



ESF 11 Situation Report #4 Animal Health

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Current Situation

- Tornadoes touched down in numerous Mississippi counties April 28, 2014, causing extensive damage and loss of life. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is activated and all the ESFs were activated to the SEOC at 0700 April 29, 2014
- A Presidential Declaration was issued for the impacted areas
- MBAH Emergency Management personnel are working the disaster from field locations
- Companion Animals
 - Tupelo:
 - Received crates and bowls from the MBAH around 5:30-6:00 last night
 - The IFAW response personnel arrived at the shelter 5/1/14 to assist
 - This morning MART/SCDART members were arriving at Tupelo Lee Humane Society to work. Dr. Woodruff (CVM) was accompanying them. They are working out a schedule to assist through the weekend
 - Louisville:
 - The MS Animal Rescue League assisted the Louisville Animal Shelter by removing some of their animal census to make room for rescued animals. An unidentified group took an additional set of animals. Approximately 6-7 animals are remaining at the shelter
 - A phone assessment will be done on Saturday to see if additional needs have surfaced
- Livestock
 - Several more assessments were completed by MSU-CVM. Several farms lost cattle but they have been buried; and a dog was injured on a farm that was then given up to the CVM for treatment and adoption; Fencing issues continue to be an issue
 - Local veterinarians in Louisville are assisting with injuries to livestock and horses with CVM follow-up
- Poultry
 - The MBAH is visiting damaged poultry farms to permit carcass disposal; assessments are still being completed. Findings:
 - 886,000 poultry deaths
 - Broiler houses:
 - 54 houses with major damage
 - 17 houses with minor damage
 - Breeder houses:
 - 4 houses with major damage

Current Operations

- Continuing operations from field locations
- Utilizing support agencies, the MART list, and non-governmental resources to address needs identified in assessments
- Distribute information on the MS Animal Disaster Relief Fund

Contact Information

- The MBAH hotline number is 1-888-722-3106

Important Information

- Situation reports will go out daily until further notice
- Please look for daily sit reps for new information
- Owner/pet/animal evacuation and sheltering information will be available on the MBAH Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/msboardofanimalhealth> and the MEMA website at www.msema.org as it becomes available
- Animal emergency shelters are not open at this time so there isn't a list of pet-friendly shelters available. Please see MEMA's website for these shelters as they open