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**Notice of Executive Session (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9))**

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health will hold an executive session under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) to evaluate the job performance of the state veterinarian on **January 13, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.** at Discovery Hall - Suite 100, 1202 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING**

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) will hold its quarterly meeting at **9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026**, at the Board of Animal Health office on the Indiana State Fairgrounds at Discovery Hall, Suite 100, 1202 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Electronic participation is available; see log-in details below the agenda.

**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: October 14, 2025
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. Other Business:
  - a. State Veterinarian’s Report - Kyle Shipman, DVM, Indiana State Veterinarian
  - b. Establish date for the April 2026 meeting - proposed date: April 14, 2026:

***Electronic Meeting Access Via MS Teams:***

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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	3/31/2021 – 3/31/2025
Kraig Bowers	Sheep	3/31/2021 – 3/31/2025
Ashley Armstrong, DVM	General veterinary practice	3/31/2021 – 3/31/2025
Bill Doig, DVM	Equine	3/31/2022 – 3/31/2026
Tim Rice	Licensed entity	3/31/2022 – 3/31/2026
Virgil Bremer, Ph.D.	Beef	3/31/2023 – 3/31/2027
Dimple Hall, DVM	Small animal veterinary practice	3/31/2023 – 3/31/2027
Tracey Gillespie, DVM	General veterinary practice	3/31/2023 – 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**  
**October 14, 2025**

**Quarterly Meeting**

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. The meeting was held at the Board of Animal Health office at Discovery Hall, Suite 100, 1202 E 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

Chairperson Dr. William Doig called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and conducted a roll call of board members.

Members Participating:

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

Members Absent: Tracey Gillespie, DVM  
Mr. Keith Beer

Vacant Positions: None

BOAH Staff Participating:

Kyle Shipman, DVM, State Veterinarian  
Gary Haynes, Chief of Staff  
Brandi Hardin, Senior Director, Animal Programs Division  
Kerri Suhr, DVM, Director, Meat and Poultry Division  
Shelly Chavis, DVM, District 3 Field Veterinarian  
Kristi Kantz, DVM, District 8 Field Veterinarian  
Denise Derrer Spears, Public Information Director  
Jared Hagenow, Assistant Public Information Officer

9:30 a.m. Chairperson Dr. Bill Doig 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:

- Ron Paul, 5 years of service
- Matt Hauschild, 10 years of service
- Jean Doeflein Wilson, 10 years of service
- Cheryl Miller, DVM, 30 years of service

**Second Order of Business - Approval of Minutes**

Dr. William Doig asked the Board to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025 meeting. Virgil Bremer made a motion – MOTION – “I move to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025 meeting.” Ty Harweger seconded the motion. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 9-0. (Exhibit 2)

**Third Order of Business – Consideration for Final Adoption – Readoption of rules expiring January 1, 2026 – LSA #24-625.**

Gary Haynes explained that there were no public comments submitted on the proposed rule readoptions.

David Hardin made a motion – MOTION – “I move to readopt the rules as presented in LSA #25-625.” The motion was seconded by Tim Rice. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 9-0. (Exhibit 3).

**Fourth Order of Business–Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) report (Exhibit 4)**

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 4)

David Hardin made a motion – MOTION – “I move to approve the ADDL fee changes as presented.” Virgil Bremer seconded the motion. The Board approved the MOTION by a roll call VOTE of 9-0.

**Fifth Order of Business – Agency Reports – Technical Services**

- a. Public Information Report (Exhibit 5)  
Denise Derrer Spears discussed agency public information activity and projects.
- b. Chief of Staff Report. (Exhibit 6)  
Gary Haynes provided updates on agency personnel, budget, and policy initiatives.

### **Sixth Order of Business – Animal Programs Division Report (Exhibit 7)**

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, a surge in West Nile Virus findings in horses, and the Swine Health Improvement Plan 2025 House of Delegates meeting.

Dr. Shelly Chavis presented an update on chronic wasting disease (CWD) and the captive cervid industry in Indiana. Dr. Chavis presented requests from industry for changes to BOAH's rules governing movement of cervids into the state, identification of cervids, and CWD surveillance on hunting preserves. The Board requested that Dr. Shipman and the BOAH staff continue to work on these issues and report back to the Board if any changes are recommended.

### **Seventh Order of Business – Avian Division Report (Exhibit 8)**

Dr. Kyle Shipman reported that Dr. Maria Cooper and other Avian Division staff were busy responding to recent findings of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in commercial poultry in Indiana. There have been 5 recent findings of HPAI in commercial poultry in Indiana, including 3 flocks on October 13, 2025. Dr. Shipman updated the Board on Avian Metapneumovirus and Egg Drop Syndrome Virus affecting commercial poultry in the state.

### **Eighth Order of Business – Meat and Poultry Division (Exhibit 9)**

Dr. Kerri Suhr reported on Meat and Poultry Inspection program activities. Dr. Suhr reported that some state-inspected cooperative interstate shipment plants want to ship products internationally and will have to request federal inspection to meet these goals.

### **Ninth Order of Business - Dairy Division (Exhibit 10)**

Gary Haynes updated the Board on Dairy Division activities.

