

Subject: **Locations of the NVS**

Q. Do you plan to locate part of the National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS) in my state to protect our large animal populations?

A. The National Veterinary Stockpile is the nation's repository of supplies, vaccines, equipment, and other critical veterinary resources. Our mission is to deploy critical veterinary resources anywhere in the continental U.S. within 24 hours. We achieve that goal with the funding we have by placing our assets in secure locations around the country near major transportation hubs from which we can arrive within 24 hours of the federal order to deploy.

Q: I don't know much about the NVS. What does it do? What are its responsibilities?

A: The National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS) is the nation's repository of supplies, vaccines, equipment, and other critical veterinary resources. Established by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9 and operational in 2006, we are able to deploy large quantities of veterinary resources anywhere in the continental U.S. within 24 hours.

We exist because of the nation's concern after 9/11 that terrorists could release animal diseases of catastrophic proportions that would

- deplete State and local response inventories,
- generate surge material requirements that would overwhelm traditional commercial sources, and
- prevent unaffected States from providing significant help for fear of the threat crossing their borders.

Q: If I have more questions, how do I get answers?

A: Email us at nvs@aphis.usda.gov. We will respond quickly.