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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, April 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

Recognition of BOAH Employees for Years of Service

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
2. Approval of minutes of the previous quarterly meeting: January 13, 2026
3. Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) Report
 - a. ADDL fee changes – review for approval
4. Technical Services
 - a. Public Information report - Denise Derrer Spears
 - b. Chief of Staff report - Gary Haynes
5. Animal Programs Division Report - Kelli Werling, DVM
6. Avian Division Report - Maria Cooper, DVM
7. Meat and Poultry Division Report – Kerri Suhr, DVM
8. Dairy Inspection Division Report – Patrick Hash
9. State Veterinarian’s Report - Kyle Shipman, DVM, Indiana State Veterinarian
10. Other Business:
 - a. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Hearing Officer)
 - b. Establish date for the July 2026 meeting. Proposed date: July 14

Electronic Meeting Access Via MS Teams:

- Join on your computer, mobile app or room device (control + click): Join The Meeting Now
- Meeting ID: 279 394 800 303
- Passcode: JL9rq7D8
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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.

Name	Position on the Board	Term
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
January 13, 2026

Executive Session

An executive session under Ind. Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) was called to order at 9:30 a.m. to evaluate the job performance of the State Veterinarian. The Board certifies by approving these minutes that they did not discuss any other subject matter. The public was not invited to attend the session. Chief of Staff Gary Haynes attended the meeting at the request of the Board.

Quarterly Meeting

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 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.

Members Participating:

Mr. David Hardin, Vice Chairperson; attended in-person
Mr. Tim Rice; attended in-person
Dimple Hall, DVM; attended in-person
Virgil Bremer, PhD; attended electronically
Ashley Armstrong, DVM; attended in-person
Mr. Ty Harweger; attended in-person
Dr. Darryl Ragland; attended electronically
Mr. Kraig Bowers, attended in-person
Tracey Gillespie, DVM, attended in-person
Mr. Keith Beer, attended in-person

Members Absent: William Doig, DVM, Chairperson

Vacant Positions: None

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
Renea Swiatkowski, DVM, Deputy Director, Meat and Poultry Division
Patrick Hash, Director, Dairy Division

Denise Derrer Spears, Public Information Director
Jared Hagenow, Assistant Public Information Officer

9:45 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:

Austin Elmore, 5 years of service
Eric Renshaw, DVM, 10 years of service

Second Order of Business - Approval of Minutes

David Hardin asked the Board to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting. Ty Harweger made a motion – MOTION – “I move to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting.” Dr. Ashley Armstrong seconded the motion. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 9-0. (Exhibit 2)

Board member Virgil Bremer, PhD joined the meeting.

Third 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.

Fourth Order of Business – Agency Reports – Technical Services

- a. Public Information Report (Exhibit 4)
Denise Derrer Spears discussed agency public information activity and projects including a 2025 year in review summary for public distribution.
- b. Chief of Staff Report. (Exhibit 5)
Gary Haynes provided updates on agency personnel, budget, and policy initiatives, including responses received to the agency customer service survey. Mr. Haynes updated the Board on bills introduced in the current session of the Indiana General Assembly.

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

Dr. Kelli Werling updated the Board on activity in the Animal Programs Division including Indiana’s participation in the National Milk Testing Strategy to surveil for highly pathogenic avian influenza in dairy cattle, HPAI surveillance in dairy cattle near HPAI affected poultry premises, implementation of retail pet store registration and inspections, and EHV-1 / equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy trace investigations.

Sixth Order of Business – Avian Division Report (Exhibit 7)

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

Seventh Order of Business – Meat and Poultry Division (Exhibit 8)

Dr. Renea Swiatkowski reported on Meat and Poultry Inspection program activities including changes in meat plants, successful and ongoing United States Department of Agriculture program audits, employee turnover and training challenges and collaboration with the Indiana Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Meat Packers and Processors Association.

Eighth Order of Business - Dairy Division (Exhibit 9)

Patrick Hash provided an overview of 2025 metrics achieved by the Dairy Division, changes in the Indiana dairy industry and recent reductions in federal grants for dairy inspection program activities.

Ninth Order of Business – Other Business

a. State Veterinarian’s Report (Exhibit 10)

Dr. Kyle Shipman updated the Board 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.

Dr. Shipman updated the Board on Board of Veterinary Medicine proposed rule changes governing continuing education requirements for veterinarians.

Board member Kraig Bowers left the meeting.

Vice Chairperson David Hardin reported that the Board met in executive session earlier in the day and, as part of the annual state employe performance evaluation process, discussed the job performance of State Veterinarian Dr. Kyle Shipman during 2025.

Tim Rice made a motion – MOTION – “I move that the Board issue an “Exceeds Expectations” rating for Dr. Shipman’s job performance during 2025 and approve a salary adjustment commensurate with the rating if provided for state employees.”

Ty Harweger stated that from the poultry industry perspective, his company operates in several states and the Indiana response to highly pathogenic avian influenza was exceptional and set the standard.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Dimple Hall. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 9-0.

b. Date of Next Meeting

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

Vice Chairperson David Hardin adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

David Hardin, D.V.M., Vice Chairperson

Kyle Shipman, D.V.M.
State Veterinarian
Secretary

Report for the Board of Animal Health Quarterly Meeting – April 2025

- Budget Summary (FY 2026 year to date (end of February) compared to FY 2025)
 - Sales and Services: Up 13% from last year (\$369,352.36)
 - Salary, Wage and Fringe: Up 4% (\$146,930.15)

- 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 mid-July 2026.
 - Hanover Research: July 2025 through June 2026
 - 3 projects: market analysis, competitor benchmarking, estimated ROI
 - LIMS Replacement: cancelled contract with original vendor; assessing other options
 - Quality Management Software: Ideagen implementation anticipated Spring 2026; on hold due to noncompliance with accessibility requirements (WCAG 2.1 Level A/AA)

- Positions:
 - Faculty Molecular Diagnostics Section Head Position – Dr. Rahul Nelli, August 3rd
 - Faculty Serology/Virology Section Head – Dr. Meaghan Broman, April 1st
 - Faculty Poultry Diagnostician – offer letter routing for approval
 - Faculty Pathologist (X2) – search in progress
 - Laboratory Technician, Molecular – search in progress

- Fees for approval – effective July 1, 2026 (pages 2-4)

