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INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH QUARTERLY MEETING

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) will hold its quarterly meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at the Board of Animal Health office on the Indiana State Fairgrounds at Discovery Hall, Suite 100, 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Electronic participation is available; see below for log-in details.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
2. Recognition of BOAH Employees for Years of Service
3. Approval of minutes of the previous quarterly meeting: April 14, 2026
4. Technical Services
 - a. Public Information report - Denise Derrer Spears
 - b. Chief of Staff report - Gary Haynes
5. Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) Report
 - a. ADDL FY2028 – 2029 biennial budget request – review for approval
 - i. Operating request
 - ii. Capital request
6. Animal Programs Division Report - Kelli Werling, DVM
7. Avian Division Report - Maria Cooper, DVM
8. Meat and Poultry Division Report – Kerri Suhr, DVM
9. Dairy Inspection Division Report – Matt Hauschild
10. State Veterinarian’s Report - Kyle Shipman, DVM, Indiana State Veterinarian
11. Other Business:
 - a. Establish date for the October 2026 meeting (proposed October 6).

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Indiana State Board of Animal Health members:

- All members are appointed by the Governor.
- Members serve until a successor is appointed after the end of their term.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position on the Board</u>	<u>Term</u>
Ty Harweger	Poultry	4/1/2026 – 3/31/2029
Larry Hopkins	Sheep	4/1/2026 – 3/31/2029
Ashley Armstrong, DVM	General veterinary practice	4/1/2026 – 3/31/2029
Abbie Hafner, DVM	Equine	4/1/2026 – 3/31/2030
Brad Fisher	Licensed entity	4/1/2026 – 3/31/2030
Virgil Bremer, Ph.D.	Beef	3/31/2023 – 3/31/2027
Dimple Hall, DVM	Small animal veterinary practice	3/31/2023 – 3/31/2027
Angela Hartwell, DVM	General veterinary practice	4/15/2026 – 3/31/2027
Keith Beer	Dairy	3/31/2024 – 3/31/2028
Dave Hardin	Swine	3/31/2024 – 3/31/2028
Darryl Ragland, DVM	Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine	3/31/2024 – 3/31/2028

Indiana State Board of Animal Health
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026

Quarterly Meeting

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. The meeting was held at the Board of Animal Health office at Discovery Hall, Suite 100, 1202 E 38th Street, Indianapolis. Board members participated by attending in-person and electronically via Microsoft Teams video and audio conference. The meeting was available to the public online via the Microsoft Teams video and audio conference.

Vice Chairperson David Hardin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and conducted a roll call of board members.

<u>Members Participating:</u>	<u>Participation Method:</u>
Ty Harweger	In-person
Larry Hopkins	In-person
Ashley Armstrong, DVM	Electronic
Abbie Hafner, DVM	Electronic
Brad Fisher	In-person
Virgil Bremer, Ph.D.	Electronic
Dimple Hall, DVM	In-person
Dave Hardin	In-person
Darryl Ragland, DVM	In-person

Members Absent: Keith Beer

Vacant Positions: General veterinary practice

BOAH Staff Participating:

Kyle Shipman, DVM, State Veterinarian
Gary Haynes, Chief of Staff
Kelli Werling, DVM, Director, Animal Programs Division
Maria Cooper, DVM, Director, Avian Division
Mike Kopp, DVM, Poultry Health Veterinarian
Kerri Suhr, DVM, Director, Meat and Poultry Division
Amy Pettijohn, Chief Milk Production, Dairy Division
Denise Derrer Spears, Public Information Director

9:30 a.m. Vice Chairperson David Hardin proceeded with the posted agenda. (Exhibit 1)

Recognition of BOAH employees for their years of service:

State Veterinarian Dr. Kyle Shipman recognized the following BOAH employees for their years of service:

Jared Hagenow	5 years
Renea Swiatkowski, DVM	5 years
James Wolff	10 years
Dustin Ellison	20 years
Amy Pettijohn	30 years

Dr. Kyle Shipman welcomed the new board members and presented a Board of Animal Health agency overview, detailing the Board’s structure, mission areas, and approach to operations.

First Order of Business - Approval of Minutes

David Hardin asked the Board to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting. Dr. Darryl Ragland made a motion – MOTION – “I move to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting.” Dr. Dimple Hall seconded the motion. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 9-0. (Exhibit 2)

Second Order of Business–Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) report (Exhibit 3)

Kenitra Hendrix, DVM, PhD, DACVM, Director of the Purdue ADDL, presented an update on ADDL activity, including financial updates, recruiting and retention efforts, status of a laboratory information system replacement project, capital projects and development of a facilities plan.

Kenitra Hendrix, DVM, PhD, DACVM, Director of the Purdue ADDL, presented proposed changes to the ADDL fee schedule. (Exhibit 3)

Dr. Darryl Ragland made a motion – MOTION – “I move to approve the ADDL fee changes as presented.” Dr. Dimple Hall seconded the motion. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 9-0.

Third Order of Business – Agency Reports – Technical Services

- a. Public Information Report (Exhibit 4)
Denise Derrer Spears discussed public information activity and projects including a veterinary practice finder tool online to help link veterinary service providers with animal owners.

- b. Chief of Staff Report. (Exhibit 5)
Gary Haynes provided updates on agency personnel, budget, and policy initiatives. Mr. Haynes updated the Board on bills passed in the recently concluded session of the Indiana General Assembly and signed by Governor Braun.

Fourth Order of Business – Animal Programs Division Report (Exhibit 6)

Dr. Werling introduced Erika Stevens, student extern, Ohio State University who updated the Board on her experience while serving at BOAH.

Dr. Kelli Werling updated the Board on activity in the Animal Programs Division.

Dr. Shelly Chavis reported on cervid health programs, including the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in the United States and Canada, CWD detections in Indiana wild deer, and the first detection in a farmed deer in Indiana.

Fifth Order of Business – Avian Division Report (Exhibit 10)

Dr. Maria Cooper reported on BOAH and industry response to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in commercial poultry in Indiana.

12:10 p.m. Vice Chairperson David Hardin recessed the meeting for a break.

12:40 p.m. Vice Chairperson David Hardin reconvened the meeting.

Dr. Armstrong left the meeting.

Sixth Order of Business – Meat and Poultry Division (Exhibit 7)

Dr. Kerri Suhr reported on Meat and Poultry Inspection program activities.

Seventh Order of Business - Dairy Division (Exhibit 8)

Amy Pettijohn reported on Dairy Division activities.

Eighth Order of Business – State Veterinarian’s Report (Exhibit 9)

Dr. Kyle Shipman updated the Board on agency activities and events, including highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) surveillance in dairy cattle and Indiana’s participation in the National Milk Testing Strategy. Dr. Shipman reported on New World Screwworm findings in Mexico that are advancing towards the United States, mitigation measures underway in Mexico and the United States, and BOAH planning for response activities should there be any detections in the United States.

Ninth Order of Business – Other Business

(a) Election of Officers

- i. Chairperson
Virgil Bremer nominated David Hardin to serve as chairperson of the Board. There were no other nominations.

Virgin Bremer moved to close the nominations. Dr. Dimple Hall seconded the motion. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 8 – 0.

The Board voted to approve the nomination of David Hardin to serve as Chairperson. by a roll call VOTE of 7-0. David Hardin abstained from voting.

ii. Vice-Chairperson

Virgil Bremer nominated Ty Harweger to serve as vice-chairperson of the Board. There were no other nominations.

Virgin Bremer moved to close the nominations. Dr. Dimple Hall seconded the motion. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 8 – 0.

