

USDA: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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I. Background Information:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is a relatively new Agency, established in 1972, and consolidating USDA's earlier animal and plant health bureaus. Its mission is to protect America's animal and plant resources from agricultural pests and diseases. This includes protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health; regulating genetically engineered organisms; administering the Animal Welfare Act (AWA); carrying out wildlife damage and disease management activities; and protecting public health and safety and natural resources from invasive pests and pathogens.

APHIS develops and advances science-based standards with trading partners to ensure America's agricultural exports, worth more than \$50 billion annually, are protected from unjustified restrictions. In the event that a pest or disease of concern is detected, APHIS implements emergency protocols and partners with affected States to quickly manage or eradicate the outbreak.

APHIS' Animal Care program enforces the AWA and the Horse Protection Act. The AWA covers warm blooded animals used in research, bred for commercial sale, exhibited to the public, or commercially transported, and requires minimum standards of animal care to be established and enforced.

II. Data, Documents, and Other Information: Storage and Importance

1. **[Animal Welfare Act - Inspection and Annual Reports](#)**

A detailed PDF report for FY2017 is found here:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20170325190741/http://www.obpa.usda.gov/20aphis2017notes.pdf>

- **Blog:** <http://blogs.usda.gov/tag/aphis/>
 - The live blog is already gone as of 3/25/17. However, an archive is available through the USDA blog (archive <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/archive/tag/aphis> and recent stuff in <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog>)
- **Animal Health:** <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth>
 - Org chart: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/program-overview/sa_about_vs/ct_vs_organizational_structure

- Contact list:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/nies_contacts/directory.pdf
- **Animal Welfare:** Welfare information was pulled from the website in early 2017 (<https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/170401e.aspx> AND [HERE](#)). This action was in process prior to the Trump administration. Select reports are still found here:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/SA_Obtain_Research_Facility_Annual_Report
 - Contact us:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/banner/contactus/sa_animal_welfare (Useful to grab in case offices are closed.)
- **Biotechnology Regulatory Services:**
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology>
 - Contact page (in case of org chart change, office closure, etc.):
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/banner/contactus/sa_biotechnology
 - Environmental Documents (as environmental impact may be a bad word sometime soon):
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/SA_Environmental_Documents
 - Permits with Environmental Assessments (has identifying information):
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/biotech_ea_permits.html
 - Release Permits for Pharmaceuticals, Industrials, Value Added Proteins for Human Consumption, or for Phytoremediation (again, identifying information that may be removed):
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/reports/pharma-table>
 - BRS Archived News and Information (seems to be something that could be “lost” if the website is migrated/redone)
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/brs-news-and-information/ct_archived_news
- **Marketing and Regulatory Programs Business Services:**
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/business-services>
 - Org chart: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/mrpbs/downloads/org_chart.pdf
 - Phone list: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/mrpbs/contact_us/downloads/phonelst.pdf
 - Leadership and additional employee listings:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/business-services/Contact_Us
 - Acquisition & Asset Management Division personnel:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/mrpbs/contact_us/downloads/asdphonelst.pdf
 - Financial Management Division personnel:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/business-services/financial-management-division>
- **Office of Civil Rights, Diversity and Inclusion:**
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights>

- Photo gallery:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/SA_Civil_Rights_Photo_Gallery
- Program overview:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/sa_program_overview/ct_program_overview
- AgDiscovery Program (This doesn't look like crucial information, but it does seem like ephemeral information):
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct_agdiscovery_program
- How to file a complaint, English version:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/SA_Program_Overview/ocr/crb/File+EEO
- How to file a complaint, Spanish version of page:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/sa_program_overview/ocr/crb/ct_spanish_poster
- Student Programs (information appears pulled from other sites, but still this is a nice summary of student programs):
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/sa_student_programs/ct_student_programs
- Staff directory:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/sa_contact_us/ct_ocrdi_contact_us
- Reports OCRDI Strategic Plan, Management Directive, Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program, Limited English Proficiency Federally Assisted Programs Strategy (Older information that has the potential to be "lost" with a website update or migration):
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/Reports>
- **Emergency Response:**<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/emergencyresponse>
 - This is still in progress
- **Imports & Exports**
 - Valuable list of Plant Protection and Quarantine Manuals:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/complete-list-of-electronic-manuals/ct_online_manuals
 - Valuable: list of state regulations on export/import:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport>
- **International Services**
 - Potentially at risk: information on Sterile Fly Release Programs:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/internationalservices/Sterile_Fly_Release_Programs
 - Potentially at risk: List of international offices with all staff:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/internationalservices/Offices>
- **Plant Health**

- <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth>
- **Science:** <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/science>
 - <Enormous amount of stuff, haven't gone through all this yet>
- **Tribal Relations:** <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/tribalrelations>
 - State representative directory (names, numbers, emails)
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/civil_rights/downloads/ANAWG-Directory.pdf
 - Tribal liaisons (names, phones, emails):
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/tribalrelations/sa_tribal_contact_us
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- **Wildlife Services (Wildlife Damage):**
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage>
 - Organization chart:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa_program_overview/ct_ws_organization
 - Management team and phone list:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa_program_overview/ct_contact_us
 - Protecting natural resources:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa_protected_resources/sa_natural_resources/ct_protect_nr
 - Publications: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/publications>
 - Funding:
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa_reports/sa_pdrs/sa_2013/ct_pdr_a

III. Link Summary

Full Sitemap: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/banner/help/sitemap/ct_sitemap

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- Topics of Interest (some overlap with categories above)
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- [USDA Newsroom](#)
 - [Videos](#)
- Blog no longer available at
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/publications> current URL above in
section II.