

ANIMAL AND AGRICULTURE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Animal and Agriculture Damage Assessment Team performs initial and ongoing situational assessments and needs assessments to determine the types of emergency relief necessary in an incident involving animal and agriculture issues. This team's work begins in the early, critical stages of a disaster and continues throughout the incident. Depending on the incident and hazards, the team may assess community veterinary infrastructure, animal shelters, animal control facilities, feed stores, retail services, animal exhibitors (such as zoos), agricultural producers (farms, ranches, dairies, and so on), processors, market facilities, and agricultural support industries (agrichemical, feed mills, and so on). The team may also assess animal evacuation and shelter needs, stray animals, and animal carcass issues.		
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Animal Emergency Response	RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	This team: 1. Photographs and records disaster site damage 2. Investigates locations where damage exists 3. Analyzes the significance of affected animal and agriculture infrastructures, crops, and animals 4. Estimates the extent of damages 5. Identifies potential cascading effects of animal and agricultural issues 6. Recommends initial priorities for response and recovery	COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	1. Discuss logistics for this team, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment. 2. The team typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable up to 14 days. 3. Requestor specifies specialty areas necessary, such as animal health professionals, agronomists, engineering specialists, logisticians, environmental experts, animal sheltering experts, communications specialists, and others

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	NO TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Equipment	Per Team Member	Personal Protective Equipment	PPE is mission specific and may vary by work environment; it includes: 1. Protective footwear 2. Protective clothing for skin exposure 3. Eye and ear protection 4. Respirators 5. Gloves 6. Masks	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: The following regulation addresses PPE: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment.			
Equipment	Per Team	Transportation	1-Vehicle NOTES: Not Specified	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Equipment	Per Team	Communications	3 - Two-way portable radio 3 - Cell phone NOTES: Not Specified	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Team	Minimum	3	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Support	2 - Animal and Agriculture Damage Assessment Team Member	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: 1. Animal and Agriculture Damage Assessment Team Member is not a NIMS typed position. 2. Team members are multidisciplinary and can include animal health professionals, agronomists, engineering specialists, logisticians, environmental experts, animal sheltering experts, communications specialists, and others.			
Personnel	Per Team	Management and Oversight	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Animal Emergency Response Team Leader	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Equipment	Per Team	Assessment	1. Laptop computer(s) 2. Digital camera(s) 3. GPS capabilities 4. Office supplies 5. Measuring devices 6. Appropriate software 7. Cutting/trimming device(s) 8. Marking paint or other marking materials 9. Traffic control device (or safety signage) 10. Cleaning and disinfecting supplies 11. Other equipment and supplies as necessary, based on ordering specification	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			NOTES: 1. Appropriate software includes word processing, spreadsheet, Geographic Information Systems, and database management programs. 2. Measuring devices include tape measures (25' to 100') and measuring wheels. 3. Cleaning and disinfecting supplies are necessary when moving from one agricultural area to another. 4. Requestor provides Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-approved damage assessment forms for the team to complete.			

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Emergency Response Team Leader
2. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment, latest edition adopted

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Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

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