### **Tenth Order of Business – Other Business**

#### **a. State Veterinarian's Report (Exhibit 11)**

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.

b. Date of Next Meeting

The Board set the date for the next regular meeting to be January 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Chairperson Dr. William Doig adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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William Doig, D.V.M., Chairperson

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



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### **Media/Public Information Office Report**

*22 December for 13 January 2026 Board Meeting*

Denise Derrer Spears, Public Information Director

#### **Public Information:**

- Continued to work with the Management Performance Hub (MPH) to develop the Veterinary Practice Finder portal. Current plan is to “go live” at the end of January. More than 200 practices have signed up to be part of this effort, which will be a free, public-facing search tool to match animal owners needing veterinary services with providers statewide.
- Participated in the Purdue College of Agriculture Career Fair.
- Hosted a booth at the Indiana Farm Bureau annual convention’s Ag Market Place.
- Spoke at the IDOH statewide orientation for new employees of local health departments about BOAH and how they may interact with our agency.
- Coordinated a special listening session with a speaker panel at the IVMA Crossroads Conference in February to highlight recruitment and retention strategies for veterinary clinics as part of the veterinary workforce initiative.
- 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, INPork.
- 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 126 individuals.
- Spoke at the Area Beef Meeting in Columbia City with an agency update.
- Participated in interviews for the District 5 veterinarian position.
- Issued a consumer advisory about potential puppy-buying scams around the holidays.
- Issued an advisory on EHV-1 to equine owners and veterinarians.
- Supported HPAI response efforts through media interviews, issuing situation updates and updating the poultry and dairy dashboards.
- Hosted a booth at the Midwest Pork Conference in Muncie.
- Met with Dr. Solomon-Gabl and a private veterinarian to identify opportunities to educate equine owners about vaccinations and preventable diseases.

#### **Disaster Preparedness:**

- Coordinated BOAH’s Q4 lunch-and-learn webinar on biosecurity and protecting your livestock investment. The video is posted to BOAH’s YouTube channel.
- Completed a public information course taught by Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service as part of the IDHS training academy.

#### **Food Safety:**

- Spoke to the Purdue veterinary technician senior class about BOAH’s inspection programs.

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**Chief of Staff Report**  
**Gary L. Haynes**  
**January 13, 2026**

**Quarterly Highlights**

- **Personnel:**
  - During calendar year 2025:
    - Fifteen percent of BOAH’s workforce turned over (17 total).
    - Average time to fill a position is 44 days.
  - Filled a district veterinarian position for Central Indiana following the retirement of Dr. Cheryl Miller.
  - Filled four meat and poultry inspector positions. Recruiting continues for meat inspector positions.
  
- **Policy:**
  - Responded to requests for information from legislators on potential legislation for the 2026 General Assembly session. Reviewed the following introduced bills:
    - HB 1061 Veterinary telehealth
    - HB 1024 Veterinary student loan repayment program
    - HB 1014 Sonography
    - SB 56 Veterinary licensing
  - Prepared notice of 2026 rule readoptions for publication.
  - Continued work with the Board of Veterinary Medicine on policy questions and initiatives and rulemaking projects.
  - 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 first quarter of 2026.

- **Customer Service**

During 2025 BOAH implemented a customer service survey. The survey is available to the public through a link in BOAH team member emails and the agency website. Responses to the survey:

Completion time	With whom did you have contact?	What was the purpose/subject of your interaction?	Informative	Helpful	Timely/Responsive	Courteous	Was your issue resolved?	What was your primary method of contact?	What best describes you?	Please share any additional comments or suggestions.
10/29/25 15:57:21	Dairy Inspection	Positive load- information	Excellent 5	Excellent 5	Excellent 5	Excellent 5	Still pending	Phone call	Business	Tina Zaring is amazing!!
11/10/25 19:05:18	Veterinary Licensing	Canceling my CSR license for a location where I do not work	Excellent 5	Excellent 5	Excellent 5	N/A	Yes	And mail from me	BOAH-licensed entity	Thank you for doing a good job
11/24/25 16:17:57	Animal Health & Care Programs	Multiple deaths in backyard flock	Excellent 5	Excellent 5	Excellent 5	Excellent 5	Still pending	Phone call	Private citizen	Jean was absolutely amazing. She thoroughly listened to me describing our situation and explained in depth to me what might be going on and the options we could take for the next steps. I very much appreciated someone understanding my concerns and giving me some peace of mind.

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**Animal Programs Division Board Report**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2025**  
*Prepared December 19, 2025*

**Quarterly Highlights**

- After thirty years of service as BOAH's District 5 field veterinarian, Dr. Cheryl Miller retired from BOAH on December 31, 2025. Interviews for her replacement have been completed, and an offer accepted. Dr. Jesse Knibbs will be starting in the position on February 16, 2025.
- Members of the Animal Programs Division represented BOAH at many events this quarter, including National FFA Convention, United States Animal Health Association Annual Meeting, Purdue Traceability Lab and Lecture, Catastrophic Mortality Disposal Training, ICS Training, and the Purdue Veterinary Skills and Competencies practical examinations.
- The Animal Programs Division has worked diligently over the past quarter to support the Avian Division during the current HPAI response activities. At the time of this report, the division has collectively assisted with managing 79 commercial and 2 backyard cases. Team members have assisted with completing the following activities throughout this quarter (completion percentages in parentheses): depopulation (100%), disposal (94%), epidemiologic interviews (64%), cleaning and disinfection inspections (46%), drafting HPAI Flock Plans (94%), environmental sampling (32%), and all the documentation required for each response activity.

**Programmatic Updates**

**Animal Care and Welfare**

- BOAH received 84 animal welfare-related complaints or inquiries, leading to 58 animal care investigations this quarter. The complete Animal Programs Investigations Report is included at the end of this report.
- The animal welfare addendum committee continues to review and update the animal welfare report template used by BOAH field vets to document animal welfare investigations. This group also developed a user guide for the report template to help standardize utilization of the template across investigators.
- This quarter, Dr. Katelyn Macy took on the role of BOAH's Director of Animal Welfare, providing leadership and guidance to her colleagues on welfare topics.

**Aquaculture**

- No programmatic updates to report at time of submission.