Department	Test	Price	Proposed New Fee
Avian	<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> (MG) PAT	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50
Avian	New Castle Disease Virus (NDV) ELISA	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50
Avian	<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> (MG) HI	NEW	\$ 4.50
Avian	<i>Mycoplasma synoviae</i> (MS) HI	NEW	\$ 4.50
Bacteriology	Aerobic Sensitivity	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00
Bacteriology	Drag Swab Test	\$ 33.00	\$ 40.00
Histology	IHC with Interpretation	NEW	\$ 45.00
Histology	IHC without Interpretation	NEW	\$ 40.00
Histology	Slide Scan - 20x (internal/PVM)	NEW	\$ 18.50
Histology	Slide Scan - 40x (external)	NEW	\$ 35.00
Histology	Slide Scan - 40x (internal/PVM)	NEW	\$ 22.50
Histology	Slide Scan - Educational	NEW	\$ -
Histology	Slide Scan - Z Stack	NEW	\$ 60.00
Molecular Diagnostics	<i>Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae</i> PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	<i>Anaplasma marginale</i> PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	<i>Clostridium perfringens</i> PCR - typing	\$ 33.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	<i>E. coli</i> K99 PCR	\$ 33.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	Feline Parvovirus PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	General PCR	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00
Molecular Diagnostics	Hemorrhagic Enteritis Virus PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	<i>Histomonas meleagridis</i>	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	Methicillin Resistance PCR	\$ 33.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	<i>Pasteurella multocida</i> PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	Porcine Circovirus Type 2 PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	Potomac Horse Fever (<i>Neorickettsia</i>) PCR	\$ 40.70	\$ 50.00
Molecular Diagnostics	Ranavirus PCR	\$ 33.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	<i>Streptococcus equi</i> ssp. <i>zooepidemicus</i> PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50

Molecular Diagnostics	<i>Streptococcus suis</i> PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	<i>Tetratrichomonas gallinarum</i> PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Molecular Diagnostics	Turkey Corona Virus PCR	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.50
Necropsy	Abortion Panel Necropsy (farm animal)	\$ 247.50	\$ 252.50
Necropsy	Abortion Panel Necropsy (equine)	\$ 313.50	\$ 319.75
Necropsy	Abortion Panel Necropsy (small animal)	\$ 275.00	\$ 280.50
Necropsy	Backyard Poultry Necropsy	\$ 66.00	\$ 67.50
Necropsy	Basic Necropsy (farm animal)	\$ 154.00	\$ 157.00
Necropsy	Basic Necropsy (equine)	\$ 247.50	\$ 252.50
Necropsy	Basic Necropsy (small animal)	\$ 181.50	\$ 185.00
Necropsy	Comprehensive Necropsy	\$ 242.00	\$ 247.00
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Necropsy	Comprehensive Necropsy (farm animal)	\$ 242.00	\$ 247.00
Necropsy	Comprehensive Necropsy (equine)	\$ 357.50	\$ 364.75
Necropsy	Comprehensive Necropsy (small animal)	\$ 308.00	\$ 314.25
Other Services	Consultation Services (hourly)	\$ 110.00	\$ 150.00
Other Services	Formalin Buckets	\$ 30.00	\$ 31.00
Other Services	Tissue Collection Level 1	\$ 18.50	\$ 19.00
Other Services	Tissue Collection Level 2	\$ 36.50	\$ 38.00
Other Services	Tissue Collection Level 3	\$ 60.50	\$ 62.00
Other Services	TSE Disposal	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Pathology	IHC Request (3)	\$ 175.00	\$ 190.00
Pathology	IHC- All requests	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
Pathology	Histo + IHC	\$ 170.00	\$ 190.00
Pathology	Lymphoma Panel	\$ 170.00	\$ 190.00
Pathology	Spinal Cord Removal (small companion animal)	\$ 109.00	\$ 110.00
Pathology	Spinal Cord Removal (equine/food animal)	\$ 182.00	\$ 185.00
Pathology	Spinal Cord Removal - By Hand	\$ 242.00	\$ 245.00
Serology	Anaplasmosis ELISA (46+ samples)	\$ 8.75	\$ 8.60
Serology	Bovine Leukosis Virus ELISA (91+ samples)	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.75
Serology	Caseous Lymphadenitis ELISA (1-25 samples)	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.33
Serology	Caseous Lymphadenitis ELISA (26+ samples)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.30
Serology	<i>M. avium</i> ssp. <i>paratuberculosis</i> (Johne's) ELISA (26+ samples)	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.89
Serology	Piroplasmosis (<i>Babesia caballi</i>) ELISA	\$ 21.75	\$ 22.40
Serology	Piroplasmosis (<i>Theileria equi</i>) ELISA	\$ 21.75	\$ 22.40
Serology	Ruminant Pregnancy Test (11+ samples)	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.67
SIPAC Avian	AI Antigen Capture	\$ 12.25	\$ 12.30

SIPAC Avian	AMV - ELISA	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.60
SIPAC Avian	<i>Bordetella avium</i> ELISA	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.52
SIPAC Avian	Turkey Coronavirus IFA	\$ 5.75	\$ 5.80
SIPAC Avian	HE - T - ELISA	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.52
SIPAC Avian	MG/MS ELISA	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.60
SIPAC Avian	Newcastle Disease Virus (PMV-1) ELISA	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50
SIPAC Avian	<i>Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale</i> (ORT) ELISA	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.35
SIPAC Avian	Reovirus (REO) ELISA	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.30
SIPAC Bacteriology	Aerobic Sensitivity	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00
TSE	Chronic Wasting Disease IHC	\$ 27.00	\$ 45.00
Virology	Bovine Coronavirus IFA Titration	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.45
Virology	Bovine Rotavirus IFA Titration	\$ 18.75	\$ 30.45
Virology	Bovine Viral Diarrhea Antigen Capture ELISA	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.95
Virology	Canine Distemper Virus IFA Titration	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.45
Virology	Canine Herpesvirus IFA Titration	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.45
Virology	Canine Parvovirus IFA Titration	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.45
Virology	CWD ELISA	\$ 30.00	\$ 36.00
Virology	Feline Coronavirus IFA Titration	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.45
Virology	Feline Parvovirus IFA Titration	\$ 22.00	\$ 30.45
Virology	Porcine Parvovirus IFA Titration	\$ 22.00	\$ 30.45
Virology	Toxoplasmosis IFA Titration	\$ 22.00	\$ 27.01
Virology	Virus Isolation	\$ 38.50	\$ 40.00



