

## **Western Regional Animal AgroSecurity Conference May 21 – 22, 2008**

Colorado State University Extension Service is hosting a Western Regional Animal AgroSecurity Conference on May 21 and 22 in Denver, Colorado.

The “Western Regional Animal AgroSecurity Conference” will focus on two questions:

- ✓ What would happen if an Animal AgroSecurity incident occurred in a major livestock region in the United States?
- ✓ What role do those in the agricultural, food, and health industries, as well as emergency services, and law enforcement have in Animal AgroSecurity?

Although emergencies and disaster occur in local areas they can impact the livestock industry in multiple states or regions. These emergencies require local action and resources to resolve and mitigate a major livestock disaster. This conference identifies the need to be prepared and resolve a major AgroSecurity incident.

Other conference topics will include developing county-based Animal AgroSecurity plans. The conference also will consist of several programs to educate participants on Animal AgroSecurity issues.

The conference is designed for state teams that include producers, veterinarians, Extension/Outreach staff, regulatory veterinary medicine personnel, animal health board members, agriculture department and homeland defense representatives, emergency managers, public health officials, state animal response teams and veterinary reserve corps members, law enforcement officers, livestock association members, veterinary practitioner’s and commodity group members.

Speakers will include veterinary officers; producers; commodity and industry representatives; technical experts; University and Extension faculty; and federal, state, and provincial officials.

Participants are expected from California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service are underwriting the conference through the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN).

For more information or to register, go to the EDEN website at <http://eden.lsu.edu/AASDenver>

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