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## Cattle

- The number of Indiana cattle herds enrolled in each of the following programs includes:
  - Tuberculosis: 4
  - Brucellosis: 4
  - Johne's: 3
- The annual tuberculosis report has been completed and submitted to the USDA Cattle Health group for review and approval.
- Throughout the national HPAI H5N1 outbreak in cattle, there have been 1,084 confirmed cases in 19 States. This quarter, Wisconsin was added to the list of positive states. Indiana continues to surveil for and has not detected H5N1 in dairy cattle.
  - In quarter four, BOAH office staff processed over 15,530 AI matrix surveillance test charts, which included tests from the National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS) and over 600 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, representing a monthly average of 241 tankers, representing ~300 farms and ~41 IN BTUs.

<b>Round</b>	<b>Tankers</b>	<b>IN Farms</b>	<b>IN BTUs</b>	<b>IN BTUs (% of Total)</b>
Jul-25	231	269	37	51.4%
Aug-25	242	328	40	55.6%
Sep-25	250	303	40	55.6%
Oct-25	221	304	43	~60%
Nov-25	260	296	47	~65%

## Cervids

- 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.
- This quarter, a fallow deer producer had an animal that tested Dual Path Platform (DPP) positive twice; therefore, the animal will be sent to necropsy for final determination of tuberculosis status.
- CWD Program Numbers:
  - Total active cervid herds: 257 (189 Certified, 46 Registered, 22 Registered-Pet)
  - New cervid herds: 1
  - Hunting Preserves: 16
  - Enforcement Actions: 3 (2 denied requests to import deer into Indiana from states with CWD, 1 missed sample warning)

## Commercial Dog Breeder & Broker Program

- Program Numbers:
  - Active Dog Breeders: 189
  - Active Dog Brokers: 8
  - Animal Control Centers: 20
  - Animal Rescue Operations: 110

- Animal Shelters: 44
  - Humane Societies: 35
  - Retail Pet Stores: 22
  - Other (boarding facilities, grooming facilities, pet daycares, etc.): 13
- For the first year of registered retail pet store inspections, twenty-two inspections were completed, representing 100% of registrants. These inspections include a records inspection of dog sources, among other items, as described in the legislature.

### **Companion Animal/Rabies**

- No programmatic updates to report at time of submission.

### **Compliance**

- Three compliance cases were investigated this quarter involving alleged noncompliance with rules related to carcass disposal (1), commercial dog breeder/broker program compliance (1), and dairy compliance (1). Cases outcomes this quarter included: corrective action taken (1), unfounded complaint (1), and pending action (1). The full Animal Programs Investigations report is included at the end of this report. Additional activity in compliance this quarter included creating a letter of information to provide to individuals selling and/or advertising raw milk using herd-share or pet food programs.

### **Drug Residue Prevention & Biologics**

- There were three new beta lactam milk residues this quarter in New Paris, Albion, and Mishawaka. The investigations into these cases are complete and action has been taken to ensure future residues do not occur.

### **Emergency Preparedness & Training**

- In Quarter 4, BOAH hosted a lunch and learn webinar in which Dr. Strasser presented biosecurity basics on the farm.
- 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.

### **Equine**

- BOAH has been closely monitoring two piroplasmosis cases over the last year. This quarter, there was significant progress towards resolving these cases. The case of the young gelding who had been treated for piroplasmosis over the last seven months finally tested negative. The case involving the weanling colt of the positive mare also tested negative in October. The mare remains under quarantine while her owners decide whether or not to pursue treatment. Treatment is costly and is not always as successful in horses that have been infected for longer periods of time.
- In October, eight horses were traced back to Indiana after being exposed to an equine infectious anemia (EIA) positive horse during a quarter horse yearling sale in Oklahoma. The index case had been infected while being treated at a vet clinic in Texas that was found to have been using a contaminated heparin bottle for hospitalized horses. All eight horses were placed under quarantine. Six of the eight traces have been tested with negative results, and results for the final two should be available soon.
- Indiana confirmed 36 cases of West Nile virus (WNV) and one confirmed case of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) this year. Nearly all cases were located in Northeast Indiana in an unvaccinated population of horses. It was an active year for mosquito-borne illness as this year's confirmed cases have

more than doubled compared to last year, and the season extended an extra 30 days compared to last season.

- On November 19<sup>th</sup>, BOAH was alerted to two confirmed cases of EHV-1 / equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM) for horses participating in rodeo events in Waco, TX and Guthrie, OK. EHV-1 typically causes respiratory signs and a fever, but certain strains cause neurologic signs that can be life threatening. Oklahoma cancelled the remainder of the event and sent all contestants home. Oklahoma provided the show roster for horses originating in Indiana, and there were approximately 30 horses belonging to 15 owners returning to Indiana after exposure at the event. All owners were contacted by BOAH personnel, the returning horses were placed under a voluntary quarantine with requests to monitor for clinical signs and fever, and to call their local vet to get tested if signs developed. To date, BOAH has not received reports of any positive cases.
- Dr. Solomon attended the Indiana Association of Equine Practitioners meeting this fall to provide a BOAH update to attendees.

### **Foreign Animal Disease Investigations.**

- In addition to responding to commercial and backyard sick bird calls in the ongoing HPAI outbreak, BOAH conducted four foreign animal disease investigations this quarter. These cases ruled out rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus in pet rabbits (2), vesicular stomatitis in a horse, and FMD and other vesicular diseases in a commercial swine operation.

### **Licensing**

- Through the livestock markets and dealers licensing program, there are 138 active individual livestock dealers, 52 active livestock market facilities, and 13 packer/packer buying station facilities in Indiana. Twelve market and dealer inspections were conducted in Quarter 4.
- BOAH's animal disposal program consists of 12 collection services, 11 disposal plants, and 3 exotic feeding operations, making up a total of 26 active disposal operations in Indiana.
- A total of 533 livestock brands are currently registered in Indiana, with 6 new brands being registered this quarter.