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Media/Public Information Office Report

30 March 2026 for 14 April 2026 Board Meeting

Denise Derrer Spears, Public Information Director

Public Information:

- Launched "Find-A-Vet," Indiana's Veterinary Practice Finder portal with more than 200 practices in the initial sign-on. Since the portal has been live, more than 100 more have registered. The information will be updated quarterly, as needed, by the Management Performance Hub.
- Working to bring the website and associated components (printables) into Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 508 compliance.
- Hosted a booth at Crossroads Veterinary Conference to highlight BOAH and VetBoard activities.
- Moderated a panel discussion about veterinarian recruiting and retention during the BOAH tract at Crossroads.
- Assisted with planning this year's Farm to Capital with Indiana Family of Farmers to coincide with the kickoff to the State House Market.
- 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:

- Continued to update the IN Animal Care Resource Center & Animal Investigations Academy SharePoint site with more content, as well as enroll users. Current user list is 165 individuals. Jared continues to work with staff and guests to record, then edit and post video training modules.
- Spoke at the IBCA Area Beef Meeting in Danville with an agency update.
- Hosted a 3-part lunch-and-learn webinar series focused on preventable equine diseases and vaccinations, presented by Dr. Ryan Rothenbuhler. Recordings may be found on BOAH's YouTube channel.

Disaster Preparedness:

- Spoke at the IN Environmental Health Association West Central District meeting about HPAI response, as well as New World screwworm and Asian longhorned ticks.

Food Safety:

- Spoke to the Dairy Division staff about communication and media during their annual training.
- Provided a BOAH update at the Indiana Milk Quality Conference in Indianapolis.

Upcoming Events:

- Indiana Animal Welfare Conference, Indianapolis, April 18.
- IBEP Bull Test Station Sale, Bedford, April 18.
- Farm to Capitol celebration of agriculture with Indiana Family of Farmers at the State House Market, May 7.

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

Quarterly Highlights

- **Personnel:**
 - Britney McMahan has been promoted to Senior Attorney and will now serve as BOAH's Director of Legal Affairs and Enforcement. She will also continue directing the Board of Veterinary Medicine.
 - Chief of Staff Gary Haynes will provide oversight of BOAH's legal functions as General Counsel and manage BOAH's engagement with the General Assembly as Legislative Director.
 - BOAH is currently recruiting to fill the following roles: meat inspector, program director for the Board of Veterinary Medicine, and district veterinarian in Southeast Indiana.

- **Budget**
 - Submitted applications for 2026 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) cooperative agreements:
 - Animal disease surveillance and response
 - Animal disease traceability
 - Swine Health Improvement Program
 - USDA increased BOAH's award for highly pathogenic avian influenza response activities. The total award now exceeds \$800,000.

- **Policy:**
 - Governor Braun signed the following bills passed in the 2026 General Assembly session:
 - SEA 56 Veterinary Licensing
 - HEA 1424 Farm and Homestead Food Sales
 - HEA 1165 Various Animal Related Matters
 - HEA 1003 Boards and Commissions
 - Continued work with the Board of Veterinary Medicine on policy questions, initiatives and rulemaking projects.

- Continued participating in Indiana State Department of Agriculture's projects:
 - Create a "one stop shop" ag portal for farmers and consumers. HB 1149; and
 - Report to Governor Braun on making Indiana healthy again by increasing Hoosier access to local foods. EO 25-58.
- **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 second quarter of 2026.
 - Agency personnel received access to Microsoft Copilot – artificial intelligence enhanced search tool.
 - Exploring capabilities of artificial intelligence enabled tools, potential applications, State of Indiana policies and rules.

Animal Programs Division Board Report
1ST Quarter, 2026
Prepared March 27, 2026

Quarterly Highlights

- This quarter, members from the Animal Programs Division joined the State Disaster Resilience Planning Group by participating in Indiana Department of Homeland Security's AWR 228 - Building Community Resilience course as part of a three-part series. This FEMA course was in partnership with BOAH sister agencies and focused on planning for disasters and using skills learned to instill resiliency in affected communities. BOAH has been named the Production Systems Cluster Lead for this state-wide planning group.
- Animal Programs Division team members have been actively engaged in responding to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) across the state of Indiana. At the time of this report, the division has collectively assisted with managing 128 commercial and 3 backyard cases. Of the total of 131 cases since October 9, 2025, 45 premises are actively completing response activities as of the writing of this report.
- During the first quarter, the division was engaged in multiple outreach opportunities, including presentations to third-year veterinary students on euthanasia, disposal, and rabies; participation in Ag Day for fourth graders; training for the Dairy Division on milk residues; the Purdue Veterinary Technology Symposium; Indiana Beef Cattlemen's Association Area Meetings; and sharing BOAH updates and hot topics at county agriculture events. BOAH remains committed to strengthening its presence at the county level and fostering meaningful, long-term community partnerships.
- Dr. Jesse Knibbs joined the Animal Programs Division as the District 5 Field Veterinarian in mid-February and has since been actively engaged in training opportunities and performing field duties.

Programmatic Updates

Animal Care and Welfare

- BOAH received 133 animal welfare-related complaints or inquiries, leading to 48 animal care investigations this quarter. The complete Animal Programs Investigations Report is included at the end of this report.
- BOAH continues to develop training modules for the Animal Investigations Academy (AIA). The AIA is currently available as a resource to animal control and law enforcement professionals as an educational baseline for animal welfare and neglect investigations.
- The welfare addendum committee is meeting regularly to review and refine BOAH's animal welfare addendums that are used in official reports for welfare and neglect investigations.

Cattle

- The Number of Indiana cattle herds enrolled in each of the following program includes:
 - Tuberculosis: 4
 - Brucellosis: 4
 - Johne's: 3
- In the total national HPAI H5N1 outbreak in cattle, there have been 1,090 confirmed cases in 20 States.
 - In quarter four, BOAH office staff processed 85 AI Matrix Surveillance test charts, which included tests from the National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS), and over 500 Owner Shipper Statements under the federal order.
- National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS) Update
 - Indiana continues to participate in the monthly National Milk Testing Strategy Stage 4 (maintenance testing) of raw milk intended for human consumption.
 - Below is the monthly testing that has occurred this quarter, representing a monthly average of 269 tankers, comprised of ~300 farms and an average of 46 Indiana Bulk Tank Units (BTUs).