The Board voted to approve the nomination of Ty Harweger to serve as vice-chairperson. by a roll call VOTE of 7-0. Ty Harweger abstained from voting.

iii. Hearing Officer

Dr. Darryl Ragland nominated himself to serve as hearing officer for the Board. There were no other nominations.

Dr. Ragland moved to close the nominations. Larry Hopkins seconded the motion. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 8 – 0.

The Board voted to approve the nomination of Dr. Darryl Ragland to serve as hearing officer. by a roll call VOTE of 8-0.

b. Date of Next Meeting

The Board set the date for the next regular meeting to be July 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Chairperson David Hardin adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

David Hardin, Chairperson

Kyle Shipman, D.V.M.
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Media/Public Information Office Report

29 June 2026 for 14 July 2026 Board Meeting

Denise Derrer Spears, Public Information Director

Public Information:

- Hosted 49 Junior High students at BOAH's session during Boiler Vet Camp. The session, held at the Indianapolis Zoo, highlighted BOAH's four main mission areas, along with biosecurity in five interactive stations.
- Migrated the BOAH, Rabies, Center for Animal Policy and VetBoard websites to new content management software, which includes many updates and verification of active web links.
- Hosted a table at this year's Farm to Capital with Indiana Family of Farmers to coincide with the kickoff to the State House Market. We focused on food safety and backyard poultry health.
- Joined quarterly conference call of Communication Officers of State Departments of Ag (COSDA).
- Continued to represent BOAH at regular meetings with agency updates to the Indiana Family of Farmers group, as well as the Indiana Environmental Health Association.
- Prepared content for partner newsletters, including: IVMA, ICAW, IBCA, IDP.
- Reported weekly constituent contacts with the agency to the Governor's office.

Animal Health & Care:

- Participated in national communicators' calls, hosted by USDA, about New World screwworm.
- Built and posted a New World screwworm reporting form for citizens to provide information to BOAH.
- Issued and posted HPAI updates to support the response effort.
- Jared continues to record and edit content for the Indiana Animal Care Resource Center, which has more than 150 users registered.

Disaster Preparedness:

- Participated in the Fountain County Ag Day program for elementary kids with a biosecurity-themed booth and activity.
- Worked with BOAH team to plan and prepare for an Animal Issues in Disaster workshop in Putnam County in July.
- Attended Indiana State Fair public safety meetings, including briefing on impact of New World screwworm on exhibitions in Indiana.

Food Safety:

- Worked with MPI to write content to clarify confusion associated with the sale of meat products under the Farm and Homestead Vendor law (HEA 1424).
- Worked with Dairy Division and Compliance to write a guidance document for local health departments investigating raw milk sales.

Upcoming Events:

- Indiana Animal Welfare Conference, Sept. 18-19.
- Indiana Sheep Association workshop, W. Lafayette, July 26.
- Indiana Sheep Association workshop, Southern IN Purdue Ag Center, Sept. 13.
- Indiana Sheep Association workshop, Pinney Purdue Ag Center, Nov. 22.

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Chief of Staff and General Counsel
Report to the Board of Animal Health
Gary L. Haynes
July 14, 2026

Quarterly Highlights

• **Personnel:**

- Patrick Hash left BOAH to join American Dairy Association Indiana, Inc. BOAH promoted **Matt Hauschild** to fill the **Dairy Division Director** role. Matt brings more than 36 years' experience in dairy processing, regulatory oversight, and plant operations management. His career includes nearly a decade as Chief Milk Plant Supervisor at BOAH. Prior to his regulatory service, Matt served in senior leadership roles in dairy processing, including nearly two decades with Prairie Farms Dairy as Special Products Manager and earlier leadership roles in plant production management. Matt holds a Bachelor of Science in Food Science from Purdue University.
- **Justine Chaille, DVM** joined BOAH to fill the **District 8 Veterinarian** role (South Central). Dr. Chaille has a master's degree in animal science from Oregon State University and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue University. Dr. Chaille has more than 9 years' experience in laboratory animal and small animal private practice.
- **Dana Brooks** joined BOAH to fill the role of **Assistant Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine**. Dana has more than 8 years' experience managing professional licensing functions at the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.
- **New Hires:** Dairy Plant Specialist, Meat Inspector (2), Animal Health Specialist.
- **Currently Recruiting:** Licensing Program Director; Dairy Rating Officer; Veterinarian – Director of Emergency Programs.

Personnel Turnover:

Meat and Poultry - First 6 months of 2026, 7 of 43 inspectors, 16% of meat inspector positions.
Dairy: Last 18 months - 5 of 15 Dairy Division staff, 34% of the Dairy Division (no retirements).
Animal Programs: Last 7 months - 2 district veterinarians, 2 animal health specialists, 1 program director.

Actions to Address Turnover:

- Above minimum salary hiring - education and experience.
- Career Ladder Project: create senior inspector level positions that will offer promotion opportunities without leaving inspector role. Meat Inspector, Dairy Inspector, Animal Health Specialist.
- Dairy Division Restructuring: Promoted two mid-career team members to retain and establish leadership team for the new director.
- Meat and Poultry Division: Utilize "working lead" designation recognizing performance and role in training new inspectors.
- Spot Bonus program: Acknowledge extraordinary efforts in highly pathogenic avian influenza response.

- **Budget**

- USDA increased BOAH's award for highly pathogenic avian influenza response activities. The total award now exceeds \$1,200,000.
- Submitted requests to USDA:
 - Additional funds to cover federal share of meat and poultry inspection cooperative program expenses.
 - Chronic wasting disease genomic predictions cooperative agreement renewal.
- **FY28 -FY29 Biennial Budget** preparation (July 1, 2027 to June 20, 2029).
 - Agency requests submitted to State Budget Agency by August 14, 2026.
 - Agency vehicle needs assessment submitted.
 - Workforce analysis submitted.
 - Base = FY 2026 appropriation (without reserve)
 - Change package requests
 - Current services: Operating expenses increase. Current personnel - career ladder promotions.
 - New services: Additional positions. Legislative proposal.
 - Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory requests (operating and capital).

- **Policy:**

- **July 1, 2026 new laws**
 - HEA 1424 Home based vendors – No change in meat inspection laws. Participated in Indiana Department of Health programs to update local health departments and Indiana Farm Bureau efforts to update vendors.
 - HEA 1165 Animal abuse and neglect – Update BOAH staff and Animal Investigations Academy training modules.
- **2027 General Assembly** – agency proposed bill discussions underway.
- Annual **rule readoption** process initiated. Readoption review and analysis completed and submitted. On track for October 2026 readoption.
- **Proposed rule** development, including rule reduction projects: cervidae chronic wasting disease rule updates, swine brucellosis and pseudorabies rules update. On track for first public hearing October 2026.
Board of Veterinary Medicine rule update projects continue.

- **Technology**

- Continued work with the Indiana Office of Technology and a vendor to implement BOAH's new animal health database, AgEnterprise. Expect implementation to be completed in the third quarter of 2026.
- Continued exploring capabilities of artificial intelligence enabled tools, potential applications, State of Indiana policies and rules.

- **Ethics Officer**

- Ethics training refresher for Board members coming Fall 2026.