### **One Health**

- In 2025, Indiana had seven confirmed cases of *Theileria orientalis ikeda* and six confirmed cases of *Theileria orientalis chitose*. Theileriosis has now been diagnosed in 15 Indiana counties. The Asian longhorned tick is the tick vector most often associated with Theileriosis and has been found in six Indiana counties thus far.
- The Indiana One Health Steering Committee Team (BOAH, IDOH, DNR, IDEM, USDA) will be holding its semi-annual meeting in January. Many relevant One Health topics are scheduled for discussion including New World Screwworm, assessment of the HPAI response amongst agencies, hunter-harvested CWD results, and the appointment of a new chairperson.

### **Sheep & Goats**

- Indiana has achieved its required annual surveillance minimums for scrapie. Indiana has completed the goat minimum (415 goats tested/ 126 required to be tested by the USDA = 329%) and sheep minimum testing requirements (370 sheep tested/ 312 required to be tested = 119%) for FY 25. There have not been any scrapie positive detections in the U.S. since January of 2021.

## Swine

- BOAH continues to participate in an industry-led taskforce focusing on drafting an H5N1 response plan for swine. The plan has been disseminated through industry and state regulatory officials and is currently under review by federal regulatory officials.
- 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 completed the administrative transition of U.S. SHIP from Iowa State University to USDA.
- Indiana currently has 72 active Commuter Herd Agreements (28 export; 44 import) with thirteen states. 339,842 swine were exported across 369 commuter herd movements this quarter. 644,941 swine across 615 commuter herd movements were imported this quarter. Four amendments were completed, no new agreements were established, four agreements were cancelled, and ten renewals were completed this quarter.
- Eighty-eight 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 upcoming national Certified Swine Sample Collector database.
- The 2025 Midwest Pork Conference was held at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, Indiana in December. The event brought together producers, industry leaders, and agricultural professionals for a full day of education, networking, and innovation. Highlights included keynote sessions, producer panels, and exhibitor showcases, all focused on advancing leadership and sustainability in U.S. pork production.
- USDA is offering no-cost swine RFID tags to sows and exhibition swine in fall 2025. 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 5 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

- Seventy-eight rejected export CVIs were returned to Indiana veterinarians this quarter. The top three causes for rejection of these export CVIs were: 1.) CVI Out of Date, 2.) Missing ID/No Official ID/Incomplete ID, and 3.) Vaccination Requirements Not Met.
- This quarter, BOAH continued User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for the new animal health database, AgEnterprise. This process requires users to test the functionality of the database to ensure it is performing to BOAH's standards. This process will be ongoing through the end of the calendar year and then updates will be made prior to rolling the application into production in February of 2026. This is a delayed timeline to production than was originally anticipated.
- Movement documents were processed this quarter from the following sources: Commuter Herd: 369; Paper CVI & eCVI: 2,959; VET-CVI: 5,648; GVL & VSPS: 13,992.

- A total of 1,842,844 animals were imported into Indiana in Quarter 4, spanning over 6,580 movements across all species. A total of 1,187,253 animals were exported out of Indiana in Quarter 4, covering approximately 16,815 movements across all species.
- BOAH continues to train Indiana's veterinarians on the VET-CVI application. This application has replaced the Indiana eCVI, fillable PDF, which stopped being accepted as an export CVI option in January. BOAH has been providing training materials to veterinarians and has trained over 825 veterinarians, representing 395 veterinary clinics. As of November, Indiana was the #1 state for the number of VET-CVIs issued in the nation.
- 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 will also be distributed at Indiana Beef Cattlemen's Association area meetings across the state this winter. Tags were also distributed to livestock markets and veterinarians for further distribution or tag application for beef producers across the state.

Respectfully Submitted.



Kelli Werling, DVM  
Director, Animal Programs Division

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH - ANIMAL PROGRAMS INVESTIGATIONS REPORT - QUARTER 4, 2025**

<b>Incident Name County</b>	<b>Species Involved</b>	<b>Primary Investigator</b>	<b>Requesting Agency</b>	<b>Reason for Request</b>	<b>Case Classification</b>
15NK15QC-0AL Harrison	Canine, Caprine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15PL1J94-0AL Washington	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15PL1GAQ-0AL Franklin	Bovine Canine, Caprine, Equine	Macy	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15PL1JKQ-0AL Jefferson	Canine, Equine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15QM1FMS-0AL Ripley	Equine, Porcine	Macy	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15QM1FEX-0AL Jefferson	Equine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15QX1JZC-01Z Lake	Equine	Strasser	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15QM1BQS-0AL Harrison	Canine, Caprine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15QM1F2A-0AL Franklin	Bovine Canine, Caprine, Equine	Macy	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care

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15QL0WUM-02N Whitley	Canine, Feline	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15QQ17BV-02N Noble	Feline	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15QQ10F1-01Y LaGrange	Equine	Lamb	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15RB1BJL-04C Randolph	Bovine	Justice	Other State Agency	Neglect	Animal Care
15R91M5M-04C Wayne	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15R91LUZ-04C Madison	Canine	Justice	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15QV0WDZ-0CJ Sullivan	Canine, Feline	Solomon	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15QQ0X62-01Y LaGrange	Equine	Lamb	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15R00D45-0BJ LaGrange	Equine	Lamb	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15QQ15US-093 Dubois	Bovine	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15R916AY-01Y Kosciusko	Canine	Lamb	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care

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15QW1BQ9-02N Allen	Canine	Chavis	Law Enforcement	Abuse	Animal Care
15QV0S9Z-016 Johnson	Canine	Miller	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15R91LCQ-04C Wayne	Equine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15R00PFR-093 Vanderburgh	Feline	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15R31GX3-02N DeKalb	Canine	Chavis	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15R31258-0CJ Owen	Canine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15R51FK5-0AL Harrison	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15RB1C60-04C Madison	Canine	Justice	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15RB1GSL-04C Wayne	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15R411RC-093 Spencer	Porcine	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15RX162C-0DW Lawrence	Canine, Feline	Kantz	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care