Round	Tankers	IN Farms	IN BTUs	IN BTUs (% of Total)
Jan-26	279	315	46	63.9%
Feb-26	266	307	45	62.5%
Mar-26	260	271	47	65.3%

Cervids

- Dr. Chavis attended the North American Deer Farmers Association (NADeFA) Annual Convention in Sandusky, Ohio. This national farmed cervid convention offered educational seminars and relationship-building opportunities with deer farmers.
- Through awarded USDA Cooperative Agreement funding, BOAH has allocated \$242,775 to 69 total producers for genomic estimated breeding value (GEBV) testing of white-tailed deer. This funding cycle, Indiana producers have until August 1, 2026, to submit samples to the North American Deer Registry.
- CWD Program Numbers:
 - Total active cervid herds: 255 (190 Certified, 45 Registered, 20 Registered-Pet, 7 Out of Business)
 - New cervid herds: 3
 - Hunting Preserves: 15
 - Enforcement Actions: 6 (1 illegal movement, 5 missed sample warnings)

Commercial Dog Breeder & Broker Program

- Program Numbers:
 - Active Dog Breeders: 191
 - Active Dog Brokers: 8
 - Animal Control Centers: 19
 - Animal Rescue Operations: 114
 - Animal Shelters: 45
 - Humane Societies: 36
 - Retail Pet Stores: 24
 - Other (boarding facilities, grooming facilities, pet daycares, etc.): 14
- This quarter, several members of the Animal Programs Division participated in Kennel Management Association (KMA) training throughout the state. These trainings allow kennel inspectors (BOAH and USDA) and pet breeders' associations to conduct inspections and improve the standards of dog breeding operations.

Companion Animal/Rabies

- In the first quarter of 2026, one positive bat was diagnosed with rabies in Monroe County. All exposed individuals have been contacted, and recommendations were made for the care of the exposed individuals and animals.

Compliance

- Ten compliance cases were investigated this quarter involving alleged noncompliance with rules related to carcass disposal (5), commercial dog breeder/broker program (1), rabies (1) traceability/interstate movement (2), and dairy compliance (1). Case outcomes from this quarter are: corrective action taken (5), unfounded complaint (4), and pending action (1). The full Animal Programs Investigations report is included at the end of this report.

Drug Residue Prevention & Biologics

- Three new beta-lactam milk residue investigations were initiated this quarter, each triggered by routine screening that identified antibiotic levels exceeding regulatory thresholds. These cases have been reviewed to determine potential on-farm causes, compliance issues, and any needed corrective actions.
- BOAH approved 60 autogenous vaccine requests this quarter, the majority of which were for autogenous vaccines requested by private veterinarians through one of four main companies—Phibro, Cambridge, Solidtech, and Vaxxinova. There were also a few requests for experimental studies or unapproved drugs such as monoclonal antibodies or cancer immunotherapies.

Emergency Preparedness & Training

- In Quarter 1, BOAH launched a three-part Lunch and Learn series alongside Dr. Rothenbuhler covering preventable diseases in equine.
- This quarter, BOAH held internal discussions related to the State of Indiana's New World Screwworm (NWS) response strategy and the USDA's national NWS playbook. In addition, Dr. Renshaw attended USDA's NWS Response Training: Foundations for Field Readiness this quarter.
- Dr. Werling is serving on a working group through the National Training & Education Program (NTEP) focusing on Incident Management Position Training on a national scale. This working group is tasked with discussing IMT-position experiences with the goal of standardizing response across responders.

Equine

- Dr. Solomon attended the Indiana Association of Equine Practitioners (IAEP) Spring business meeting as representation for BOAH. This meeting provided continuing education and opportunities for relationship building amongst the equine veterinary community.
- The last unresolved case of a mare diagnosed with piroplasmosis in Indiana remains under quarantine while the owners decide whether to pursue treatment. Treatment is costly and is not always as successful in horses that have been infected for longer periods of time.

Foreign Animal Disease Investigations.

- In addition to responding to commercial and backyard sick bird calls in the ongoing HPAI outbreak, BOAH conducted two foreign animal disease investigations this quarter. These cases ruled out vesicular stomatitis in two horses.

Licensing

- Through the livestock markets and dealers licensing program, there are 136 active individual livestock dealers, 52 active livestock market facilities, and 14 active packer/packer buying station facilities in Indiana. There were nine market & dealer inspections conducted this quarter.

- BOAH's animal disposal program consists of 12 collection services, 11 disposal plants, and 2 exotic feeding operations, making up a total of 25 active disposal plant operations in Indiana.
- A total of 542 livestock brands are currently registered in Indiana.

One Health

- The Indiana One Health Steering Committee Team (BOAH, IDOH, DNR, IDEM, USDA) hosted their semi-annual meeting in January. Many relevant One Health topics were discussed including New World Screwworm, assessment of the HPAI response amongst agencies, and hunter-harvested CWD results.

Sheep & Goats

- The number of Indiana ovine or caprine herds enrolled in each of the following programs includes:
 - Tuberculosis: 1
 - Brucellosis: 1
- In Quarter 1, there were 120 Scrapie Flock IDs assigned to new sheep and/or goat herds.
- As of March 25, 2026, Indiana has been credited with 29% of the state's required sheep samples and 41% of required goat samples to meet the annual sampling requirements for scrapie surveillance.