State Appropriations	Appropriation FY 2023-2024	Appropriation FY 2024-2025	Final Version FY 2026 (Base)	Final Version FY 2027	Minus 5% reserve	Change
Animal Health						
Total Animal Health	\$6,838,582	\$6,888,952	\$6,888,952	\$6,888,952	\$6,544,504	-\$344,448
Meat & Poultry Inspection						
Total	\$2,463,215	\$2,485,974	\$2,485,974	\$2,485,974	\$2,485,974	\$0
Total Agency	\$9,301,797	\$9,374,926	\$9,374,926	\$9,374,926	\$9,030,478	-\$344,448
Indemnity Fund	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$40,375	

Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory	FY 2025	FY 2026 (Base)	FY 2027	Minus 5% Reserve	
Operating	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,750,000	-250,000
Repair and Rehabilitation		\$375,000	\$375,000		
Capital Projects		\$686,677			

Report for the Board of Animal Health Quarterly Meeting – July 2026

- Budget Summary (FY 2026 year to date (end of May) compared to FY2025)
 - Sales and Services: Up 120% from last year (\$876,395)
 - Salary, Wage and Fringe: Up 5% (\$237,206)

- Updates:
 - HPAI testing update
 - Reed Lab Facility Upgrades
 - Phase 1 (incinerator replacement): completed October 2025
 - Phase 2 (walk-in cooler replacement): began November 2025; expected completion date is late summer 2026
 - Hanover Research: July 2025 through June 2026
 - 3 projects: market analysis, competitor benchmarking, estimated ROI
 - LIMS Replacement: CoreOne for Labs (TraceFirst) implementation began June 2026

- Positions:
 - Faculty Molecular Genomics Section Head Position – Dr. Nelly Elshafie, July 1st
 - Faculty Molecular Diagnostics Section Head Position – Dr. Rahul Nelli, August 3rd
 - Faculty Poultry Diagnostician – Dr. Nasim Sohail, November 30th
 - Faculty Pathologist (X2) – search in progress
 - Laboratory Technician, Histology – search in progress
 - Laboratory Technician, Parasitology – search in progress
 - Laboratory Technician, Immunodiagnostics – search in progress

Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory

FY2028-FY2029 State Budget Request

*Protecting Indiana Animal Agriculture Through Diagnostic Readiness,
Outbreak Response, and Modern Laboratory Capacity*

Executive Summary

The Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) is critical animal health infrastructure for the State of Indiana. As Indiana’s primary in-state animal diagnostic laboratory, the ADDL supports livestock, poultry, wildlife, companion animal, regulatory, food safety, and public health partners through routine diagnostic testing and emergency disease response.

The ADDL underwent an external review in 2022 to identify strengths and areas of improvement in all aspects of the organization, including staffing, funding, service to clients, and facilities. This review was followed by the development of a strategic plan in 2023, which identified seven strategic priorities, including investing in state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. To explore solutions to facility deficiencies, a facilities study was initiated in 2024. In 2025, a research and analytics firm was engaged to identify market opportunities and economic impact of the ADDL. Altogether, the conclusion of these efforts is that while the ADDL is currently providing excellent service and economic support to Indiana, a sustainable future for the laboratory requires investment in facilities, people, and equipment.

The ongoing highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak has demonstrated the essential role of the ADDL in protecting Indiana’s animal agriculture economy. Since January 2025, the ADDL has performed more than 76,000 PCR tests related to HPAI outbreak response activities. By comparison, the ADDL typically performs just over 5,000 routine avian influenza tests per year based on a five-year average.

This testing has directly supported disease-control decisions, animal movement, producer confidence, and business continuity for Indiana’s \$2.5 billion poultry industry (U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Indiana Field Office, 2024). The HPAI response also demonstrates why sustained investment is needed in outbreak-response staffing, molecular automation, sequencing capacity, equipment modernization, and preventive maintenance.

The ADDL is requesting FY2028-FY2029 state support to sustain and modernize Indiana’s animal disease diagnostic capacity through two primary investments:

1. Workforce capacity, retention, and outbreak readiness
2. Equipment modernization and preventive maintenance

The requested investment will allow the ADDL to maintain routine diagnostic services while also supporting prolonged outbreak response, emerging disease surveillance, and rapid testing capacity for Indiana’s animal agriculture industries.

FY2028-FY2029 Funding Request

Request Area	FY2028 Request	FY2029 Request	Purpose
Recurring operating base	\$6,015,000	\$6,015,000	Sustains the current \$5M base and adds \$1.015M for workforce capacity, DNA sequencing and bioinformatics expertise, and staff reclassification
Preventive maintenance	\$375,000	\$375,000	Supports service agreements and maintenance of critical diagnostic equipment required for accreditation and continuity
One-time equipment request	\$515,000	—	Supports MALDI-TOF MS, molecular automation, and next-generation sequencing workflow equipment
Total request	\$6,905,000	\$6,390,000	Sustains and modernizes Indiana’s animal disease diagnostic infrastructure

Why This Investment Matters Now

The ADDL serves as an insurance policy for the State of Indiana. During routine periods, the laboratory provides essential diagnostic services for animal owners, veterinarians, producers, researchers, industry partners, and state and federal agencies. During disease emergencies, the ADDL becomes a frontline response asset for Indiana.

The current HPAI outbreak has shown that Indiana's diagnostic needs can rapidly expand beyond routine capacity and remain elevated for extended periods. The ADDL has successfully responded to this demand; however, the current model depends heavily on overtime, temporary support, redistribution of staff from routine sections, and sustained pressure on highly trained personnel. This approach is not sustainable for long-duration events and creates risk to turnaround time, workforce retention, routine diagnostic capacity, and emergency readiness.

Continued state investment will allow the ADDL to build a more sustainable model for high-volume testing while preserving essential day-to-day diagnostic services.

The ADDL's Impact on Indiana

The ADDL opened in 1912 and was later established under state law as critical infrastructure for Indiana. Today, the ADDL operates two laboratory facilities: the Reed laboratory in West Lafayette and the Heeke laboratory in Dubois County. Together, these laboratories support animal health and food safety across the state.

The ADDL is a member of the USDA National Animal Health Laboratory Network, the FDA Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network, and the Food Emergency Response Network. These national affiliations position the ADDL to support Indiana and federal partners during high-consequence disease events, food safety investigations, and emerging animal health threats.

Historically, the ADDL has supported Indiana through major animal disease challenges including hog cholera, brucellosis, pseudorabies, highly pathogenic avian influenza, porcine enteric coronaviruses, chronic wasting disease, rabbit hemorrhagic disease, and emerging vector-borne threats such as Asian longhorned tick. The laboratory is also prepared and certified to test for pathogens of national concern, including African swine fever and foot-and-mouth disease, should the need arise.

Applying published economic-impact methodology to ADDL operations, a 2025 analysis estimated that the State's \$5 million investment in ADDL translates to \$39,750,000 in additional tax revenues in a normal year and up to \$155,187,500 in years with animal health emergencies. This return reflects ADDL's role in protecting animal agriculture, supporting business continuity, and preserving market confidence during disease events.

Recent Accomplishments and Demonstrated Need

As the ADDL continues to provide routine diagnostic services and respond to high-consequence disease outbreaks and regulatory disease concerns, the following accomplishments demonstrate the laboratory's value to Indiana:

- From January 2025 through May 2026, the ADDL performed more than 76,000 PCR tests for highly pathogenic avian influenza directly related to the ongoing outbreak response effort. This testing was performed in addition to routine diagnostic workload and far exceeds the ADDL's five-year average of just over 5,000 routine avian influenza tests per year. The outbreak response therefore represents more than 15 years of routine AI testing volume compressed into approximately 17 months.
- Three new state-funded positions have enhanced the ADDL's capabilities: data specialist, client service veterinarian, and safety specialist.
- State-funded enhancements to the Reed laboratory's necropsy suite have supported continued modernization, including installation of a new incinerator and progress toward cooler replacement.
- A new state-funded laboratory information management system has been selected, and implementation has commenced.
- A reclassification of laboratory supervisor titles and pay was implemented in April 2024 to better align ADDL supervisors with peers across the university and at state laboratories across the nation.