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15RB1CUB-04C Madison	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15QM1F7Z-0AL Jefferson	Avian, Canine, Feline, Leporidae	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15RJ17KV-0CJ Parke	Porcine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15RP0Z25-0AL Dearborn	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15RP0YP7-0AL Harrison	Avian, Canine, Caviidea, Exotics, Feline, Leporidae	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15RZ1905-04C Madison	Canine	Justice	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15SA18YZ-0CJ Vigo	Cervid	Solomon	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15RN11T9-093 Dubois	Bovine	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15RQ12FL-016 Hamilton	Canine	Miller	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15RV147Y-0B4 Tippecanoe	Canine	Boyd	Animal Control	Neglect/Abandonment	Animal Care
15S619QK-0AL Orange	Canine, Feline	Kantz	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care

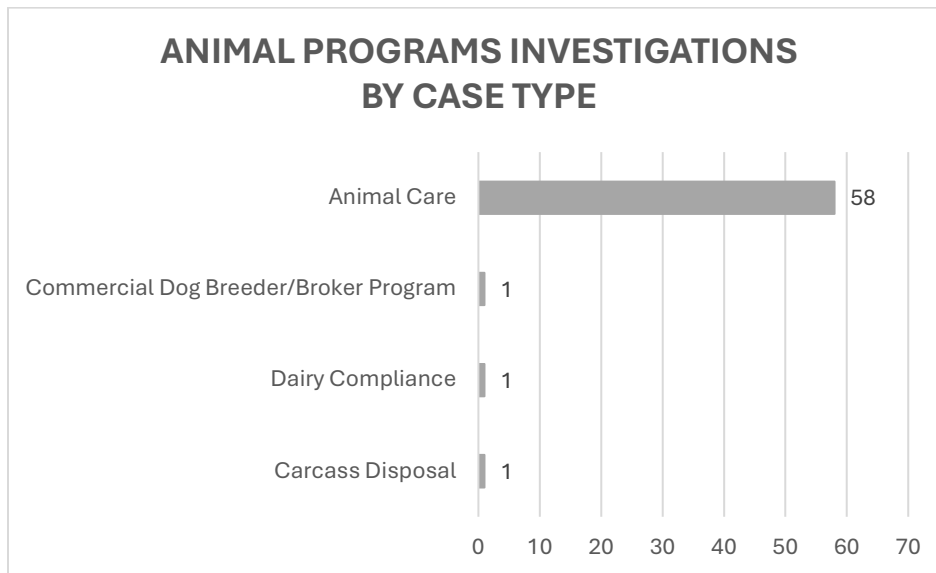
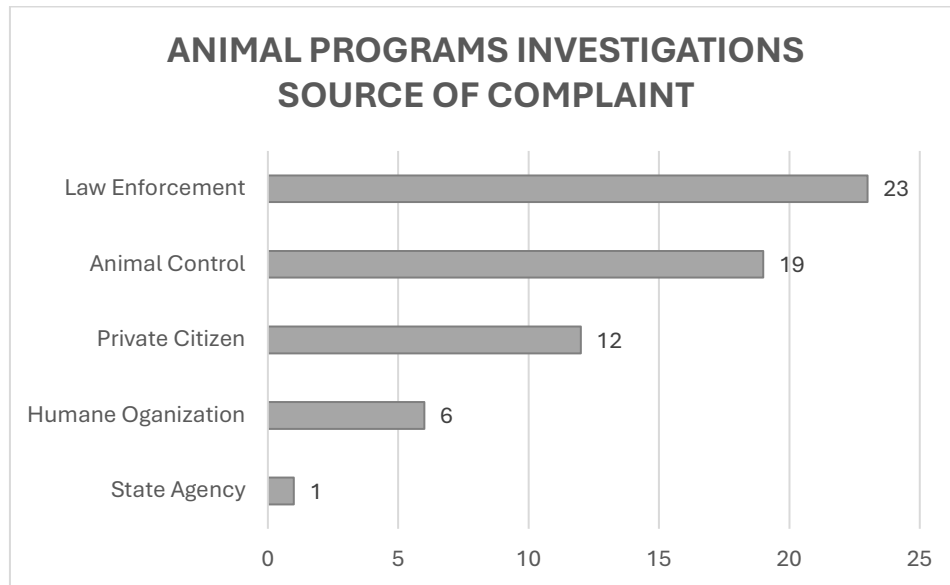
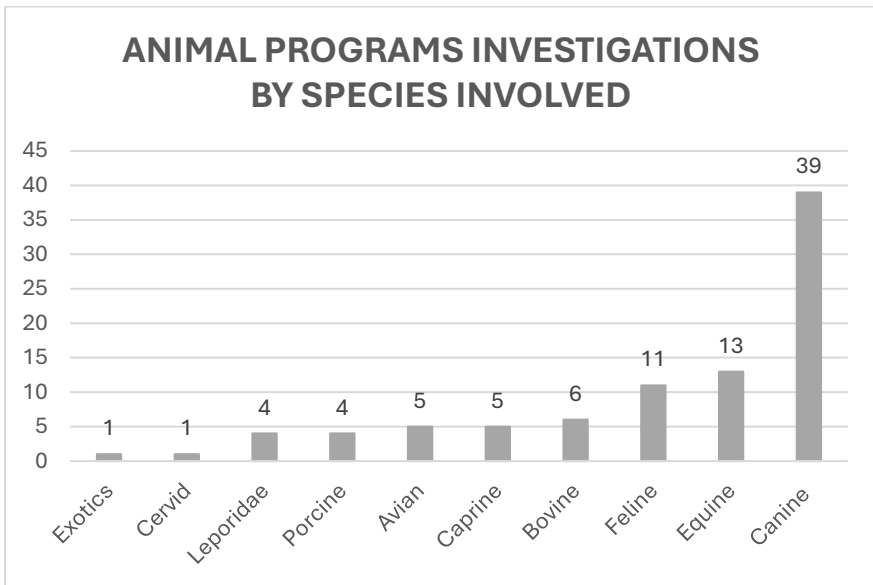
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15RYOZOH-0B4 Tippecanoe	Canine	Boyd	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15RYONHY-093 Dubois	Bovine	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15S110RN-0DW Orange	Canine	Kantz	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15S80LZG-093 Spencer	Porcine	Renshaw	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15S91JC6-01Z Lake	Canine	Strasser	Law Enforcement	Aggression	Animal Care
15SB1DF4-0AL Ripley	Caprine, Equine, Porcine	Macy	Private Citizen	Neglect	Animal Care
15SA18ET-093 Knox	Canine	Renshaw	Humane Organization	Neglect	Animal Care
15SB1DNQ-0AL Dearborn	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15SX18WK-0CJ Vigo	Equine	Solomon	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15SV1R19-0B4 Tippecanoe	Canine, Feline	Boyd	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15SZ16WW-0AL Jefferson	Equine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care