Swine

- Indiana submitted its annual application for renewal of Stage V (Free) Pseudorabies status and was reassigned Stage V (Free) State-Federal-Industry Pseudorabies Eradication Program status this quarter. As part of routine annual surveillance, Indiana tested 4,820 breeding sows (1.7% of breeding animals). Throughout 2025, Indiana also tested 1,300 pigs from an average of 30 herds at 138 points in time through V/Q on farm testing, 1,501 pigs from an average of 30 herds at 344 points in time for herds for sale/exhibition, and thirteen pigs from two herds for diagnostic purposes.
- BOAH provided agency updates at Indiana Pork's Annual Meeting in January. Topics discussed included: NWS preparedness, meat & poultry inspection, HPAI, and swine regulatory programs.
- There are currently twenty-eight swine herds participating in the Validated-Qualified (VQ Herd) program in Indiana. This voluntary program provides evidence that each participating swine herd is free from brucellosis and pseudorabies.
- Indiana currently has 71 active Commuter Herd Agreements (27 export; 44 import) with thirteen states. Five amendments were completed, two agreements were cancelled, and fourteen renewals were completed this quarter.
- Roughly 40% of swine movements in and out of Indiana are completed as part of a Commuter Herd Agreement. 286,452 swine were exported across 269 commuter herd movements this quarter. 506,831 swine across 457 commuter herd movements were imported this quarter.
- This quarter, Indiana continued enrollment and certification in the U.S. Swine Health Improvement Plan (U.S. SHIP) for Indiana's swine producers, packers, and live animal operators. The current enrollment by site classification 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 began preparation for the 2025 House of Delegates meeting by participating in delegate meetings and conversations.
- Eighty-five individuals are actively rostered as Certified Swine Sample Collectors in Indiana. Twenty-seven renewals were completed this quarter. In addition to processing status renewals, trainer and certified

individuals' information was submitted to the National Pork Board to pre-populate the now available national Certified Swine Sample Collector database.

- USDA is offering no-cost swine RFID tags to breeding sows and exhibition swine. In July 2025, APHIS awarded a contract to supply up to \$20 million in tags to sow and exhibition swine industry segments, over the next five years. Modeled after the no-cost RFID cattle tag program, this effort will supply no-cost RFID tags to swine producers to boost national swine disease traceability, which is vital to supporting the safety and marketability of the U.S. swine herd. Unique to this program is a direct-from-manufacturer to swine premises distribution model.

Traceability

- Indiana was allocated official ID tags for cattle through USDA funding this year and distributed 3,300 tags to beef cattle producers at Hoosier Beef Congress. Tags were also distributed at Indiana Beef Cattlemen's Association area meetings across the state this winter and to livestock markets and veterinarians for further distribution or tag application for beef producers across the state.
- There were 116 rejected exported CVIs returned to Indiana veterinarians this quarter. The top three causes for rejection of these export CVIs were: 1.) missing statement, 2.) vaccination requirements not met, and 3.) testing 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 standards and providing at least the same functionality as USAHERDS. This process is ongoing with an anticipated launch date for the new database in Spring 2026.
- BOAH continues to train Indiana veterinarians on the VET-CVI application. This application has replaced the Indiana eCVI (fillable PDF) which is no longer accepted as of Jan. 1, 2025. Currently BOAH has trained over 887 veterinarians in Indiana, representing over 419 veterinary clinics.
- Movement documents were processed this quarter from the following sources: Commuter Herd: 269; Paper CVI & eCVI: 1,474; VET-CVI: 4,005; GVL & VSPPS: 9,274.

Respectfully Submitted.



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15VU1654-093 Vanderburgh	Canine, Feline	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Abandonment	Animal Care
15VT19JP-093 Vanderburgh	Canine	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Abandonment	Animal Care
15UM16HN-0AL Harrison	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Aggression	Animal Care
15U01N89-04C Grant	Equine	Justice	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15RP1BCU-02N DeKalb	Canine	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15UB1MMY-02N DeKalb	Canine	Chavis	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15U11GF3-04C Grant	Equine	Justice	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15SX18WK-0CJ Vigo	Equine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15UG19E5-02N Huntington	Canine	Chavis	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15T90XBY-0CJ Vigo	Cervid	Solomon	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care

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15SS12EF-0DW Orange	Canine, Feline	Kantz	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15T5117C-0CJ Owen	Canine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15SZ142L-0DW Lawrence	Canine	Kantz	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15T51BGV-093 Knox	Canine	Renshaw	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15T40KQE-093 Knox	Canine	Renshaw	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15U61310-0AL DeKalb	Canine	Chavis	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15TG0VHV-0CJ Parke	Canine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15TJ0WND-0B4 White	Avian, Canine, Equine	Boyd	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15U00WG4-0B4 White	Equine	Boyd	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15V70XBH-04C Delaware	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15U7187P-0CJ Vermillion	Equine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care

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15VE1P9K-04C Wayne	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15UY0V60-0CJ Vigo	Equine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15UE1HYF-0B4 Tippecanoe	Canine	Boyd	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15UL0Z83-02N Noble	Canine	Chavis	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15UE12WL-0CJ Marion	Equine	Solomon	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15VE1PHW-04C Madison	Equine	Justice	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15VE1PZV-04C Wayne	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15VJ11Y8-0CJ Parke	Canine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15V70WFF-04C Blackford	Canine	Justice	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15VL0W29-0CJ Vigo	Canine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15VR0PN5-093 Dubois	Equine	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care

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15VV16DP-04C Rush	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15VY0R3V-0BJ Kosciusko	Bovine	Paul	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15VY0RCG-093 Vanderburgh	Canine	Renshaw	Court-Ordered	Neglect	Animal Care
15UZ106T-02N DeKalb	Canine, Feline	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15VE0R27-04C Madison	Avian, Canine, Exotics	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15UU1FTX-0AL Harrison	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15TT10ZN-02N Huntington	Avian, Canine, Caprine, Equine, Feline, Leporine	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15TA13XP-01Y Jay	Equine	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15U11H0C-04C Wayne	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15U11GRV-04C Wayne	Canine, Feline	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15U50ZVH-0DW Washington	Canine	Kantz	Animal Control	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care