- In FY2025 and FY2026, more than \$1.1 million, including \$567,000 in grant funding, supported the purchase of laboratory equipment to replace aging and failing equipment and bring new technologies to the ADDL, including digital pathology capabilities.
- In FY2027, \$686,677 in state-appropriated repair and rehabilitation funds will be used to replace the aged ICP-MS in the toxicology laboratory and six thermocyclers in the molecular laboratory.

Investment Area 1: Workforce Capacity, Retention, and Outbreak Readiness

The ADDL is requesting \$1.015 million in recurring support to strengthen workforce capacity, improve retention, and establish a sustainable structure for outbreak response.

This request includes:

- Six new high-level technical positions to support sustained high-capacity testing
- One sequencing and bioinformatics professional to establish and support sequencing capacity
- A laboratory-wide reclassification and wage adjustment for accessioning and technical staff

The six new technical positions would create a cross-trained outbreak response team capable of supporting high-volume testing during emergencies while also working across multiple laboratory sections during routine operations. This model would improve readiness, reduce reliance on overtime and temporary staffing, and protect routine diagnostic services during prolonged outbreak events.

The sequencing and bioinformatics professional would establish critical expertise needed to support next-generation sequencing, genomic surveillance, pathogen characterization, and coordination with national laboratory partners. This position would support routine sequencing services as well as disease response activities through NAHLN and Vet-LIRN for high-profile and emerging diseases.

The planned staff reclassification will align accessioning and technical staff titles and pay with university and national laboratory peers while creating a clearer career ladder for recruitment and retention. This is essential to maintaining a stable, highly trained workforce capable of supporting Indiana's animal health needs.

Investment Area 2: Equipment Upgrades, Automation, and Preventive Maintenance

The one-time FY2028 equipment request includes:

- MALDI-TOF MS for the Heeke laboratory: \$350,000
- Opentrons Flex Robot for molecular diagnostic automation: \$60,000
- Opentrons Flex NGS Workstation for next-generation sequencing workflows: \$105,000

The MALDI-TOF MS will allow the Heeke laboratory to rapidly identify bacterial pathogens, reducing turnaround time by one to two days compared with the currently used traditional biochemical-based identification methods, expand bacterial identification capabilities and harmonize bacteriology methods across the Reed and Heeke laboratories.

The Opentrons Flex Robot will support the molecular diagnostics laboratory by enabling high-throughput, precise sample preparation, improving testing capacity, turnaround time, and reproducibility for animal health surveillance and disease detection.

The Opentrons Flex NGS Workstation will support efficient, standardized next-generation sequencing library preparation for veterinary pathogen detection and genomic surveillance. This equipment will strengthen diagnostic capabilities and improve the laboratory's ability to respond quickly to emerging animal diseases.

The HPAI outbreak has highlighted the importance of rapid molecular testing, automation, and advanced pathogen characterization. PCR testing remains essential for detecting disease, and sequencing adds an additional layer of information by supporting genomic surveillance, strain characterization, epidemiologic investigation, and coordination with state and federal partners.

Preventive maintenance funding is essential to maintaining service agreements for critical equipment across the ADDL. These costs are necessary for operational continuity and AAVLD accreditation but cannot be fully recovered through test fees without pricing services beyond market rates.

Risk of Not Investing

Without additional state investment, the ADDL will remain dependent on overtime, temporary surge support, and staff redistribution during prolonged outbreak events. This creates risk to routine diagnostic services, turnaround time, employee retention, emergency response capacity, and Indiana's ability to support animal agriculture during periods of disease pressure.

The current HPAI response has demonstrated that high-consequence animal disease events are no longer short-term disruptions. Indiana needs sustained, modern, in-state diagnostic capacity that can support both routine operations and extended emergency response.

Conclusion

The ADDL protects Indiana animal agriculture by providing rapid, reliable, in-state diagnostic testing for routine animal health needs and emergency disease response. The requested FY2028-FY2029 investment will strengthen Indiana's diagnostic infrastructure by supporting workforce stability, outbreak readiness, equipment modernization, and preventive maintenance.

This investment is not only a laboratory need. It is a strategic investment in Indiana's animal agriculture economy, emergency preparedness, regulatory response capacity, and long-term resilience.

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ADDL Appropriation Summary	FY 2027 Actual	FY 2028 Request	FY2029 Request
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Operating Expense

Prior Year Recurring Base	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 6,015,000.00
Recurring Annual Incremental Request			
Laboratory Technician, Lead - 6 (new)		\$ 540,000.00	
Sequencing and Bioinformatics Professional - 1 (new)		\$ 110,000.00	
Staff Reclassification		\$ 365,000.00	
Incremental Subtotal		\$ 1,015,000.00	\$ -
Total Recurring Operating Expense Request	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 6,015,000.00	\$ 6,015,000.00

Increase of: 20% Increase of: 0%

One-time Funding Request

Preventive Maintenance			
Preventive Maintenance	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
PM Subtotal	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
Repair and Rehabilitation			
Equipment			
MALDI-TOF MS		\$ 350,000.00	
Opentrons Flex Robot		\$ 60,000.00	
Opentrons Flex NGS Workstation, 2 x 8-Channel		\$ 105,000.00	
Equipment Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 515,000.00	\$ -
R&R Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 515,000.00	\$ -
Total one-time	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 890,000.00	\$ 375,000.00

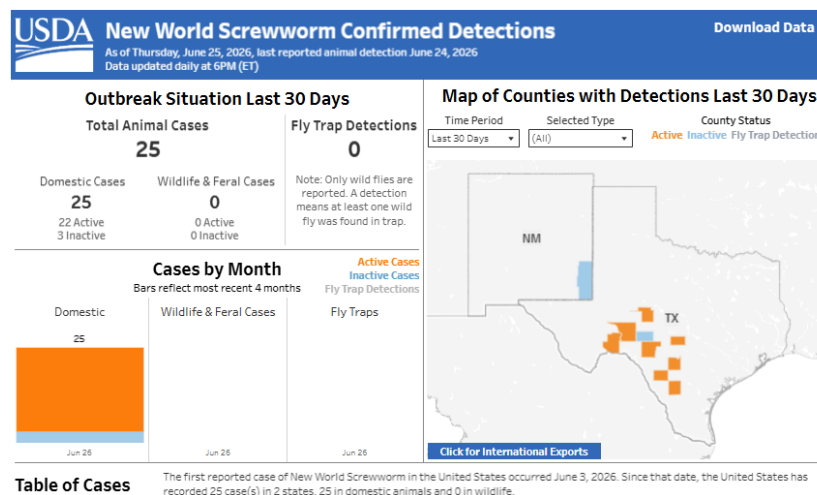
TOTAL	\$ 5,375,000.00	\$ 6,905,000.00	\$ 6,390,000.00
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Animal Programs Division Board Report
Quarter 2, 2026

Reporting Timeframe: 04/01/2026 – 06/26/2026

Quarterly Highlights

- In April, BOAH participated in the annual USAHERDs User Group Conference in Columbus, Ohio. This conference allowed for collaboration across the database’s users, as well as a more detailed look at the new AgEnterprise database.
- In May, BOAH welcomed two summer interns, Will Eberhart and Megan Ashby. They will be with the agency until July 31st. In August, they will begin their veterinary education at Purdue University’s College of Veterinary Medicine.
- In June, BOAH participated in “The Great Trace” exercise at Purdue’s Boiler Vet Camp, educating campers about regulatory veterinary medicine, including animal welfare, animal disease traceability, biosecurity, emergency preparedness, and food safety.
- The BOAH Animal Programs Division continues to be actively engaged in responding to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) across the state of Indiana. Since October 2025, we have assisted in responding to 153 domestic poultry cases across twelve counties.
- In early June, New World screwworm (NWS) was detected in Texas. As of June 26th, there have been 24 cases detected in Texas in sheep, cattle, and goats. One case has been detected in a dog in New Mexico. USDA’s webpage at www.screwworm.gov provides national updates. BOAH’s NWS-designated webpage (<https://www.in.gov/boah/indiana-entry-health-requirements/new-world-screwworm>) has information and an online reporting form for suspect cases. Since launch of the online reporting form, BOAH has screened and ruled out ten suspect reports for NWS.



