrorist attack consistent with overall efforts of homeland defense to include an outbreak of a highly infective exotic plant disease, or an economically devastating plant pest infestation.
 - d. Plans to coordinate agriculture related data during and after emergency response.
4. Under the general coordination of LDAF, appropriate agencies/groups will provide assistance to agricultural entities throughout the State in order to provide maximum safety, medical care and to assist in public health protection for the state. Each agency/organization will operate under its mandated Federal, State, or organizational regulations and will maintain complete administrative and financial control over their activities.

B. Phases of Management

1. Mitigation

- a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.
- b. Support requests and directives resulting from the Governor and/or FEMA concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.
- c. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in agency or State/Federal briefings, situation reports, and action plans.

2. Preparedness

- a. West Baton Rouge Parish is dependent on the LDAF for the develop plans for the protection of animal and plant health and security including the response to an

outbreak of a highly contagious animal/zoonotic disease, an outbreak of a highly infective exotic plant disease, or an economically devastating plant pest infestation, whether accidentally or intentionally introduced.

- b. Coordinate with the West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent plans for the safety of livestock, poultry, and companion animals prior, during, and after a natural or man-made event.
- c. Through coordination with LDAF, develop plans for the protection of animal health to include ensuring the safety of the manufacture and distribution of foods and distribution of drugs given to livestock and companion animals.
- d. Participate in State exercises and conduct an annual ESF 11 exercise to validate this annex and supporting SOPs.
- e. Participate in training programs for Parish animal, and agriculture emergency coordinators, other interested persons.
- f. Coordinate with the West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent to release information annually on disease and disaster planning and safety for animals and plants/crops through news releases, brochures, or websites for agribusinesses within West Baton Rouge Parish
- g. Coordinate the development and maintain a database of locations and contact information for animal and agricultural premises, including supporting industries with the West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent's Office.
- h. Develop and maintain a database of all Parish animal and agriculture emergency plans and a list of all parish animal and agricultural emergency coordinators.
- i. Through the LADF Office of Animal Health Services develop and maintain a database of medical and non-

medical volunteers and agencies that will provide care assistance.

- j. Develop and maintain a database of possible emergency animal shelters and confinement areas. The database will include possible personnel and resource information.
- k. Coordinate Communication with ESF-15 concerning storage of animal related donated goods preceding a known disaster.
- l. Annually review the Department of Homeland Security Universal Task List and integrate tasks as appropriate.
- m. Ensure all ESF-11 personnel integrate NIMS principles in all planning. All ESF personnel will complete all required NIMS training, as outlined in the 2006 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) training guidance.
- n. Implement systems that communicate animal, plant, and food issues with the Office of Public Health.

3. Response

- a. Coordinate and manage an animal or plant disease outbreak or incident that would affect animal or plant health.
- b. Provide for inspection and assessment of food processing facilities and products storage in order to protect public health.
- c. Coordinate response with LDAF for animal and agricultural issues that impact animal, plant, or public health (disease outbreak, bioterrorist attack, waste and carcass disposal); take reasonable measures to protect animals under emergency care from disease and injury.
- d. Provide for animal safety through coordination of additional emergency animal sheltering and stabling for both large and small animals, rescue, and transportation to shelter with the coordination and support of LDAF.

- e. Coordinate triage and follow-up medical care for animals with local veterinary clinics or with the LDAF Office of Animal Health.
- f. Coordinate public information with the LDAF concerning animal and food safety and/or contamination issues.
- g. Track the activities, data, and statistics from activated agencies before, during, and after the disaster. This information will be summarized for situation reports to ESF-5 and captured for final compilation.
- h. Coordinate with ESF-7 regarding storage sites and staging areas for animal food and medical supplies as needed.
- i. Coordinate through LDAF and with ESF-1, ESF-3, and ESF-8 for the removal and proper disposal of contaminated plants, animal waste, and dead animals.
- j. Decontaminate, identify, and tag dead animals. Properly collect, identify, and label diseased/contaminated plants or plant pests.

4. Recovery

- a. Continue response activities, as required.
- b. Coordinate damage assessment through the West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent.
- d. Coordinate with the West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent and the LDAF for repopulation of animals or reestablishment of plants into recovered area.
- e. Coordinate the phase-down of animal or plant emergency services through various support agencies, and within framework of EOC and ESF guidelines.
- f. Organize and publicize lost and found data to achieve animal/owner reunion. Coordinate final return to owner, long term maintenance, placement, or disposition of animals that cannot be returned to their

normal habitat or that have been separated from their owners.

- g. Coordinate eradication, crop destruction, and animal depopulation operations with LADF.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Emergency Operations Staff

1. Parish President

Authorizes the commandeering of structures and lands for use in the implementation of this plan.

2. HSEP Director

- a. Manages the Emergency Operation Center, oversees its activation, and ensures it is staffed to support all mass care efforts.
- b. Coordinates with GOHSEP, West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent, and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
- c. Coordinates volunteer support efforts to include the activities of volunteers from outside the jurisdiction and the assistance offered by unorganized volunteer and neighborhood groups within the jurisdiction toward emergency animal care operations.
- d. Reviews information to be provided to the public concerning ESF 11 matters.
- e. Develops the list of possible sites to be used during ESF 11 operations.

3. Law Enforcement

- a. Responsible for providing security at designated ESF 11 sites as needed and manpower is available.
- b. Provides traffic control during evacuee movement.

4. Public Information Officer

Makes public announcements concerning ESF 11 matters in coordination with LDAF and the West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent.

5. School Services Officer

Responsible for making School Board resources available.

6. West Baton Rouge County Agent

a. Coordinates the use of ESF 11 resources and personnel involved in providing animal emergency medical assistance.

b. Coordinates all ESF 11 provisions with agribusinesses within West Baton Rouge Parish.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

All ESF 11 activities will be coordinated through the Emergency Operation Center and GOHSEP ESF 11.

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

A. Lines of succession for each department head are made in accordance with standard operating procedures established by each department.

B. (See Basic Plan)

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

All Emergency Operation Center Staff and personnel are responsible for keeping an accurate log of all activities and communications that take place in their capacity.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND EXECUTION

A. The OHSEP Director has the responsibility for coordinating revision of this annex, keeping attachments current.

- B. Directors of supporting agencies bear the responsibility of maintaining internal plans, implementing procedures and resource data to ensure effective response to an emergency.
- C. The West Baton Rouge Parish County Agent and all other agencies given responsibility in this plan, in coordination with the HSEP, are responsible for maintenance of their respective annexes or appendices.

IX. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

A. Authorities

(See Basic Plan)

B. References

1. Guide for All Hazard Emergency Operations Planning, (SLG) 101, 1996, Federal Emergency Management Agency
2. The Louisiana Pelican Plan Model; January 2007

APPENDICES:

- (1) Organization Chart
- (2) Responsibility Chart
- (3) List of food and animal health and safety organizations
- (4) List of major food items produced in the parish
- (5) List of animal shelters
- (6) List of animal health caregivers

APPENDIX 1

Organizational Chart

