The Sentinel

Newsletter of the Florida State Agricultural Response Team

FDACS reports that Avian Influenza has NOT been detected in Florida.

Special Features of this Issue:

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- *Operation Outdoor Freedom*
- *FDACS ESF 17 Team Attends FEPA Annual Conference*

The Florida State Agricultural Response Team website has many resources available to help prepare for disaster.

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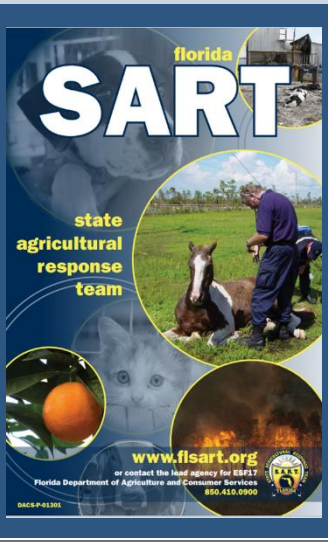
FDACS Avian Influenza Update

Avian Influenza (AI) has NOT been detected in Florida domestic poultry. Currently, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, New York, and Virginia. In addition, HPAI has been detected in wild birds in multiple states along the eastern seaboard, including Florida.

For more information on avian influenza and the current situation, visit the USDA avian influenza website. Due to the recent AI findings, it is recommended that Florida poultry producers and enthusiasts (commercial and backyard) take the following precautions to minimize the risk of introduction of influenza into our Florida poultry flocks.

1. Implement strict biosecurity measures on all poultry premises:
   • Alert all company personnel, growers, farmworkers and service personnel of the increased risk of HPAI.
   • Focus biosecurity methods on preventing any exposure to wild waterfowl or their droppings.
   • Keep current biosecurity at all times, especially relating to essential visitors and entry biosecurity.
2. Avoid any contact with wild birds of any kind, especially waterfowl, their habitat, or their droppings.
3. Take necessary precautions around any congregation points for growers or backyard owners – do not bring disease back to your poultry flock.

See *Avian Influenza Update,* page 2.



Avian Influenza Update (continued)

4. Monitor all flocks for increased mortality or clinical signs consistent with HPAI and report any concerns immediately. To date, the consistent clinical sign in all the current reported cases has been a marked, rapid increase in mortality over several days.
5. Consider making a contingency plan for moving outdoor poultry into bio-secure housing.
6. For more information regarding reporting sick birds, please visit: https://www.fdacs.gov/content/download/23969/file/Bird-Influenza-Card-English.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Division of Animal Industry, at (850) 410-0900. Please visit our website for additional information regarding Avian Influenza and the requirements for moving poultry into the state at www.FDACS.gov/AvianInfluenza.

Additional Avian Influenza information
Center for Disease Control and Prevention: Recent Bird Flu Infections in U.S. Wild Birds and Poultry Pose a Low Risk to the Public | Avian Influenza (Flu) (cdc.gov)
USDA: USDA APHIS | Help and Site Map
United States Geological Survey, National Wildlife Health Center: Avian Influenza | U.S. Geological Survey (usgs.gov)

Defend the Flock - Biosecurity 101

Keep visitors to a minimum. Only allow those people who take care of your poultry to come in contact with your birds, this includes family and friends. Keep track of everyone who is on your property at all times. Make sure everyone follows biosecurity principles.

Wash your hands before and after coming in contact with live poultry. In addition to potentially spreading disease from farm to farm or bird to bird, you can also spread germs such as *Salmonella* that can impact human health. Wash with soap and water (always your first choice). If using a hand sanitizer, first remove manure, feathers, and other materials from your hands because disinfectants will not penetrate organic matter or caked-on dirt.

Provide disposable boot covers (preferred) and/or disinfectant footbaths for anyone having contact with your flock. If using a footbath, be sure to remove all droppings, mud or debris from boots and shoes using a long-handled scrub brush BEFORE stepping into the disinfectant footbath, and always keep it clean.

Change clothes before entering poultry areas and before exiting the property. Visitors should wear protective outer garments or disposable coveralls, boots, and headgear when handling birds, and shower and/or change clothes when leaving the facility.

Clean and disinfect tools or equipment before moving them to a new poultry facility. Before allowing service vehicles, trucks, tractors, or tools and equipment—including egg flats and cases that have come in contact with birds or their droppings—to exit the property, make sure they are cleaned and disinfected to prevent contaminated equipment from transporting disease. Do not move or reuse items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected—such as cardboard egg flats.

Look for signs of illness. Know the warning signs of infectious bird diseases.

Report sick birds. Don't wait. If your birds are sick or dying, call a local veterinarian, cooperative extensive service, or state veterinarian. Call USDA toll-free at **1-866-536-7593.**

For more information about biosecurity practices, including checklists you can follow, visit the Defend the Flock Resource Center.