USDA NWS Dashboard: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animals/animal-health/livestock-and-poultry-disease/current-status/us-confirmed-cases-new-world>

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Animal Programs Division

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Programmatic Updates

Animal Care and Welfare

- BOAH received 188 animal welfare-related complaints or inquiries, leading to 51 animal care investigations this quarter. Of the 51 animal care investigations, 43 were classified as neglect, three were classified as abandonment/neglect, and eight were determined to be unfounded (no evidence of risk). Prosecutorial outcomes included: criminal charges filed (14), pending prosecutorial decision (10), and charges not pursued (27). Species counts for this quarter's investigations were avian (3), bovine (6), canine (24), caprine (2), caviidae (1), equine (13), exotics (1), feline (9), leporine (1), ovine (3), and porcine (1). The sources for animal welfare incidents were animal control (13), law enforcement (19), humane organization (7), and private citizen (12). The complete Animal Programs Investigations Report is included on pages 7-13 of this report.
- In specific situations, BOAH designates private veterinarians as a state designee authorized to perform welfare assessments on BOAH's behalf. For this quarter:
 - Allen County reported a total of ten cases, consisting of eight criminal charges filed and two local ordinance violations. All cases involved neglect of companion animals, specifically dogs and cats. All situations were classified as presenting immediate risk, resulting in the removal of all animals involved. Five cases are currently being tracked for ongoing or additional charges.
 - Vanderburgh County reported seven cases in which criminal charges were filed, all related to neglect of companion animals (dogs and cats). All cases were determined to involve immediate risk, and all animals were removed from the situations.
- BOAH continues to develop modules for the Animal Investigations Academy (AIA). The AIA is currently available to the public as an educational baseline for law enforcement and animal control to work through welfare and neglect investigations. This quarter, the team met with an animal behaviorist and the Indiana Gaming Commission to continue building out modules and more resources for those enrolled in the AIA.
- The welfare and addendum committee is meeting regularly to review and refine BOAH's animal welfare addendums that are used in each welfare or neglect investigation report.

Aquaculture

- In April, Dr. Strasser participated in a workshop hosted by the North Central Regional Aquaculture Center in West Lafayette. The goal of this training was to inform producers about prevention, detection and assessment of fish diseases, fish vaccinations, and how to build a fish health management team.

Cattle

- Indiana cattle herds enrolled in each of the following programs include Tuberculosis (4), Brucellosis (4), and Johne's (3).
- Since the beginning of 2026, three premises have been diagnosed with *Theileria orientalis Ikeda*, located in Harrison, Madison, and Randolph counties. Although the disease has been detected on these sites, the Asian longhorned tick has not yet been found on any of the affected premises.
- Indiana continues to participate in the National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS). This quarter, 238 tankers were sampled in April, and 224 tankers were sampled in May. Indiana did not sample tankers in June in preparation for shifting to silo sampling starting in July.

- In the total national HPAI H5N1 outbreak in cattle, there have been 1,154 confirmed cases in 20 States. In the last 30 days alone, there have been 45 cases detected in cattle in three states (Utah, Idaho, Texas). This quarter, APHIS updated guidance on the interstate movement of lactating dairy cattle. Lactating dairy cattle moving interstate from States with Unaffected State Status under the NMTS are no longer required to be tested for HPAI H5N1 prior to movement. With the removal of these requirements, Indiana did not receive or process any HPAI test charts or Owner Shipper Statements for this purpose this quarter.
- This quarter, BOAH closed a trace investigation of a cohort of 48 tuberculosis (TB)-exposed cattle that traveled to Indiana in 2023 from a now TB-positive dairy premises in Texas. In cooperation with the Indiana premises and USDA, all cattle were traced and it was determined there was no ongoing TB risk to the Indiana dairy premises. All the TB-exposed cattle have been removed from the herd and undergone enhanced slaughter surveillance.

Cervids

- The application for the 2026 USDA CWD Cooperative Agreement was submitted this quarter to allow continued funding for the Genomic Estimated Breeding Values (GEBV) program for the upcoming fiscal year. For the current funding cycle, BOAH has allocated \$242,775 across 69 deer producers for GEBV testing whitetail deer. Deer producers have until August 1, 2026, to submit samples to the North American Deer Registry for this funding cycle.
- BOAH continues to investigate cervid tuberculosis suspects found by the Dual Path Platform (DPP) TB screening test at NVSL. After a re-test, deer that are positive a second time are classified as a reactor and cleared via necropsy, histology, and culture. This quarter, investigations were initiated for five DPP positive deer.
- A total of 257 Indiana deer herds are registered in the CWD program. The program levels include certified herds (190), registered herds (47), registered pet herds (20), and out of business (6). Three new cervid herds joined the program this quarter. Fifteen hunting preserves are registered in the program. There were four enforcement actions for the quarter which include lowered status due to missed samples (2) and first notification for missed sample warnings (2).

Commercial Dog Breeders & Brokers Program

- Facilities enrolled in the Commercial Dog Breeder and Broker Program include dog breeders (191), dog brokers (8), animal control centers (20), animal rescue operations (119), animal shelters (47), humane societies (37), retail pet stores (20), and other (13).
- BOAH was represented at the Southern Indiana Council on Animal Welfare (ICAW) Conference and the Canine Welfare Conference this quarter. This was a great opportunity to interact with commercial dog breeders and brokers and canine welfare experts across the state.

Companion Animal/Rabies

- No investigations for canine brucellosis were initiated this quarter.
- Since the beginning of 2026, Indiana has diagnosed rabies in eight bats. This is consistent with the normal annual trend.

Compliance

- Ten compliance cases were investigated this quarter involving alleged noncompliance with rules related to carcass disposal (6), commercial dog breeders/brokers program (3), and traceability/interstate movement (1). Case outcomes this quarter included: corrective action taken

(10), unfounded complaint (0), and pending action (0). The full Animal Programs Investigations report is included on pages 7-13 of this report.

Drug Residue Prevention & Biologics

- There was one new beta lactam milk residue this quarter and the investigation is pending.
- BOAH approved 70 autogenous vaccine requests from private veterinarians this quarter. Other approvals included two experimental vaccines, one cancer immunotherapy study, and two experimental studies.

Emergency Preparedness & Training

- In May, BOAH participated in the second of three Indiana State Department of Homeland Security-led planning sessions, held in partnership with sister agencies, as part of Indiana's disaster resilience planning group. The session focused on disaster planning and applying newly learned skills to strengthen resilience in affected communities. BOAH has been designated as the Production Systems Cluster Lead for this statewide planning group.
- Brandi Hardin, Deputy Director of the Animal Programs Division, attended training at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to ensure coverage for Emergency Support Function (ESF)-11, of which BOAH is the lead agency.

