

What's at Stake?

The health and well-being of Washington livestock and Washington's economy depends on your quick response:

-  Our No. 2 agricultural commodity is dairy products, valued \$861 million.
-  We have 1.1 million head of cattle and calves, worth an estimated \$1.4 billion. This is our No. 4 ranking agricultural commodity.
-  Our poultry industry generates \$176 million, including both fryers and egg layers.
-  Our export sales of livestock commodities generates several hundred million dollars in revenue.
-  We have approximately 11,700 ranchers and cattlemen and 760 dairy farmers in almost every county. (2006 figures)

Disease or pest outbreaks could bring Washington's livestock industry to a halt. Estimate of an undetected Foot & Mouth Disease outbreak in the U.S. could cost approximately \$10 million per hour. Natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, wildfires, and ice storms impact livestock and can cause death loss, injuries, and suffering.



Make a difference to the livestock of Washington!

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RESERVE VETERINARY CORPS

Volunteers needed!



RESPONDING TO ANIMAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES

The Washington State Reserve Veterinary Corps (RVC) is comprised of veterinarians, veterinary health technicians, and other animal health professionals involved in supporting the livestock industry.





Is Washington ready for an animal health emergency?

Yes! With YOUR Help!

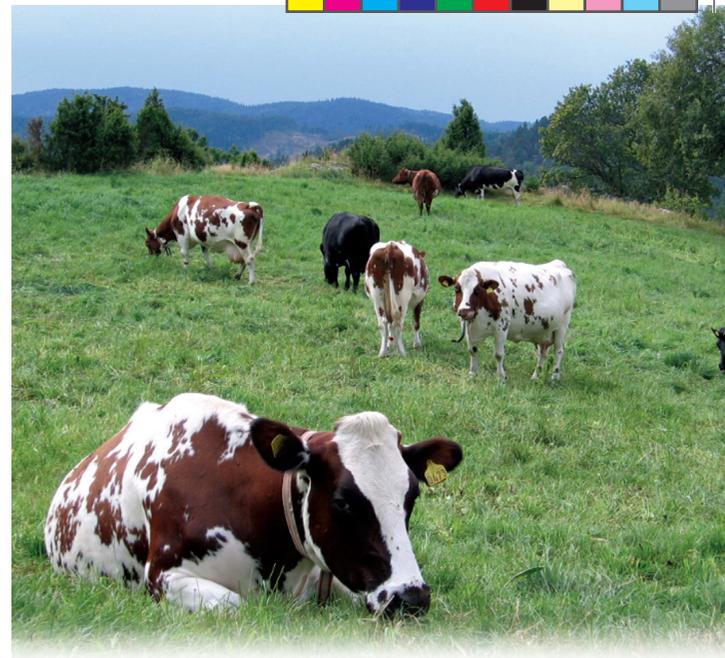
The Reserve Veterinary Corps (RVC) members may be called upon to assist WSDA Animal Health Program in a livestock health event such as a Foreign Animal Disease outbreak or a natural disaster in Washington.

Members may assist with animal care and treatment, evacuation, vaccination, specimen collection, decontamination, euthanasia, necropsy, collecting epidemiological information, and may be involved in client education and outreach.

How can you help?

As a member of the Washington State Department of Agriculture's Reserve Veterinary Corps:

-  You will have access to free, interesting continuing education opportunities
-  The skills you develop will benefit not only the state, but your local community
-  You may be asked to participate as a credentialed responder during a state animal health emergency
-  Per diem and stipend support will be available for certain training opportunities



Training Opportunities

WSDA is committed to training RVC members in those skills necessary to respond to an animal health emergency.

Training opportunities will include:

-  Foreign Animal Disease Response, including Foreign Animal Disease-Practitioner training
-  Incident Command System
-  Hazardous Materials Awareness
-  Tabletop Exercises and Response Scenarios