Background Information on Avian Influenza

Avian influenza (AI) is caused by an influenza type A virus which can infect poultry (such as chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, domestic ducks, geese, and guinea fowl) and wild birds (especially waterfowl). AI viruses are classified by a combination of two groups of proteins: hemagglutinin or "H" proteins, of which there are 16 (H1–H16), and neuraminidase or "N" proteins, of which there are 9 (N1–N9). AI viruses are further classified by their pathogenicity—the ability of a particular virus strain to produce disease in domestic chickens.

- Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) virus strains are extremely infectious, often fatal to chickens, and can spread rapidly from flock-to-flock.
- Low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) virus strains occur naturally in wild migratory waterfowl and shorebirds without causing illness. LPAI can infect domestic poultry, creating little or no signs of illness.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) works closely with States and the poultry industry to prevent AI from becoming established in the U.S. poultry population. Keeping our nation's poultry free from avian influenza helps protect our farmers' livelihoods. Additional Information is updated regularly at: USDA APHIS | Avian Influenza

FDACS ESF 17 Team Attends FEPA Annual Conference

From January 31 - February 4, 2022, emergency coordinators of the FDACS Divisions of Animal Industry and Food Safety, LeiAnna Tucker, Ben Motes, Jeremy Dunkley, and Nick Morrow, attended the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) annual conference in Miramar Beach, FL. The FEPA annual conference trainings, workshops and panel discussions highlighted recent Florida emergency activations such as the national response to the Surfside building collapse and important issues facing Florida such as wildfire threats, federal disaster funding, and mental health for emergency management.

The FDACS ESF 17 team leveraged the conference to network with local, state, and federal emergency managers and spread the word about our Florida State Agricultural Response Team's (SART) Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training and the Mental Health for Disaster Responders Online Training.

International Greenhouse Gas & Animal Agriculture Conference

The International Greenhouse Gas & Animal Agriculture Conference is attended by more than 400 delegates from over 40 countries. The conference will feature eight prominent keynote speakers and a series of pre-conference workshops with an attendance limited to approximately 30 delegates per workshop. The meeting aims to present the latest research on the mitigation of greenhouse gases, measurement and modeling, as well as to discuss on-farm practices and policies to address the challenges associated with agricultural practices and their impact on greenhouse gases. The conference will feature highly respected and internationally renowned speakers, who will review the state of the art and present significant new developments in the field. Delegates will have the opportunity to publish their abstracts in the conference proceedings.

For more information: https://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/ggaa
Register at: https://app.certain.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x3279553abcd

Operation Outdoor Freedom

The Florida State Agriculture Response Team (SART) had the pleasure of supporting an Operation Outdoor Freedom, Wounded Warrior Hunt this past February at Econfina Creek Water Management Area. The Agricultural Response Team provides a bunkhouse trailer each year, which provides overnight lodging opportunities for the participants during this 3-day event. Operation Outdoor Freedom is supported by Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Nicole "Nikki" Fried and led by the Florida Forest Service, Operation Outdoor Freedom provides recreational and rehabilitative opportunities to wounded veterans on state forests, agricultural lands and private lands throughout Florida at no cost.

Since its inception in 2009, Operation Outdoor Freedom has hosted more than 500 events and served approximately 4,100 wounded veterans. Over the first week of February, Operation Outdoor Freedom took a team of veterans hunting. The Florida Forest Service provides recreational opportunities to wounded veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military.

For more information and to register for upcoming Operation Outdoor Freedom events, visit: https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Recreation/Operation-Outdoor-Freedom

Picture below: Wounded Warrior Participants and Northwest Florida Water Management District Staff, giving the SART "Bunkhouse Trailer", loaned by the Dept. of Agriculture, A BIG thumbs up after a good night's rest!

Donation Portal for Southwest Florida Tornado Survivors

For individuals impacted by the tornadoes that touched down in Charlotte and Lee counties on January 16, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) launched a donation portal to provide immediate relief for disaster survivors impacted by the tornadoes. The donation portal is available at FloridaDisaster.org/Assistance.

The State of Florida is partnering with the Charlotte Community Foundation to collect and disburse donations for disaster survivors. All donations made through the FloridaDisaster.org/Assistance portal are tax deductible.

At this time, donations will be prioritized for survivors whose homes were assessed as being destroyed or sustaining major damage, per FEMA criteria through previous Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments. The State is coordinating with Charlotte and Lee counties to connect survivors directly with the portal.

Disaster survivors can also request assistance at FloridaDisaster.org/Assistance. This page provides disaster survivors with information on how to register an account through the portal and how to request assistance. If you are a survivor whose home was determined to be destroyed or sustaining major damage, you can call 833-930-3707 to be connected with the donation portal. The donation portal call center is available to survivors seven days a week from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Donations can also be made through the Florida Cattlemen's Association website: Florida Cattlemen's Association (memberclicks.net). To donate, you must create an account. After creating an account, you will be presented with three selection boxes. If you wish to donate to a specific disaster, place the name of the disaster in the text box located under the foundation amount.

Florida Wildfire Season

Wildfires can happen year-round in Florida; however, wildfire season in Florida is from March to June. These months typically see higher temperature and a dryer climate in Florida which is ideal conditions for wildfires especially when you include lightning. Florida is the lighting capital of the United States. The underlying dry conditions along with high temperatures and thunderstorms have a potential to spark wildfires. However, humans are the leading cause of wildfires in Florida. The Florida Forest Service works to provide a level of fire management that reduces threats to life and property, forests, and other related at-risk wildland resources, while promoting natural resource management through the use of prescribed fire.