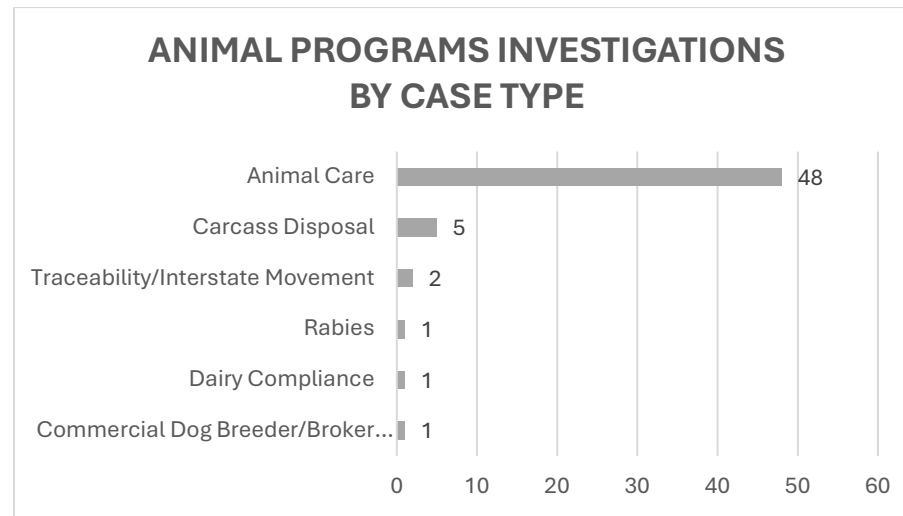
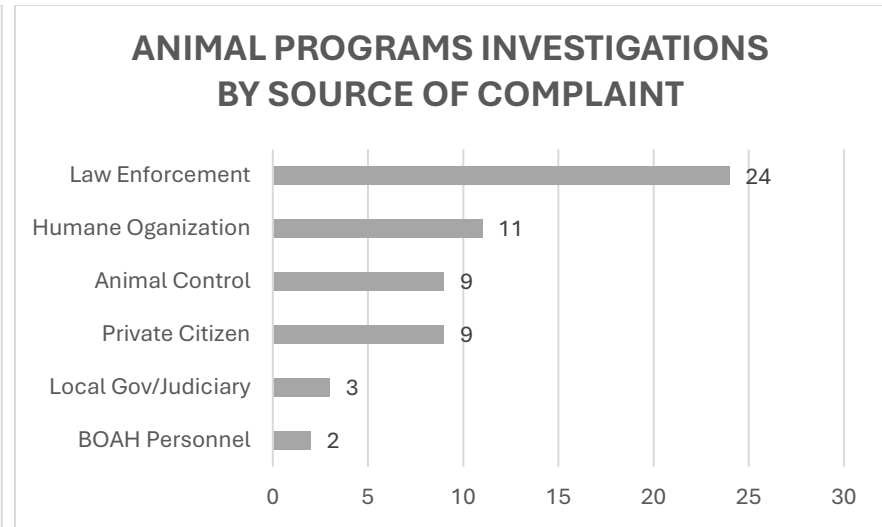
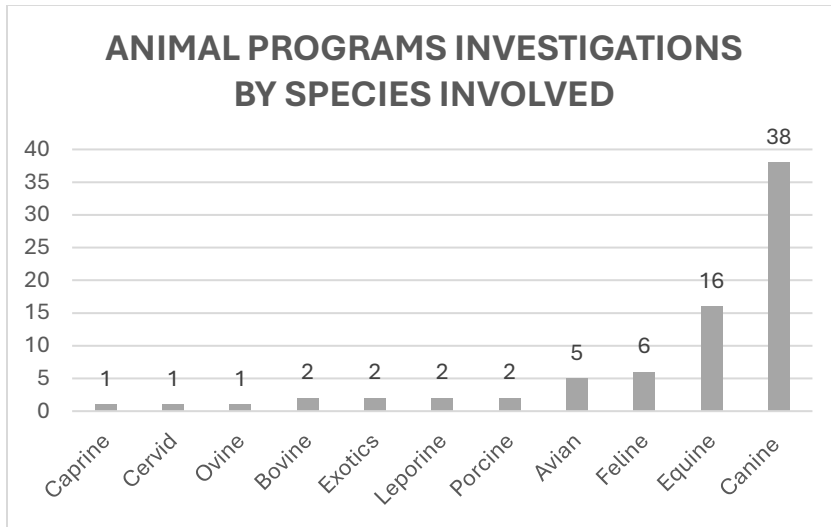
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15VE1PSF-04C Madison	Canine	Justice	Humane Organization	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15UM1B3F-02N DeKalb	Avian, Canine, Feline, Equine, Exotics	Chavis	Animal Control	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15UU20PZ-01Z St. Joseph	Canine, Equine	Strasser	Humane Organization	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15V61BE3-0CJ Sullivan	Canine, Leporine	Solomon	Humane Organization	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15UM0T2H-093 Knox	Canine	Renshaw	Court-Ordered	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15V515WU-0CR Randolph	Avian	Bloom	Private Citizen	Improper Carcass Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15VE1208-01Y Lawrence	Equine	Gunn	Health Department	Improper Carcass Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15VU1A30-01Y Allen	Ovine	Price	Animal Control	Improper Carcass Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15VZ1JHL-0BJ Steuben	Porcine	Paul	Private Citizen	Improper Carcass Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15VZ1HQC-0BJ Kosciusko	Porcine	Paul	Private Citizen	Improper Carcass Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15VY0TQ8-0BJ Lagrange	Canine	Paul	Private Citizen	Registration Requirement	Commercial Dog Breeder