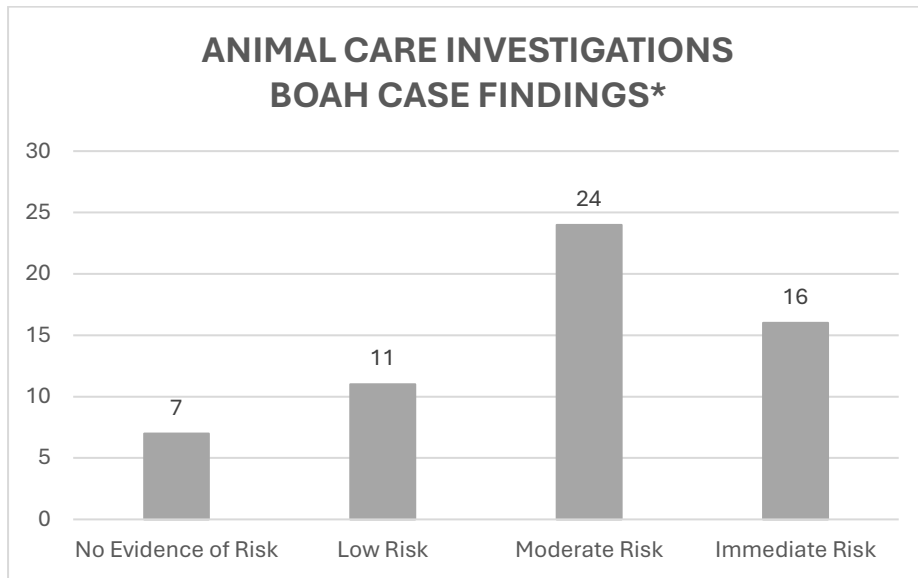
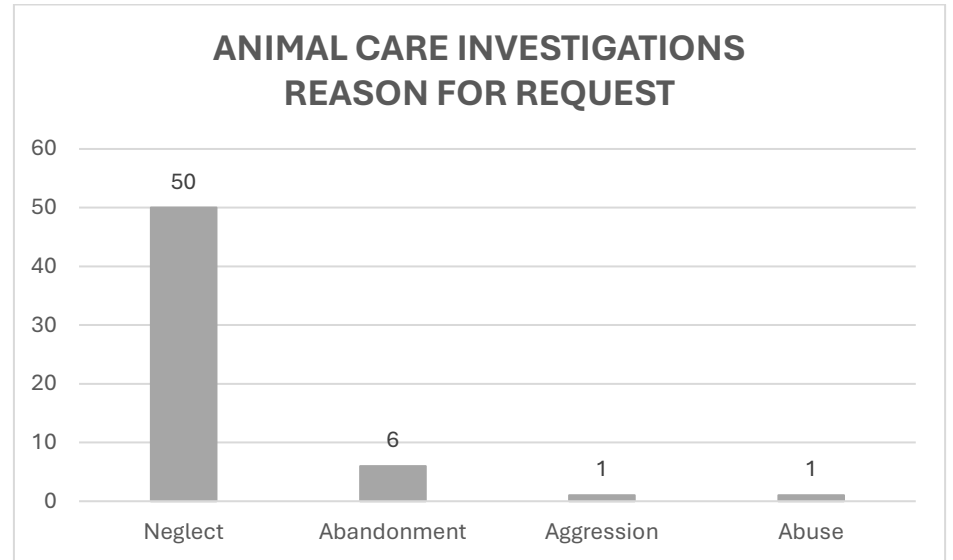
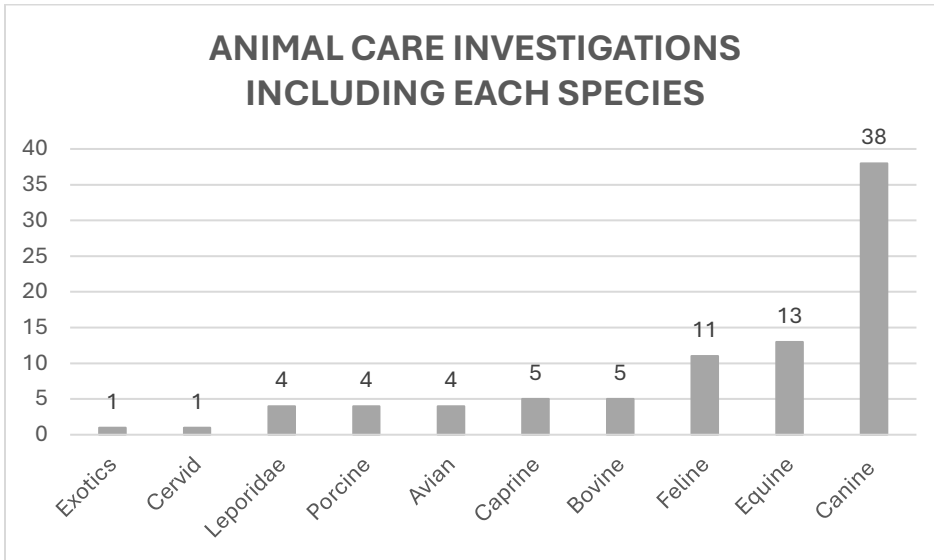
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15SZ17JP-0AL Jefferson	Avian, Canine, Feline, Leporidae	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15SS10XT-0DW Orange	Canine	Kantz	Law Enforcement	Neglect	Animal Care
15QM1AGJ-0AL Washington	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15R21C8D-0AL Harrison	Canine	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15R21CJ7-0AL Jefferson	Avian, Canine, Feline, Leporidae	Macy	Animal Control	Neglect	Animal Care
15SV0ZLU-0CR Delaware	Avian	Bloom	Private Citizen	Improper Carcass Disposal	Carcass Disposal
15RA1D36-01Y Elkhart	Canine	Lamb, Paul	Private Citizen	Rabies Vaccination Requirement	Commercial Dog Breeder
15SW17LH-0CR Hamilton	Bovine	Bloom	Private Citizen	Selling/Advertising Raw Milk	Dairy