Prescribed fire is one of the most versatile and cost-effective tools land managers use. Prescribed fire is used to reduce hazardous fuel buildups, thus providing increased protection to people, their homes and the forest. Other uses include disease control in young pines, wildlife habitat improvement, range management, preservation of endangered plant and animal species and the maintenance of fire-dependent ecosystems.

The FDACS webpage, Be Wildfire Ready / Fire Prevention / Wildland Fire / Forest & Wildfire / Home - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (fdacs.gov), has resources to help you prepare in case there is a wildfire. There is information on how to burn yard waste safely, reporting arson, preparing your yard and home for wildfires, and how to prepare an emergency supply kit to name a few of the resources available on the FDACS webpage.

Current Wildfire Information can be viewed at: Florida Wildfire Public Viewer (firesponse.com)

African Swine Fever Update

African Swine Fever (ASF) is a highly contagious and deadly viral disease affecting both domestic and feral swine of all ages. ASF is not a threat to human health and cannot be transmitted from pigs to humans. It is not a food safety issue.

ASF is found in countries around the world, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. More recently, it has spread through the Dominican Republic, China, Mongolia and Vietnam, as well as within parts of the European Union. It has never been found in the United States – and we want to keep it that way.

Why is African Swine Fever a Concern?
ASF is a devastating, deadly disease that would have a significant impact on U.S. livestock producers, their communities and the economy if it were found here. There is no treatment or vaccine available for this disease. The only way to stop this disease is to depopulate all affected or exposed swine herds. USDA is working closely with other federal and state agencies, the swine industry, and producers to take the necessary actions to protect our nation's pigs and keep this disease out. This group is also actively preparing to respond if ASF were ever detected in the U.S.

What Producers and Veterinarians Need to Know
Anyone who works with pigs should be familiar with the signs of ASF:

- High fever
- Decreased appetite and weakness
- Red, blotchy skin or skin lesions
- Diarrhea and vomiting
- Coughing and difficulty breathing

Immediately report animals with any of these signs to state or federal animal health officials or call USDA's toll-free number at **1-866-536-7593** for appropriate testing and investigation. Timeliness is essential to preventing the spread of ASF.

On-farm biosecurity is crucial to preventing any animal disease from developing and spreading. All pig owners and anyone involved with pig operations should know and follow strict biosecurity practices to help protect U.S. pigs from ASF. Work with your veterinarian to assess your biosecurity plans and make improvements as needed.

What Travelers Need to Know
International travelers could unknowingly bring back this disease from an ASF-affected country, especially if they visit farms. Visit the APHIS traveler page to know which items you can bring back into the United States. Some food items may carry disease and threaten domestic agriculture and livestock. If you go to an ASF-affected country, do not bring back pork or pork products.

See *African Swine Fever Update,* next page.

African Swine Fever Update (continued)

Declare any international farm visits to U.S. Customs and Border Protection when you return. Make sure you thoroughly clean and disinfect, or dispose of, any clothing or shoes that you wore around pigs, before returning to the U.S. Do not visit a farm, premises with pigs, livestock market, sale barn, zoo, circus, pet store with pot-bellied pigs, or any other animal facility with pigs for at least 5 days after you return.

Resources

- USDA | APHIS African Swine Fever Disease Information
- Swine Health Information Center
- USDA and CFIA Establish Protocol to Minimize Trade Disruptions in the Event of an ASF Detection in Feral Swine
- Joint Statement from the Chief Veterinary Officers of Canada and the United States
- Secure Pork Supply Plan

New Information Available for African Swine Fever

- USDA Submits Dossier to the World Organisation for Animal Health to Finalize African Swine Fever Protection Zone
- USDA Statement on Confirmation of African Swine Fever in Haiti
- USDA Continuing African Swine Fever Prevention Efforts – Preparing to Establish Foreign Animal Disease Protection Zone to Safeguard Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Entire U.S. Swine Industry
- USDA Announces Requirements for Importing Dogs from Countries Affected with African Swine Fever
- USDA Statement on Confirmation of African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic

International Trade and Zoning

Joint Statement from the Chief Veterinary Officers of Canada and the United States

African Swine Fever Surveillance in the United States

USDA APHIS is furthering its overall ASF preparedness efforts with the implementation of a surveillance plan. To make this program as effective and efficient as possible, USDA will add ASF testing to their existing classical swine fever (CSF) surveillance. The plan, titled *Swine Hemorrhagic Fevers: African and Classical Swine Fever Integrated Surveillance Plan,* is available here.

International African Swine Fever Forum, April 30-May 1, 2019

Joint Statement on the International African Swine Fever Forum

African Swine Fever Assessments

APHIS has developed three new resources related to ASF:

- A qualitative assessment of the likelihood of African swine fever virus entry to the United States.
- A non-animal origin feed ingredient risk evaluation framework.
- A literature review of non-animal origin feed ingredients and the transmission of viral pathogens of swine.