Equine

- The Shelby County equine piroplasmiasis case was closed following the euthanasia of the final confirmed positive mare in March. In late April, BOAH tested seventy-one cohort animals residing on the same premises as the euthanized mare. All test results were negative.
- In April, BOAH was notified of a 2-year-old stallion in LaGrange County that tested positive for Equine Herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) with neurologic signs consistent with Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM). The affected premises is a breeding facility housing resident horses and receiving additional animals for breeding and foaling activities. A total of forty-four horses were identified as exposed. Forty horses remained on the premises and four had left prior to the diagnosis. Nine additional horses developed clinical signs. One horse died, and two were euthanized due to severe neurologic complications. BOAH provided case support by coordinating with the attending veterinarian and communicating with owners of exposed horses to deliver biosecurity education and issue quarantines.
- At the time this report is being prepared, two horses at one Indiana premises are under quarantine for entry into Indiana without a current Coggins test. This quarantine will be released after the horses test negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA).

Foreign Animal Disease Investigations

- In addition to responding to commercial and backyard sick bird calls in the ongoing HPAI outbreak, BOAH conducted one foreign animal disease investigation this quarter. This case ruled out FMD and other vesicular diseases in a show pig. BOAH also assisted the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in a Foreign Animal Disease Investigation for NWS.
- As New World screwworm (NWS) cases increase in Texas, BOAH has worked with the medical entomologists at the Indiana Department of Health to rule out NWS in multiple cases of maggots found in livestock and companion animal wounds.

Licensing

- Participation in the livestock markets and dealers licensing program in Indiana includes individual livestock dealers (137), livestock market facilities (51), and packer/packer buying station facilities (14). Renewal season is underway as the required annual business reports for livestock markets and dealers license renewals were due on April 15, 2026. BOAH's animal health specialists conducted 35 market & dealer inspections this quarter.
- BOAH's animal disposal program consists of collection services (4), disposal plants (12), and exotic feeding operations (2), making up a total of 18 active disposal plant operations in Indiana. Renewal applications for the animal disposal program were due on May 31, 2026.
- A total of 549 livestock brands are currently registered in Indiana.

One Health

- The One Health collaboration group consisting of BOAH, IDOH, and DNR met in April to discuss collaboration efforts and updates regarding rabies, HPAI, NWS, and more. This group will host a booth at the Indiana State Fair to educate and inform the public about One Health topics. The goal is to heighten the public's awareness of zoonotic diseases and One Health issues.

Sheep & Goats

- Indiana ovine or caprine herds enrolled in each of the following program includes tuberculosis (2) and brucellosis (1).
- In Quarter 2, there were 148 Scrapie Flock IDs assigned to new sheep and/or goat herds.
- As of June 25, 2026, Indiana has been credited with 63% of the state's required sheep samples and 89% of required goat samples to meet the FY26 annual sampling requirements for scrapie surveillance.

Swine

- Seventy-one Indiana swine production systems have an active commuter herd agreement from a total of thirteen states made up of 28 exports and 43 imports. Items processed this quarter include renewals (18), amendments (4), cancellations (2), and new commuter herd agreement (1).
- Indiana swine herds or premises participating in the following swine health programs include Certified Swine Sample Collectors (89), Validated-Qualified (VQ) Herds (28), Secure Pork Supply (795), and U.S. Swine Health Improvement Plan (685).
- The current enrollment by site classification in the U.S. Swine Health Improvement Plan (US SHIP) in Indiana represents approximately 80% of breeding herds and 64% of growing pig herds. Nationally, U.S. SHIP continues to progress through the rulemaking process on its way to codification. This quarter, BOAH continued preparation for the 2026 House of Delegates meeting by participating in delegate meetings, national discussions, and working group meetings. The national program also recently added a PEDv Clean certification to the US SHIP framework.
- This quarter, two brucellosis trace investigations were initiated in swine. The first involved a six-month-old gilt destined for export to Korea. Although the animal initially tested negative, the purchaser requested additional testing for assurance. The supplementary tests produced non-negative results; however, the subsequent epidemiological investigation identified no areas of concern. As a result, USDA and BOAH classified the results as negative and closed the

investigation. The second investigation was from a non-negative slaughter surveillance sample. Thirty-four cohort pigs were tested, all of which yielded negative results. Consequently, this case was closed.

- BOAH is participating in Indiana's Swine Health Advisory Committee, a producer and IN PORK-led committee of the National Pork Board for discussion on the national swine health strategy. Topics of discussion have included disease elimination programs for endemic diseases such as Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) and Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive virus (PRRSv).
- BOAH is currently performing a comprehensive review of the swine health regulations in 345 IAC to determine if updates are warranted to reflect the needs of the industry amongst current disease pressures.

Traceability

- USDA has confirmed there will be free cattle tags for distribution in FY 2026. Indiana has not yet received its state allotment number; however, BOAH will again plan to participate in the distribution of tags by making them available to markets, dealers, and vets as well as shows/sales and events cattle producers are likely to attend.
- BOAH has ordered an allotment of free swine tags through the USDA's swine tag program and will be collaborating with the Indiana Pork Producers Association for distribution later this year.
- 159 rejected export CVIs were returned to Indiana veterinarians this quarter. The top three causes for rejection of these export CVIs were: 1.) missing statement, 2.) no permit number, and 3.) vaccination requirements not met.
- This quarter, BOAH continued User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for the new animal health database, AgEnterprise. The UAT process requires users to enter the database and test its functionality to ensure it is performing to BOAH's standard and providing at least the same functionality as USAHERDS. This process will be ongoing prior to rolling the application into production in the coming months.
- Movement documents were processed this quarter from the following sources: Commuter Herd: 390; Paper CVI & eCVI: 1,543; VET-CVI: 4,223; GVL & VSPS: 10,420.

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Incident Name County	Species Involved	Primary Investigator	Requesting Entity	Reason for Request	Case Classification
15X20WJE-0B4 Tippecanoe	Feline	Boyd	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15Y31BGS-0B4 Tippecanoe	Feline	Boyd	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15W81JH1-02N DeKalb	Canine	Chavis	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15UM1635-0AL Harrison	Avian, Canine, Caviidae, Feline, Leporine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15UM15W0-0AL Decatur	Bovine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15W11BKH-0AL Decatur	Bovine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15W11DN5-0AL Harrison	Bovine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15UM16CM-0AL Clark	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15W11BWB-0AL Clark	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care

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15WM1BYU-0AL Harrison	Feline	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15WV1B1D-01Z Lake	Canine	Strasser	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15WU0X45-0B4 Clinton	Equine	Boyd	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15WN1HDE-04C Madison	Canine	Justice	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15XN1569-04C Madison	Canine	Justice	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15X20KQT-093 Knox	Canine	Renshaw	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15XJ1AAA-0CJ Sullivan	Canine	Solomon	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15XU1J6H-01Z St. Joseph	Canine	Strasser	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15XD0WMQ-02N Noble	Canine, Feline	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care

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15YF16WR-02N Whitley	Equine	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15W610UM-04C Wayne	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15WK1G3D-04C Blackford	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15X81BG1-04C Madison	Exotics	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15W60WTN-ODW Orange	Canine, Feline	Kantz	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15WFOVEL-0E0 Wayne	Canine	Knibbs	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15WFOWEE-0E0 Wayne	Canine, Feline	Knibbs	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15Y010Z7-0E0 Morgan	Equine	Knibbs	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15Y11E3X-0E0 Hamilton	Equine	Knibbs	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care