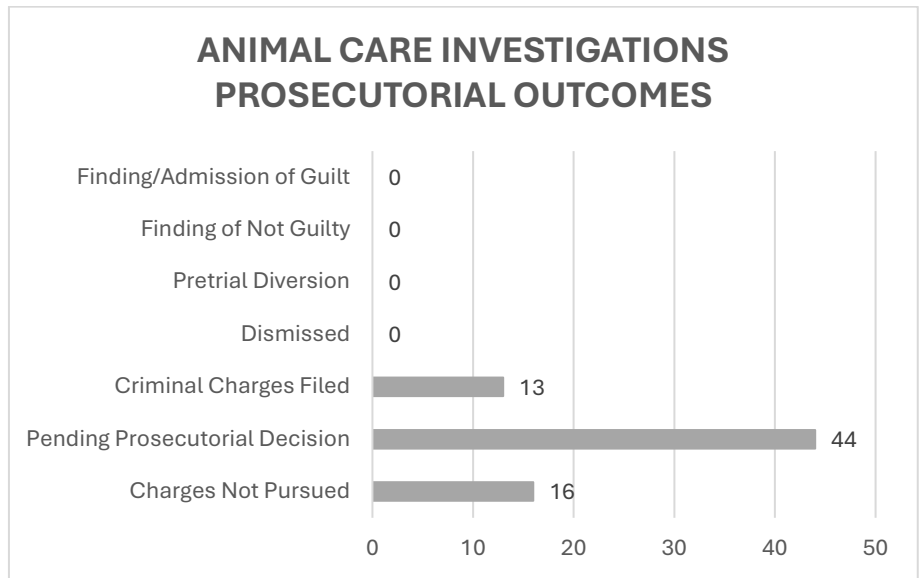
## ANIMAL PROGRAMS INVESTIGATIONS – Q4 2025



## ANIMAL CARE INVESTIGATIONS Q4 2025



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*Meat and Poultry Inspection*

Report to the Board, January, 2026

**Quarterly and Year End Highlights**

- One Custom Exempt facility changed ownership this quarter. (Brownstown). Two cooperative interstate shipment facilities withdrew from the State program to join the USDA FSIS program so they would be eligible to export to other countries. (Johns Butcher Shoppe in Wakarusa and J & J Quality Meats)
- Assistant Director Dr. Swiatkowski attended the Association of State Meat Inspector Directors meeting held during the USAHA meeting in Denver in November in person. Dr. Suhr attended virtually. Budgets, onsite audits and new regulations were discussed.
- The Meat Inspection Division had two retirements this month and 3 more within the next month. We have been hiring many new positions (5) for inspectors and 1 supervisor position in the south area this past quarter.
- During the last year we onboarded 1 new poultry facility and 3 plants increased their inspection. (1 from Custom exempt to inspected and 2 inspected facilities became part of the CIS program) This is down from 7 last year. Also, 2 facilities changed ownership. 1 plant decreased their inspection from inspected to custom exempt and 4 plants withdrew from the program. (2 facilities were CIS that wanted to export and one withdrew to process under retail only)
- FSIS USDA conducted a triennial onsite audit in June of this year. We also completed an FSIS Civil Rights audit in April and are presently in the middle of the financial audit. We are preparing our yearly self-assessment for FSIS to prove our state program is “at least equal to” FSIS. This should be completed before the end of January.
- We currently have 27 CIS plants. Over ½ of our plants that process only under inspection are part of the CIS program. We have 9 CIS plants that slaughter and process.

**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>26</u>
Official establishments	82
+	
Limited Permit Retail HRI	3
<u>Custom Exempt establishments</u>	<u>55</u>
<b>Total program facilities</b>	<b>140</b>

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- 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. Swiatkowski and Dr. Suhr are planning to attend and speak at the Indiana Meat Packers and Processors Association (IMPPA) annual meeting in March 2026.
- Trainings with EIAOs will continue this year on a quarterly basis.
- Dr. Swiatkowski will continue her extensive training offerings for 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.
- Approximately 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.
- IMPPA has started to administer the Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program (MPILP)- a \$15 million revolving loan fund made possible through funding originally awarded by the USDA to the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. This is a low interest loan to support local meat and poultry processing capacity, fostering economic growth, and improving supply chain resilience statewide.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Dairy Division**

### **Highlights**

- Indiana had 63 state surveys in 2025. These included 42 BTU's, 12 Single Service Plants, and 9 Plants. Sanitation average scores were 92.11 for Btu's, 87.92 for Single Service Plants (Score of 80 or above to pass for Single Service), and 91.77 for Plants. Average enforcement scores were 98.7 (score of 90 or higher to pass). Sanitation is the score given to the producer and enforcement is the score provided to BOAH.
- Indiana also had 20 Federal Check-ratings in 2025. The sanitation score average was 88.25 (score of 81 or higher for no action) and the enforcement score was an average of 95.11.