In the News

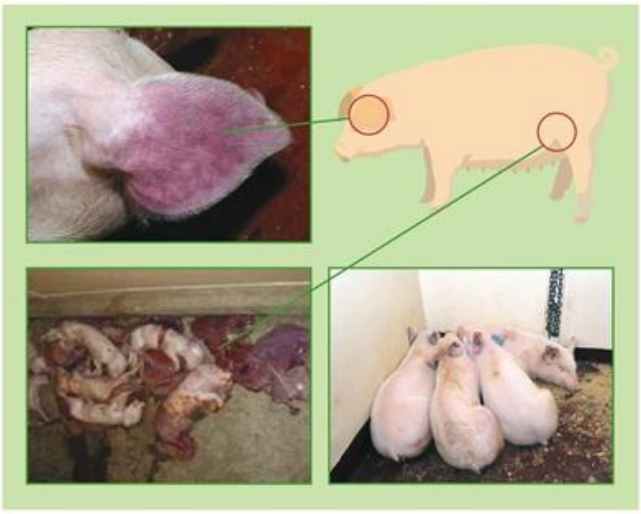
- Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Update (fdacs.gov)
- Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study Briefs

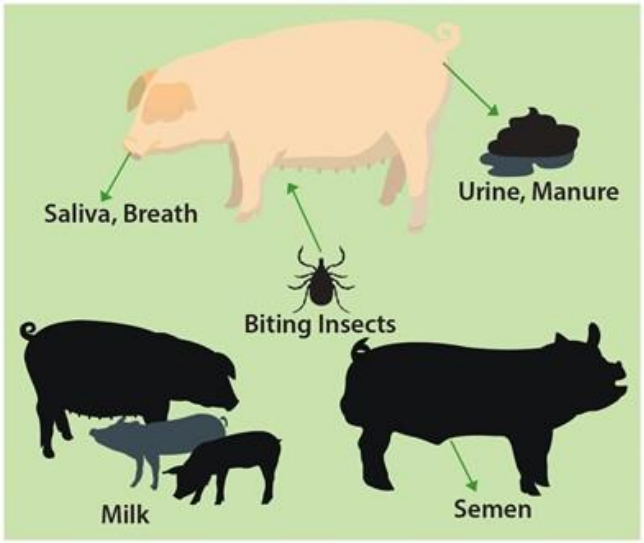
African Swine Fever

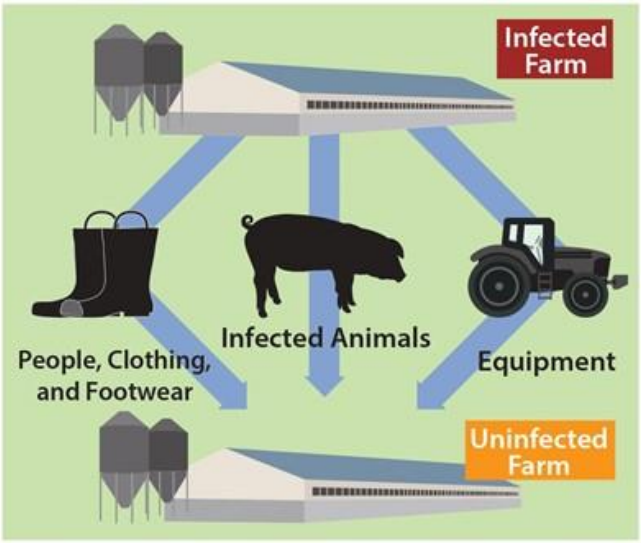
SPS SECURE PORK SUPPLY

What is African swine fever (ASF)?

- Highly contagious virus of pigs (wild and domestic)
- Does NOT affect public health or food safety
  - Meat is safe for people to eat
- Causes fever, skin discoloration, diarrhea, and death
- Other signs may include piling, tiredness, and going off feed
- Sudden deaths or abortions may be the first sign of infection in a herd
- Animals may be infected 3-21 days before showing signs
- Highly contagious
  - Virus is shed in saliva, breath, milk, semen, urine and manure
- Can be spread directly between animals OR spread indirectly on clothing, footwear, vehicles, equipment, and wildlife
- Also spread by ticks, mosquitoes, and biting flies







Where is it?

- African swine fever is found in Africa and countries in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East
- NOT in United States, Canada, Mexico, or Central America

How will African swine fever affect pork producers if it enters the U.S.?

- Movements on and off farms in a regulatory Control Area could be stopped by state and federal officials to try and stop disease spread
- Export markets close and prices drop
- When one animal on the farm becomes infected, the whole herd is likely to become sick

How can the Secure Pork Supply (SPS) Plan help protect your herd?