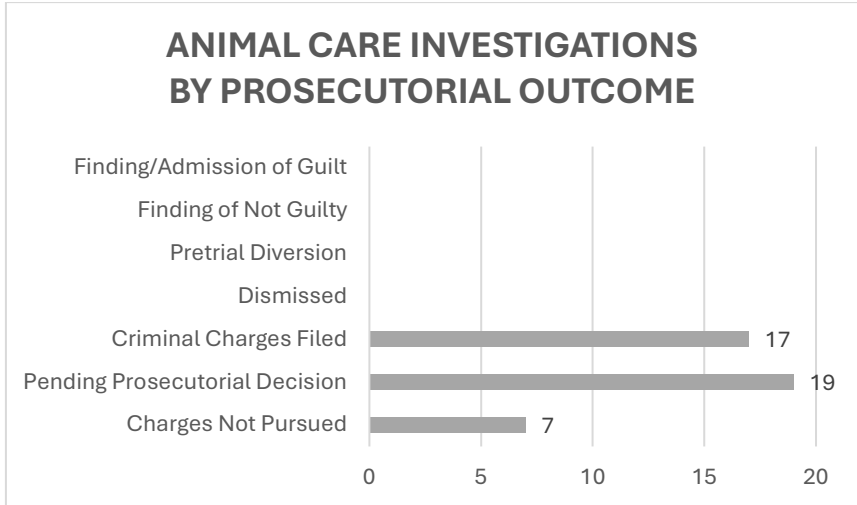
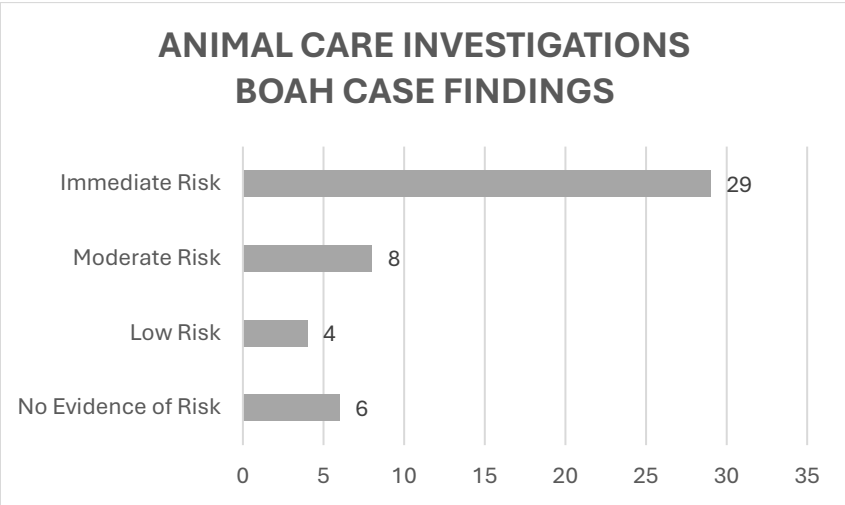
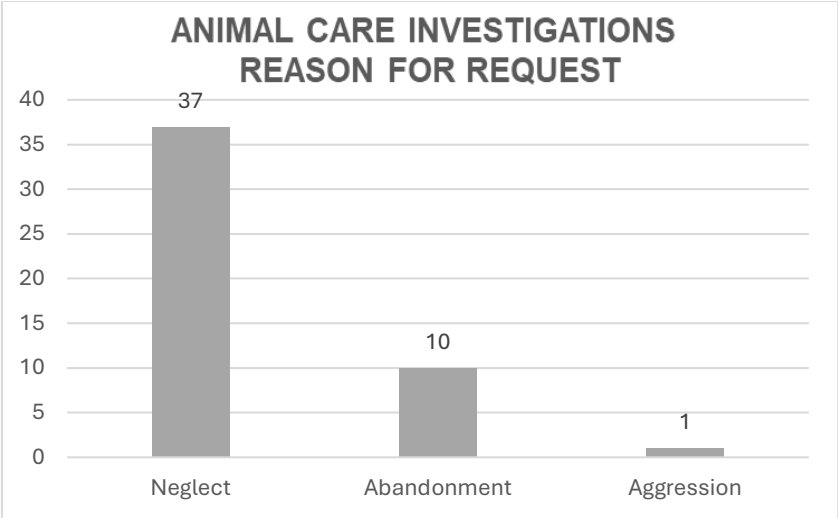
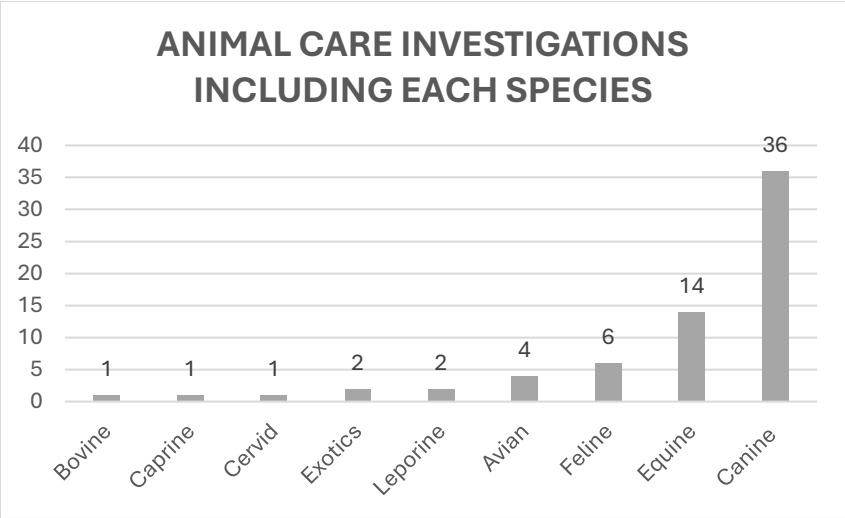
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15V00ZZJ-01Y Rush	Bovine	Siedling	BOAH Personnel	Selling/Advertising Raw Milk	Dairy
15UK11HW-01Y Clark	Equine	Price	Private Citizen	No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection	Interstate Movement/Traceability
15VZ109C-01Y Jennings	Cervid	Price	BOAH Personnel	No Cervid Permit Application or Tuberculosis Testing	Interstate Movement/Traceability
15UC1EEP-0BJ Lagrange	Canine	Paul	Private Citizen	No Rabies Vaccination	Rabies

ANIMAL PROGRAM INVESTIGATIONS SUMMARY – Q1 2026



ANIMAL CARE INVESTIGATIONS SUMMARY – Q1 2026



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Meat and Poultry Inspection

Report to the Board, April, 2026

Quarterly Highlights

- We had no new plants this quarter
- Dr Swiatkowski attended the area Beef Cattle Association meeting on January 12th in West Lafayette.
- Dr Suhr attended the Hancock County Ag Breakfast on January 22nd at the Thrive Center in Greenfield
- Dr Swiatkowski and Dr Suhr participated in a Food Safety Working Group meeting with the State Health Department, Indiana Egg Board, State Chemists Office and others to discuss new legislation.
- Dr Swiatkowski spoke at the Small Farm Conference on March 5th
- Jamie Noble, EIAO, Compliance Officer, attended the Indiana Meat Packers and Processors Association Conference and answered questions regarding our program at our booth in the trade show.
- Dr Renae and Dr Suhr
- We have had one retirement this quarter. Luckily no retirements in the foreseeable future.
- We have been training our 6 new inspectors and 1 new EIAO 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.
- Compliance received and investigated 13 consumer complaints this quarter.
- In January, Compliance conducted 9 surveillances and 4 industry/community liaison activities. We had 1 violation that resulted in product detention and release and issued 2 verbal warnings.
- In February, Compliance conducted 17 surveillances, 1 state recall/effectiveness check, 1 establishment review, and 9 industry/community liaison activities. We conducted 1 surveillance follow-up and had 2 violations that resulted in 1 product detention and release.