### **Fast Facts**

- 661 total Grade A Farms
- 205 Organic Farms
- 12 Goat Farms
- Haulers 502
- 23 Grade A Dairy Plants
- 15 On Farm Processors
- 4 Truck Wash / 2 Transfer Stations
- 37 farms with a total of 177 AMI's
- 12 Direct Load Farms
- 15 Manufactured Grade Farms
- Milk Trucks 496
- 29 Manufactured Grade Plants
- 17 Single Service Manufactures
- 9 Distributor

### **Looking Ahead**

- Nathan Campbell will be attending an NCIMS Executive Board Meeting in January. This meeting will focus on working with FDA to reach a concur or non-concur for proposals passed during the latest conference. Proposals that gain concurrence from FDA with will move forward and be part of the next Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.

### **Partnerships and Outreach**

- The Dairy Division Patrick Hash and Amy Petijohn to Dairy Practices Council in Mystic Connecticut. This is a conference made up of Industry, Regulatory, and Academia professions working together to increase knowledge within the dairy industry.
- The Dairy Division has been assisting 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.
- Grant funding has been secured to send staff members to 3 FDA training courses next year. FD 375 Farm Inspection and Sanitation, FD 372 Milk Plant Inspection and Sanitation, and FD 578 Advanced Processing. With much of the Division Staff being newer to their positions, these courses will help to align Indiana's inspectors to the national interpretations of debits.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Hash".

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**State Veterinarian's Report**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2025**

**Quarterly Highlights**

- **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Poultry** - Indiana experienced more than eighty new detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in poultry over the past quarter, with most cases occurring in regions of high poultry density. Throughout this challenging period, the BOAH team has worked closely with regulatory partners and elected officials to ensure timely and accurate information sharing. Outreach within affected communities has focused on reinforcing biosecurity practices, surveillance approaches, and considerations related to human and wildlife health. BOAH continues to support Indiana farm families directly impacted by the outbreak, guiding them through response activities and helping them return to safe and timely production.
- **HPAI 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, have completed six rounds of milk-tanker testing, surveilling on average more than 240 tankers per month.
- **New World Screwworm (NWS)** – The federal government has launched SCREWWORM.GOV, a centralized resource for information on NWS. FDA continues to issue conditional approvals and emergency use authorizations for animal drugs used in the treatment or prevention of NWS.
- **United State Animal Health Association (USAHA)** - At the recent USAHA and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) Joint Annual Meeting, attendees advanced a wide range of resolutions aimed at strengthening national animal health policy, disease preparedness, and interagency coordination. The discussions emphasized the need for consistent federal participation in USAHA activities and highlighted priorities such as improved surveillance for African swine fever, classical swine fever, and other foreign animal diseases. Several resolutions focused on equine health and import protocols, including expanded use of PCR diagnostics and adoption of the High Health High Performance framework. The attendees also encouraged modernization of interstate movement documentation by transitioning all Interstate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection to electronic systems supported by federal funding.

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A significant portion of the meeting was centered on enhancing preparedness and response capabilities for highly pathogenic avian influenza, foot and mouth disease, and other emerging threats. Attendees called for expanded epidemiological investigations, clearer policies for depopulation and restocking, and adjustments to movement controls to reduce unnecessary burdens while maintaining strong disease safeguards. Additional resolutions addressed national rabies program funding, aquatic animal pathogen import controls, and formal recognition of the United States as free of brucellosis and tuberculosis in sheep and goats.

The meeting also highlighted the importance of advancing chronic wasting disease research through improved sample coordination and responsible use of antemortem testing in cervids. Delegates supported efforts to improve access to nitrogen-based depopulation tools for emergency poultry response and encouraged continued progress toward an H5 vaccination strategy. Overall, the resolutions reflect a coordinated national effort to modernize regulatory frameworks, strengthen disease readiness, and enhance collaboration among federal, state, industry, and research partners.

- **Board of Veterinary Medicine (VetBoard)** – During their November 13, 2025 meeting, members of the VetBoard continued discussion around the updating and modernization of administrative rules governing the professional standards for veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians, the supervision of non-veterinarians, the veterinary-client-patient relationship, and providing care to animal patients remotely.
- **Legislative Activity** - BOAH remains closely engaged in tracking legislation affecting animal health, food safety, and the veterinary profession. Current bills of interest include HB 1014 (sonography), HB 1024 (veterinary student loan repayment program), HB 1061 (veterinary telehealth), and SB 56 (veterinary licensing) with additional bills expected as the session progresses. BOAH continues to collaborate closely with legislators, providing expert testimony and recommendations to ensure balanced regulatory measures that support both industry needs and public health objectives.

### **Partnerships & Outreach**

- Indiana Beef Cattle Association's Hoosier Beef Congress
- Indiana Beef Cattle Association's Area Beef Meetings
- Indiana Farm Bureau's Regional Manager Meeting
- Indiana Farm Bureau's Ag Gathering
- Indiana Pork Producer's Midwest Pork Conference
- Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Trade Discussions with Peru's Ministry of Agriculture
- Indiana State Poultry Association's Open Board Meeting
- National FFA's Veterinary Science Career Development Event
- Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine's Current Issues in Veterinary Medicine Speaker Panel
- Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine's Applications and Integrations Oral Examiner
- Purdue University's Avian Influenza Grand Challenge Poultry Event
- Sothern Indiana Kennel Tour
- United States Animal Health Association Annual Meeting