- It recommends biosecurity standards that pork producers can put in place to help protect their pigs
- It includes steps producers can take to show that their pigs can be moved without spreading disease
- It provides an opportunity for pork producers to keep their business running if their pigs remain uninfected

Photo credit: The USDA APHIS Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and the Department of Homeland Security Visual Information Service at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center and Dr. Alex Ramirez, Iowa State University

www.securepork.org 2016

Florida Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training

Course Overview
The Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training is the first of its kind to be offered in Florida. The training provides guidance to private, local and state entities on how to plan for and operate a pet-friendly shelter to ensure that individuals evacuating from a disaster with their household pets are accommodated. While this training will provide you with basic information and guidance, further training with local or state emergency management programs is essential to fully prepare for pet-friendly sheltering in your community. FDACS developed this training collaboratively with Florida SART. This training is state-certified by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (Course Code FL-017).

Course Objectives
- Understand the benefits of and requirements for opening pet-friendly shelters during emergency evacuations.
- Understand the concept of the Incident Command System (ICS) and how it can be applied to pet-friendly shelter planning and operations.
- Identify strategies and planning considerations for writing a pet-friendly shelter plan for all-hazards.
- Understand the benefits of establishing partnerships and Multiagency Coordination Groups with key agencies and organizations to achieve local resource allocation for pet-friendly shelter preparedness.
- Understand the critical role social media plays in emergency communications, and how to develop an accurate and effective message about available pet-friendly shelters in a disaster.
- Apply best practices when setting up a pet-friendly shelter.

Primary Audience
The target audience includes local and state government agencies, emergency management agencies, county employees, shelter volunteers, veterinary and animal care services, and persons involved with the planning and response for emergency sheltering of individuals and household pets during disasters.

Prerequisites
None.

Course Length
Total course length is approximately 4 hours to complete. You will be given 7 days to complete this training from the date you register. If you do not complete the training within 7 days, then your training registration will restart, and you will be required to complete the training from the beginning again.

Course Requirements
Students must pass the Final Exam to receive the state-certified Certificate of Completion.

For More Information and to Register
Please visit the Florida SART website at: https://flsart.org/petfriendly/index.jsp

UF/IFAS Florida Gardening Calendars

The Gardening Calendar publications on the UF/IFAS Solutions for Your Life website gives Florida gardeners a monthly guide for what to plant and do in their gardens and includes links to useful gardening websites, all based on University of Florida research and expertise. Three different editions of the calendar provide specific tips for each of Florida's climate zones—North, Central, and South.

Vegetables to Plant in March - Gardening Solutions - University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (ufl.edu)

Counties, Is Your Contact Information up to date on the SART Website?

Please review your county emergency contact information at https://flsart.org/resource/countyinformation.jsp.

If you need to make changes to your county contact information, please send a request to Benjamin Motes at Benjamin.Motes@FDACS.gov or LeiAnna Tucker at LeiAnna.Tucker@FDACS.gov.

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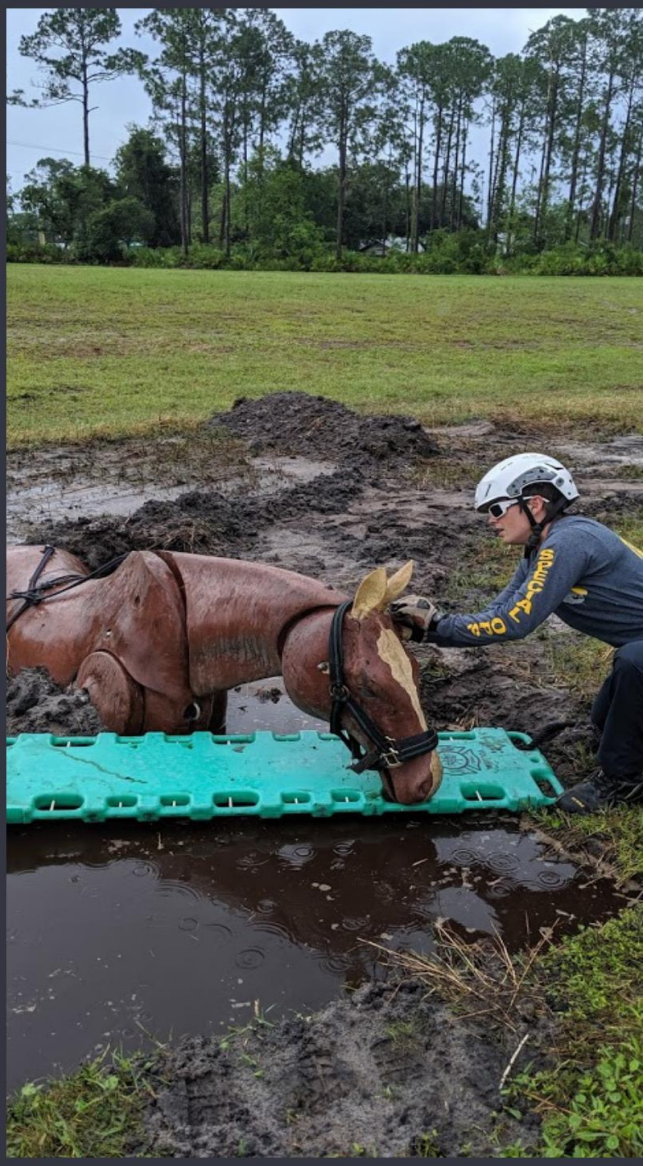
ANIMAL TECHNICAL RESCUE TRAINING