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15W11DG5-0AL Ripley	Canine	Macy	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15Y70ZMH-093 Dubois	Canine	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15YA1809-0CJ Parke	Canine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15Y2151Q-0CJ Parke	Canine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15WP15KE-0CJ Owen	Canine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15X71CGB-0CJ Vermillion	Canine, Feline	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15XW1BNC-0CJ Vigo	Equine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15W60ZSX-0CJ Vigo	Equine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15VU0YFT-0CJ Vigo	Equine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care

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Incident Name County	Species Involved	Primary Investigator	Requesting Entity	Reason for Request	Case Classification
15XJ1GWW-0B4 Carroll	Avian, Caprine	Boyd	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15YB19HZ-01Y Hamilton	Avian, Bovine, Ovine, Porcine	Knibbs	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15XE1HWZ-01Y Marshall	Equine	Lamb	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15XFOW56-01Y Lagrange	Equine	Lamb	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15WT1DCE-0AL Franklin	Bovine	Macy	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15W11CX8-0AL Franklin	Equine	Macy	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15WT1JBM-0AL Franklin	Equine	Macy	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15Y811EH-01Y Franklin	Caprine, Ovine	Siedling	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15W31E46-0CJ Owen	Bovine	Solomon	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care

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15W817QT-0CJ Greene	Equine	Solomon	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15Y11D1M-0E0 Morgan	Equine	Solomon	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15XV1F85-0CJ Owen	Ovine	Solomon	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15WT1HV6-0AL Dearborn	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15WT1J2C-0AL Dearborn	Feline	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15X71CUR-0E0 Hamilton	Canine	Knibbs	Humane Organization	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15XE195Q-01Y Sullivan	Bovine	Gunn	Law Enforcement	Improper Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15XA112C-01Y Morgan	Avian	Gunn	Private Citizen	Improper Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15XB1DF1-01Y Lawrence	Bovine	Gunn	Private Citizen	Improper Disposal	Carcass Disposal

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15Y412AQ-01Y Morgan	Bovine	Gunn	Private Citizen	Improper Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15XQ1F5J-01Y Daviess	Avian	Gunn	State Agency	Improper Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15XR19PE-0BJ Elkhart	Bovine	Paul	State Agency	Improper Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15X31DQX-0B4 Kosciusko	Canine	Paul	Private Citizen	Exercise Requirement	Commercial Dog Breeder
15Y811T7-0B4 Kosciusko	Canine	Paul	Private Citizen	Exercise Requirement	Commercial Dog Breeder
15YC1CMM-01Y Elkhart	Canine	Paul	Private Citizen	Rabies Vaccination Requirement	Commercial Dog Breeder
15XJ14M8-01Y Shelby	Equine	Price	Veterinarian	Falsified Coggins	Interstate Movement/Traceability



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Meat and Poultry Inspection

Report to the Board, July 2026

Quarterly Highlights

- We had 2 new plants come on in April right before the last board meeting and 1 plant left the State program to go under federal inspection.
- Dr Swiatkowski and Dr Suhr attended the Association of State Meat Inspection Directors (ASMID) semi annual meeting in Des Moines, Iowa in May. We had a short course on sausage and dry meat product requirements and discussed State program budgets and upcoming regulatory changes.
- Dr Swiatkowski, Dr Shipman and Dr Suhr joined Indiana Department of Ag as well as a couple of CIS plant owners in hosting Robert Bane, FSIS Deputy Administrator, Field Operations and Robert Witte, FSIS Deputy Assistant Administrator, in a discussion regarding the Cooperative Interstate Shipment Programs potential to export in the end of April. They also joined us for dinner and plant tours in two Indianapolis CIS plants. They did not have any guidance for us at this time on how to achieve the ability to export. We are continuing to explore different avenues.
- Dr Suhr and Heath Bertsch, Labeling and Sampling manager, participated in an area meeting for meat inspectors in the NW area on May 28th.
- Dr Renae and Matt Siedling, animal health inspector and former meat inspector, participated in the Boilermaker Vet Camp for children interested in becoming veterinarians on June 16th at the Indianapolis Zoo.
- Dr Suhr participated and answered questions regarding meat inspection regulations in an Indiana State Health Department call with county health departments on June 17th. The call was held to provide information to county health departments about the HEA 1424 Homestead Act which became active on July 1st. There are no changes in BOAH meat inspection regulations under IC 15-17-5 in this bill. The bill does change county health department licensing of people selling freezer meat from home. They no longer need a retail license- the meat does still need to be inspected and packaged under the regulations.
- Dr Swiatkowski met with the Southern Health Departments meeting at Spring Mill Park on June 25th to answer questions regarding meat inspection and the Homestead Bill. Jamie Noble attended a meeting hosted by the Indiana Farm Bureau and answered questions on June 26th for HEA 1424.
- We have 2 new inspectors that started during the last quarter.
- We currently have 26 CIS plants. Over ½ of our plants that process only under inspection are part of the CIS program. We have 8 CIS plants that slaughter and process. This has not changed this quarter. We have been working on preparing 2 plants for the CIS program.
- We had two inspectors take advantage of FSIS training course Inspection Methods in June.

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Fast Facts

Facilities by type:

Red meat harvest and processing	51
Poultry harvest and processing	2
Meat harvest, no further processing	3
<u>Processing only facilities</u>	<u>26</u>
Official establishments	82
+	
Limited Permit Retail HRI	2
<u>Custom Exempt establishments</u>	<u>52</u>
Total program facilities	136

We currently have no open inspector positions. Two new inspectors will be starting this quarter. One new inspector is starting in the northeast and another in the Northwest area.

- Our current staff consists of 41 inspectors, 7 supervisors, 2 EIAOs, 1 compliance officer, 1 EIAO/Compliance officer, 3 central office staff = 55 employees

Looking Ahead

- Trainings with EIAOs will continue this year on a quarterly basis.
- Dr Renae will continue her extensive trainings with inspectors on a weekly basis.
- 2 new Custom Exempt facilities are expected to join the program this quarter and 2 plants are expected to join the CIS program.
- About 5 other facilities are working towards applying for the CIS program this next year.
- We will continue to meet monthly with IMPPA and ISDA to help support new and existing plants.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dairy Division

Highlights

- Indiana had 23 State Surveys and 12 Federal Check Ratings during the second quarter of 2026. These included 24 BTU's and 11 Single Service Plants and Processing Plants. Sanitation average scores were 92.1 for Btu's, 89.0 for Single Service Plants (Score of 80 or above to pass for Single Service), and 91.5 for Plants. Average enforcement scores were 94.4 (score of 90 or higher to pass). Sanitation is the score given to the producer and enforcement is the score provided to BOAH.

Fast Facts

- 660 total Grade A Farms
- 209 Organic Farms
- 14 Goat Farms
- Haulers 510
- 23 Grade A Dairy Plants
- 15 On Farm Processors
- 4 Truck Wash / 1 Transfer Stations
- 37 farms with a total of 177 AMI's
- 12 Direct Load Farms
- 14 Manufactured Grade Farms
- Milk Trucks 513
- 29 Manufactured Grade Plants
- 16 Single Service Manufactures
- 9 Distributors

Looking Ahead

- Doug Weldy will be attending FD373, State Milk Laboratory Evaluation Officer Course located in Oklahoma in July.
- Nathan Campbell will be attending the annual conference for the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials located in the Virginia in July.
- The next step in the Nation Milk Testing Strategy will be starting in July. BOAH will be moving from truck samples to silo samples taken by the processing plants.

