



Tribal Nations Plant and Animal Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Training

**September 9 - 11, 2025
500 SW 177th Ave. Miami, Florida**

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Southeast American Indian Studies Program with local host the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida are holding a no-cost 2½ day training to promote awareness of plant and animal health threats that could impact tribal lands and agriculture and emphasize the importance of developing Tribal Nation animal and plant health incident emergency response plans.

Training participants will learn about APHIS programs and services, livestock and wildlife diseases, plant pests and diseases, agency surveillance and emergency response, USDA Emergency Support Functions, and animal and plant health funding opportunities.

Agenda topics include overviews and surveillance updates on wild bird highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), New World Screwworm, African Swine Fever, Chronic Wasting Disease, and other animal diseases; APHIS program overviews for Veterinary Services (VS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), Animal Care (AC), and Wildlife Services (WS); and sub-programs National Rabies Management Program, National Feral Swine Damage Management Program, National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP), and Plant Pest and Disease Management and Prevention Program (PPDMPP).

Most importantly, we want to hear from you. How can APHIS improve working with Tribal Nations and build stronger partnerships. Tribal programs can request time to present on related Tribal programs or projects. Please register at the link below and join us in the Everglades.

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[Registration Link](#)

Tribal Nation program personnel are eligible for travel reimbursement for Miami (MIA) airfare, airport ride-share, and Tribe host hotel (15 miles East of MIA). For reimbursement, airfare and hotel must be booked through the travel point on contact, using the registration link. Travel funding is limited and reserved on a first-come basis for new training participants, up to two representatives per Tribal Nation. Some restrictions apply.

The target audience are Tribal personnel in agriculture, wildlife, natural resources, forestry, animal control, all-hazards emergency management, and other related Tribal enterprises.