Register for free at
bit.ly/2022ATRTraining

Target Audience:
Fire/Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, Animal Control, Veterinary Professionals, Extension Agents, Livestock Industry Stakeholders

Location:
Florida State Fire College
11655 NW Gainesville Rd
Ocala, FL 34482

Course Fee:
Free, sponsored by Florida SART

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Training Levels

AWR -8 hours (1 day)
OPS - 24 hours (3 days)
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Florida State Fire College

Training Dates

AWR - Feb 22, 2022
AWR - Apr 8, 2022
OPS - Apr 9-11, 2022
OPS - Jun 6-8, 2022

OPEN ENROLLMENT

ANIMAL TECHNICAL RESCUE TRAINING

Register at
https://bit.ly/
ATROPS2022

Target Audience:
Fire/Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, Animal Control, Veterinary Professionals, Extension Agents, Livestock Industry Stakeholders

Location:
Chipola Fire College
3052 Calhoun Rd
Marianna, FL 32446

Course Fee:
$600/person
*Includes free registration for prerequisite AWR Training Online (March 1-28)

UF Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service
College of Veterinary Medicine
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Training Dates

March 29-31, 2022
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
24 Hours CEUs from
Florida State Fire College

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Florida State Animal Response Coalition

Florida State Animal Response Coalition (FLSARC) provides Small Animal Emergency Sheltering training for Florida communities. These courses teach the unique procedures, skills, and knowledge necessary to build and operate a temporary emergency animal shelter in response to natural disasters and large cruelty cases. These courses were created and designed by experts from many organizations including Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART), University of Florida Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service (VETS) Team, and leadership of FLSARC.

Awareness Level	Operations Level
• March 26, 2022 • April 2, 2022 • April 30-May 1, 2022 • May 7, 2022 • June 4, 2022	• March 6 & 13, 2022 • May 14-15, 2022 • May 21-22, 2022 • June 11-12, 2022

To register, visit: https://flsarc.org/training

FACA Annual Conference

Scheduled for March 4-6, 2022, the Florida Animal Control Association (FACA) will be returning to the Florida Hotel and Conference Center for our 2022 Annual Training Conference. This venue is located in Orlando and has proven to be the ideal location for us. This same venue has been hosting our events for the past 3 years, which have all been tremendous successes, so we have no doubt that we will come back stronger than ever in 2022. We will be building upon the success from years prior and once again offering two and a half days of training, with four classroom tracks running simultaneously for most of the event. Our exhibit area will no doubt be action packed with approximately 30 different vendor displays, showcasing various products, programs and services. To register, visit: https://floridaanimalcontrol.org/conference

Animal Technical Rescue Training

The University of Florida Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service has provided a flyer for the Animal Technical Rescue Training which is funded by Florida SART. The training will be conducted at the Florida State Fire College in Ocala. The dates of trainings are as follows:

Awareness Level	Operations Level
• March 1-28, 2022 (online) • April 8, 2022 • September 17, 2022	• March 29-31, 2022 • April 9-11, 2022 • April 23-25, 2022 • June 6-8, 2022

Please visit http://bit.ly/2022ATRTraining for additional information and to register.

SART Monthly Webinar

Scheduled for March 31st, 2:00 - 3:15 PM EST. This webinar is by invation only to SART partner agency contacts. Please contact Benjamin Motes at Benjamin.Motes@FDACS.gov for additional information.

Disasters and Mental Health Online Training

Over the course of four modules, this 2.5-hour training sponsored by Florida SART and carried out by University of Florida Family, Youth, and Community Sciences (FYCS) faculty members Drs. Heidi Radunovich and Angie Lindsey provides focused information on mental health stress and disaster recovery within the agricultural sector. It is geared towards:

- **Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART) members and partners**
- **UF/IFAS Extension faculty and staff**
- **Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services employees**
- **Farmers, ranchers and their families**
- **Agricultural workers**
- **First responders**
- **Organizations providing services within agricultural communities**
- **Any community members who are active during disaster response**

Training can be accessed at https://e-learning.ag/courses/disasters-mental-health/

1 Disaster Stress & Mental Health

45 min. content + 15 min. activity

- The unique impacts disasters have on agriculture
- Stress and the impacts it has on the body
- Disaster stress
- Coping skills to manage stress
- The differences between stress & trauma
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Case study activity

2 Community Recovery After Disasters

30 min. content + 15 min. activity

- The four phases of community response
- Factors impacting individual recovery
- Long-term problems in disaster recovery
- Factors impacting community recovery
- How different types of disasters impact recovery
- Ways in which a community can plan for a successful recovery
- Case study activity

3 Coping & Providing Support After Disasters

30 min. content + 10 min. activity

- Ways to manage stress
- Specific physical and mental coping techniques
- Providing support after disasters
- Best practices in supporting children
- Self care key practices for first responders
- Resources for additional help and referrals
- Knowledge Check Quiz

4 Disaster Stress & Mental Health Resources

15 min. content

- The final module discusses special programs for disaster health & mental health resources, resources for producers and farmworkers, and resources for the general public. It also includes a Mental Health Resource guide which can be downloaded.