Partnerships and Outreach

- Autum Foster attended the Farm Sanitation course located in Sioux City, Iowa in June.
- The Dairy Division has continued to assist with BOAH's response to HPAI. Dean Adams has taken all dairy samples for farms around positive flocks, and many staff members have helped with environmental sampling.
- Kaytlin Peterson attended a Plant Sanitation course held by FDA in Grand Rapids Mi in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ash'.

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State Veterinarian's Report
2nd Quarter, 2026

Quarterly Highlights

New World Screwworm (NWS) – On June 3, 2026, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) confirmed the first U.S. livestock NWS infestation in Zavala County, Texas. USDA continues to report additional NWS detections through the unified SCREWWORM.GOV [confirmed-detections dashboard](#), which lists 26 confirmed animal cases in Texas, including cattle, sheep, and goats, along with one dog in New Mexico. No wild-type flies have been detected through trapping efforts, and no infested wildlife have been identified in the United States to date. The status and geographic boundaries of Infested Zones can be found by navigating to the Texas Animal Health Commission's [online map](#). NWS is not a food safety issue.

Indiana BOAH has adopted movement restrictions consistent with USDA's NWS playbook to prevent entry of NWS into Indiana. These requirements apply to all livestock and companion animals coming from an NWS Infested Zone. In addition to any requirements imposed by USDA or the origin state, animals entering Indiana from an NWS-infested zone must meet the following enhanced entry requirements (unless specifically exempted):

- Animals must be accompanied by an animal movement certificate (issued by the state of origin) and approved by both the state of origin and BOAH prior to shipment.
- Animals must be inspected by a USDA-accredited veterinarian within 5 days of departure and must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 5 days of movement into Indiana.
- The CVI must document application of an effective treatment for NWS as follows:
 - Livestock and poultry: treatment applied within 14 days of movement unless going directly to slaughter.
 - Cats and dogs: treatment applied within 5 days of movement.

Exceptions

- Hatching and table eggs, and chicks, poults, or ducklings younger than 5 days of age, or birds from NPIP-certified flocks under Subparts B, C, D, G, H, I, or J moving on an NPIP 9-3 form.

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- Small mammals (hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs) and exotic birds that are bred, born, and housed indoors. Proactive treatment, if appropriate and safe to administer before movement, is encouraged but not required. A CVI is still required.
- Swine from indoor-housed commercial swine farms moving under a valid Swine Production Health Plan (SPHP), if either:
 - Inspected and found free of wounds within 5 days of movement, or
 - Treated with an effective product within 14 days of movement unless going directly to slaughter.

Indiana Animals Returning to Indiana

Animals leaving Indiana for exhibitions or other temporary movements may return on the same CVI if:

- The CVI is still valid (less than 30 days), and
- The animal has not traveled into an infested zone.

Exhibition Requirements

BOAH has not changed exhibition requirements for fairs or open shows. All out-of-state entries must meet applicable interstate requirements. Requirements for Indiana animals returning from out-of-state exhibitions are provided above.

Reporting

BOAH urges all Hoosiers to remain vigilant by routinely inspecting pets, livestock, and poultry for draining or enlarging wounds or other signs of discomfort, especially following travel to areas where NWS is present, and to promptly [report](#) any unusual larvae or maggots observed in such wounds.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Poultry – Indiana confirmed 22 new detections of HPAI in poultry this quarter, affecting two counties. Four premises are still completing virus-elimination activities before proceeding to environmental sampling and becoming eligible for restocking.

Collaboration with state, federal, academic, and industry partners remains central to advancing understanding of this incident’s epidemiology, with current efforts focused on viral spread, inactivation, and risk analysis to guide more targeted surveillance.

BOAH continues to implement enhanced HPAI response strategies to reduce introduction risk and support timely recovery. These ongoing measures include requiring infected farms to power-wash barn exteriors with emphasis on ventilation systems, extending the post-disinfection fallow period from 14 to 28 days, requiring grower participation in Restocking Audits with demonstrated line-of-separation biosecurity, limiting new placements in infected zones to sites without existing poultry, and requiring sampling of poultry already on-site before allowing additional placements on buffer-zone farms.

Although this incident remains challenging, the strong collaboration among producers, industry partners, and our BOAH team continues to drive meaningful progress. BOAH remains committed to supporting Indiana farm families and helping them return to safe and timely production.

HPAI Dairy Surveillance – In June 2025, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) formally advanced the State of Indiana to Stage 4 "Unaffected" status within the National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS) framework. Under Stage 4, BOAH continues to demonstrate the absence of H5N1 in our Indiana dairy herd. BOAH's Animal Programs Division, in coordination with the Dairy Division, has completed 11 rounds of milk-tanker testing, surveilling an average of more than 250 tankers per month.

At USDA's request, beginning in July 2026 Indiana BOAH will transition to a silo-based surveillance approach to continue verifying that Indiana's milk supply remains free of influenza. USDA reports that forty-one states, including Indiana, are currently classified as unaffected under the national milk testing strategy, while only four states—Texas, Idaho, Utah, and California—are currently classified as affected. The most recent herds confirmed positive by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories were detected in Idaho, Utah, and Texas in June 2026

Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) – BOAH's MPI team, in collaboration with industry and regulatory partners, continues discussions regarding the potential for cooperative interstate shipment facilities within Indiana's meat and poultry inspection program to ultimately export inspected products internationally. The MPI team continues to work with the Indiana Department of Health to provide guidance on HEA 1424, which governs the types of products homestead vendors and small farm operators may produce and sell directly to consumers.

Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine (VetBoard) – Continuing education compliance audits are progressing steadily. Currently, a single team member is responsible for reviewing documentation for more than 300 veterinary and over 200 registered veterinary technician audits while also managing regular VetBoard duties and rulemaking activities. The VetBoard will contact licensees directly if additional information is needed, ensuring the review process remains both efficient and accurate. With the addition of the new program manager, Dana Brooks, the VetBoard anticipates an accelerated pace in completing continuing education audits once training is fully underway.

Partnerships & Outreach

- American Kennel Club's Southern Indiana Kennel Tour
- American Dairy Association Indiana's Rookie Celebration
- AgriBusiness Council of Indiana's Regional Meeting
- AgriBusiness Council of Indiana's Emerging Professionals Leadership Program Meeting
- Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory's Spring Advisory Committee
- Indiana Beef Cattle Association's Board Meeting and tour of The Country Butcher
- Indiana Council for Animal Welfare's Southern Indiana Seminar
- Indiana Council for Animal Welfare's Southern Legislative Kennel Tour
- Indiana Pork Producers Association's Board Meeting
- Indiana Pork Producers Association's Swine Health Advisory Committee
- Indiana Soybean Alliance and Indiana Corn Growers Association's Livestock Summit
- Indiana State Poultry Association's Board Meeting

- Indiana Veterinary Medical Association's First Five Webinar Series
- Indiana Veterinary Medical Association's Power Summit Task Force
- United States Animal Health Association's North Central District Meeting
- Pet Friendly Services of Indiana's Animal Welfare Conference
- Purdue University's Canine Welfare Symposium
- Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Skills and Competencies Wellbeing Panel
- Purdue Alumni Student Experience's Career Readiness Night
- Purdue Animal Sciences and Australian Egg Producer's Joint Meeting
- USAHERDS /AgEnterprise User Group Meeting