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Fast Facts

Facilities by type:

Red meat harvest and processing	51
Poultry harvest and processing	3
Meat harvest, no further processing	2
<u>Processing only facilities</u>	<u>25</u>
Official establishments	81
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Limited Permit Retail HRI	3
<u>Custom Exempt establishments</u>	<u>54</u>
Total program facilities	139

- We currently have two open inspector positions. One in the south area and one in the west central 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

- Dr Suhr and Dr Swiatkowski will be meeting with Robert Bane, Deputy Administrator, FSIS, on April 22nd to discuss export opportunities for CIS plants. WE are joined by Indiana State Department of Ag.
- Dr Suhr and Dr Swiatkowski will attend the ASMID (Association of State Meat Inspection Directors) meeting in Iowa in May.
- 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 facilities are expected to join the program this quarter and 1 plant is 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 15 state surveys during the first quarter of 2026. These included 6 BTU's, 3 Single Service Plants, and Plants. Sanitation average scores were 90.2 for Btu's, 84.3 for Single Service Plants (Score of 80 or above to pass for Single Service), and 92.25 for Plants. Average enforcement scores were 92.1 (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

- 658 total Grade A Farms
- 206 Organic Farms
- 12 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
- 15 Manufactured Grade Farms
- Milk Trucks 513
- 29 Manufactured Grade Plants
- 16 Single Service Manufactures
- 9 Distributor

Looking Ahead

- The Dairy Division will be sending several staff members to upcoming meetings for the second quarter of 2026. Two inspectors will be attending Dairy Farm Sanitation and Inspection, and two inspectors will be attending Milk Plant Sanitation and Inspection. These classes are instructed by FDA Regional Milk Specialist and will help with the training of some of the division's newer staff members.

Partnerships and Outreach

- James Lairson, BOAH's Chief Lab Evaluation Officer, went to Illinois in March to work with Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, Michigan, and Kentucky to prepare split samples for each state corresponding labs. These samples are sent to each lab for each analyst to complete testing on to check for proficiency in drug residue testing.
- The Dairy Division continues 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.
- Nathan Campbell was able to attend a quarterly meeting with the Indiana Dairy Producers and spend time answering questions for that organization's Board
- Patrick Hash, Nathan, Campbell, Tina Zaring, Sara Horning, and Denise Derrer attended the Indiana Milk Quality Conference this year held in Carmel. BOAH presented on several topics this year adding to a strong conference agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patrick Hash'.

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State Veterinarian's Report
1st Quarter, 2026

Quarterly Highlights

- **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Poultry** – Indiana confirmed 48 new detections of HPAI in poultry this quarter, affecting nine counties across the state. While cases remain concentrated in high-density poultry areas, the BOAH team is responding with speed, agility, and seasoned expertise to ensure an effective and timely response.

BOAH continues to work with state, federal, academic, and industry partners to advance understanding of this incident's epidemiology, with focused attention on viral spread, inactivation, and risk analysis that informs more targeted and effective surveillance strategies. As part of this effort, BOAH Case Managers are collecting environmental samples from growers' primary transport vehicles during depopulation to refine understanding of viral distribution and identify practical mitigation opportunities. In addition, our team is working with USDA Wildlife Services to gain clearer insight into the role of peridomestic species around poultry premises.

In two counties, BOAH has implemented additional response measures specifically designed to reduce the risk of introduction and to support a timely recovery:

1. Infected farms must power wash barn exteriors as part of Initial Virus Elimination, with emphasis on ventilation systems.
2. The post-disinfection fallow period has been extended from 14 days to 28 days.
3. Growers must be present for the Biosecurity Compliance Audit Program's Restocking Audit and demonstrate line of separation biosecurity before restocking.
4. Infected Zone placements are limited to sites without existing poultry.
5. Poultry already on-site must be sampled before additional placements are permitted 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.

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- **H5N1 Dairy Surveillance** – On June 13, 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 nine rounds of milk-tanker testing, surveilling an average of more than 250 tankers per month. USDA reports that forty-one states, including Indiana, are currently classified as unaffected under the national milk testing strategy, while only three states—Texas, Idaho, and California—are currently classified as affected. The most recent herd confirmed positive by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories was identified in Wisconsin in December 2025.
- **Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI)** – BOAH's MPI team, in collaboration with industry and regulatory partners, has initiated preliminary discussions regarding the potential for cooperative interstate shipment facilities within Indiana's meat and poultry inspection program to ultimately export inspected products internationally. These conversations are in their earliest stages, and we recognize that significant federal regulatory hurdles will likely need to be addressed before any pathway could be considered feasible. Nonetheless, the dialogue to date has been constructive, and we remain cautiously optimistic that continued engagement may, over time, support expanded market opportunities for Indiana's cooperative interstate shipment establishments.
- **New World Screwworm (NWS)** – The federal government has launched SCREWWORM.GOV, a centralized resource for information on NWS. The FDA has conditionally approved three drugs to prevent or treat New World screwworm (NWS): Dectomax CA1 and Exzolt Cattle CA1 for use in cattle, and Credelio Quattro CA1 for dogs.

Additional products are authorized under Emergency Use Authorizations, including Credelio and NexGard for dogs; Credelio CAT and NexGard COMBO for cats; Ivomec injectable for preventing NWS in certain cattle; and F10 Antiseptic Wound Spray with Insecticide for a wide range of species, from livestock to birds and captive exotic mammals.

- **Indiana Center for Animal Policy (Center)** – In response to the regular inquiries BOAH receives from animal owners seeking veterinarians who are accepting new clients, the Center launched *Find-A-Vet* on March 10, 2026. This online directory is designed to improve access to veterinary services and allows users to search by species, location, specialty, and service type. More than 200 Indiana practices have voluntarily registered, and additional outreach is underway to expand participation.

This resource supports Hoosiers who continue to experience difficulty locating available veterinary services across both livestock and companion-animal sectors and improves visibility for practices with capacity to accept new clients.

Partnerships & Outreach

- Dubois County Cattlemen's Association's Annual Meeting
- Indiana Beef Cattle Association's Area Beef Meetings
- Indiana Farm Bureau's Innovate and Grow Conference
- Indiana Pork Producers Association's Annual Meeting & Taste of Elegance
- Indiana Pork Producers Association's Swine Health Advisory Committee
- Indiana State Poultry Association's Evening Under the Stars
- Indiana Veterinary Medical Association's Crossroads Veterinary Conference
- North American Elk Breeders Association's March Mingle
- Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine's Careers in Veterinary Medicine Course
- Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine's One Health Club