Free, self-paced training with certification!

Access training through QR code

UF IFAS UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA | Center for Public Issues Education | FYCS FAMILY, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SCIENCES the science of helping people. together. | FLORIDA EDEN EXTENSION DISASTER EDUCATION NETWORK

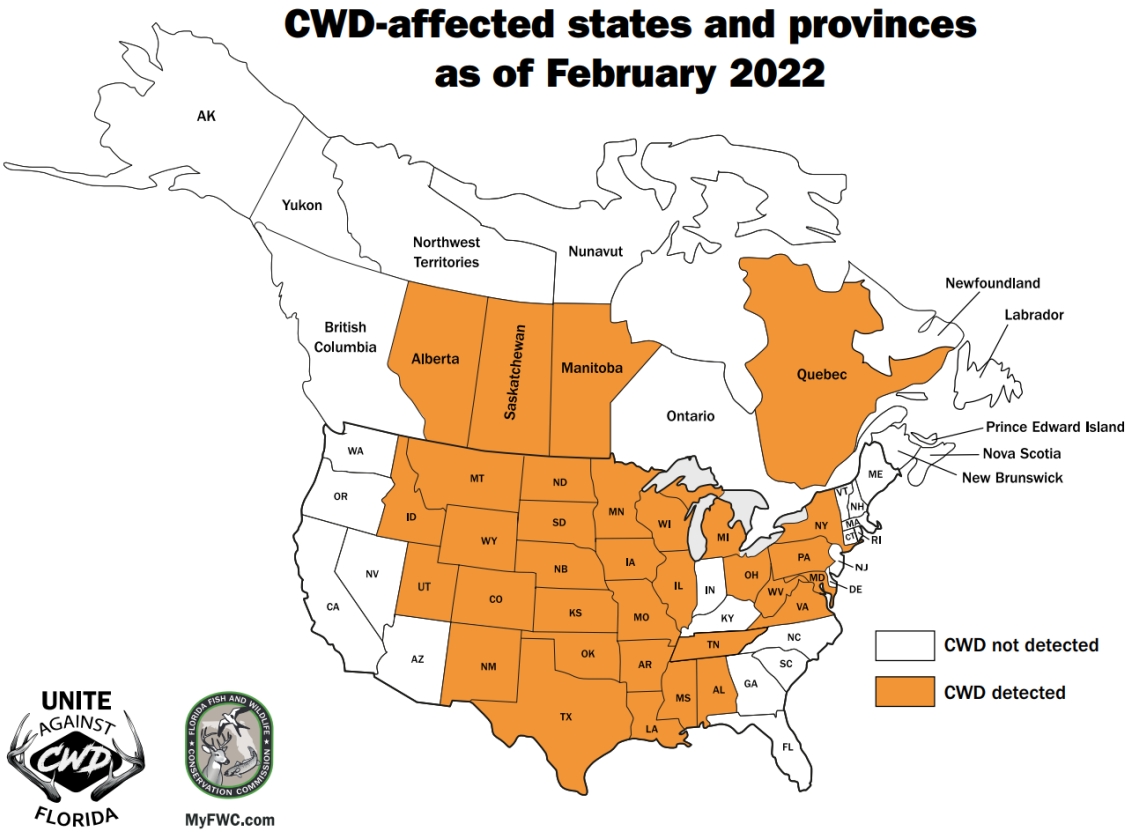
Animal Disease Announcements

View all animal disease announcements posted on the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website: Animal Industry / Divisions & Offices / Home - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (fdacs.gov)

Announcements

- Avian Influenza Update [239 KB]
- African Swine Fever Announcement
- Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Update [548.8 KB]
    - Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Vaccine FAQs [170 KB]
    - RHDV-2 Vaccine Order Instruction Summary [385.5 KB]
    - Rabbit Show Biosecurity Recommendations [474.8 KB]
- EHV-1 Information Update: April 22, 2021 [190.1 KB]
    - USDA Equine Herpesvirus Brochure [3.7 MB]
- Biosecurity Recommendations for Rabbit Clubs, Exhibitions, Fairs and Shows [253.8 KB]
- FAQ Regarding COVID-19 and Animals (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- COVID-19 Animal Testing Sample Collection and Shipment [91.7 KB]
- April 8, 2020: BADDL COVID-19 Operating Services Update [198.1 KB]
- COVID-19 Animal and Pet Resources

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Infographic



Additional information is available at:
Florida Rules Regarding Carcass Importation (myfwc.com)
USDA APHIS | Cervids: Chronic Wasting Disease Specifics

Florida Rules Regarding Carcass Importation

Hunting Outside of Florida?

Be aware of rules that prohibit importing or possessing whole carcasses or high-risk parts of deer, elk, moose, caribou and all other species of the deer family originating from any place outside of Florida.

Under the new rules, people may import into Florida:

NOTE: The only exception to this rule is deer harvested from a property in Georgia or Alabama that is bisected by the state line AND under the same ownership can be imported into Florida.

