

APHI IS DESIGNATED AS A FAO REFERENCE CENTER FOR VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY

Colorado State University – Animal Population Health Institute (APHI) has been named as a United Nations – Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Reference Center in Veterinary Epidemiology. FAO Reference Centers are institutions that provide specific, independent technical and scientific advice to accomplish FAO's mandate and assist with its programs.

As part of this designation, APHI agrees to provide advice and expertise to FAO or FAO Member Countries in veterinary epidemiology and in particular on global food security, geospatial analysis, risk analysis and identification of drivers of disease emergence and spread including climate change. Specifically, APHI will inform FAO with regard to changes in the epidemiology of animal diseases, associated risks and new approaches for disease control. Furthermore, APHI will assess risks associated with animal diseases and provide advice on appropriate surveillance methods. Finally, APHI will make expertise available to contribute to animal health capacity building programs in FAO Member Countries or within regions. This support includes the organization of training courses and workshops.

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The Animal Population Health Institute has previously collaborated with FAO in epidemiology and risk analysis as well as in animal health capacity building through the Animal Health Service.

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