These rules continue the FWC's work to protect Florida's deer populations by reducing the risk of chronic wasting disease (CWD) spreading into the state. CWD has not been detected in Florida. Learn more at ***MyFWC.com/CWD***

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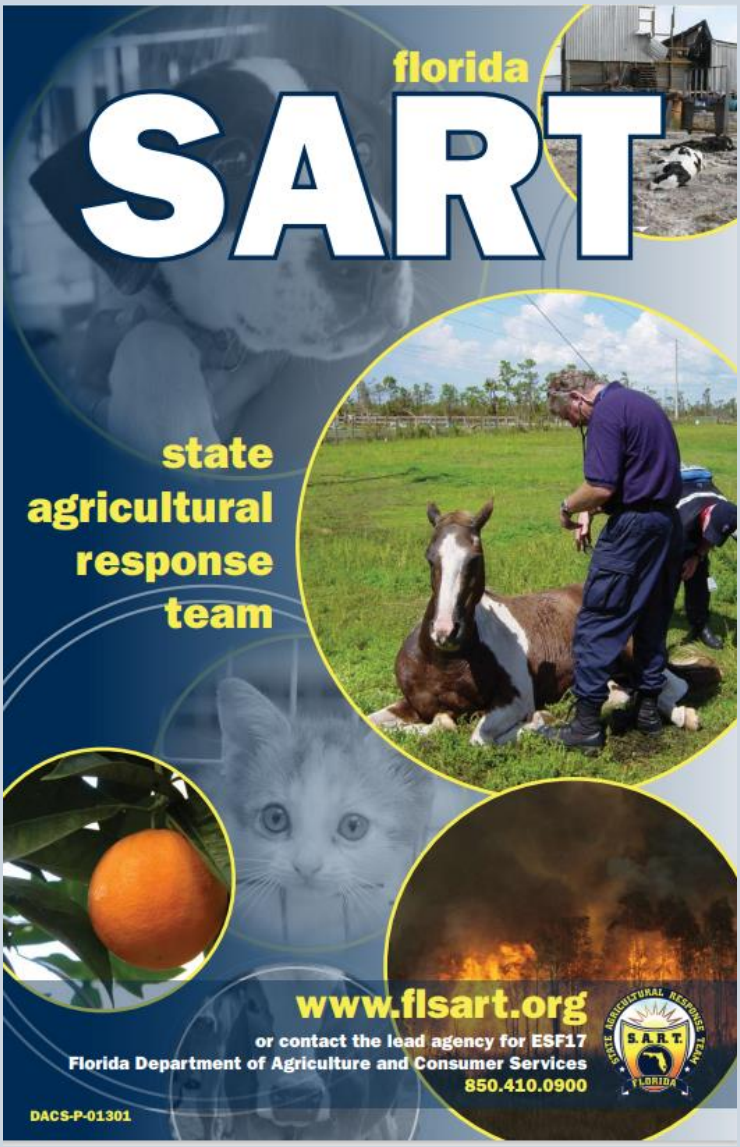
SART Resources

The Florida State Agriculture Response Team (SART) website has many resources available to help prepare our state's animal and agricultural sectors for disaster. The resources provided on the SART website include pet sheltering, large animal response, vector control, animal carcass disposal, foreign animal disease, and food safety information. The SART website hosts a wealth of information available to the public. Other resources available on the SART website include the county contacts for key emergency management professionals in each county in Florida, a list of animal and agriculture disaster specialists, and a list of emergency response equipment that is made available through proper request during a disaster.

Also, on the SART website is our Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training. The Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training is the first of its kind to be offered in Florida. The training provides guidance to private, local and state entities on how to plan for and operate a pet-friendly shelter to ensure that individuals evacuating from a disaster with their household pets are accommodated. While this training will provide you with basic information and guidance, further training with local or state emergency management programs is essential to fully prepare for pet-friendly sheltering in your community. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services developed this training collaboratively with the SART. This training is state-certified by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (Course Code FL-017).

To access this Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training visit: https://flsart.org/petfriendly/index.jsp



SART Resources and Links

Defend the Flock - Biosecurity 101:
USDA APHIS | Defend the Flock - Biosecurity 101

Biosecurity Checklist Brochure:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/fsc-all-npip-collateral-english.pdf

Large Animal Emergency Training from The University of Florida Emergency Treatment Services:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIeLye_xBkA&t=4s

FEMA National Resources Hub:
National Resource Hub - Preparedness Toolkit
FEMA Resources on YouTube

Florida: Get a Plan! https://apps.floridadisaster.org/getaplan

Pet-Friendly Sheltering:
Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training (govtech.com)

Veterinary Services Training and Exercise Program (VSTEP):
USDA APHIS | Veterinary Services Training and Exercise Program

USDA APHIS Defend the Flock Program:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program

Chronic Wasting Disease:
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) | FWC (myfwc.com)
Fight CWD | FWC (myfwc.com)

At-Home COVID Tests:
COVIDtests.gov - Free at-home COVID-19 tests

Please log in and update your membership information online at:

www.FLSART.org

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