

Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)



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Director: Kevin Shea, Administrator

Department: Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Parent Agency: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (Headquarters)

Maryland Employees: 1,124

Procurement Contracts in 2015:

- \$120,236,598 U.S. total
- \$5,346,229 Performed in Maryland

History & Mission: The foundation for APHIS was built in 1883 when USDA's Commissioner established the Veterinary Division which soon became the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), created to promote livestock disease research, enforce animal import regulations and regulate the interstate movement of animals. Regulatory activities to protect U.S. crops began with the 1912 Plant Quarantine Act and the establishment of the Federal Horticultural Board. In 1947, the BAI became a part of the USDA and, in 1953, the functions of the BAI and the various plant health bureaus became part of USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS). In 1971, the animal and plant regulatory functions were separated from ARS to become an entity known as the Animal and Plant Health Services (APHS) and, in 1972, the meat and poultry inspection divisions of the Consumer and Marketing Service (later known as the Agricultural Marketing Service) were added to APHS (putting the "I" into APHIS).

APHIS is a multi-faceted agency with a broad mission area that includes protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health, regulating genetically engineered organisms, administering the Animal Welfare Act and carrying out wildlife damage management activities. APHIS aims to protect American animals, plants, and the agricultural industry by offering: protection from invasive non-native plants, animals, insects, and diseases; monitoring and management of existing agricultural pests and diseases; resolution and management of trade issues related to animal or plant health; and, prevention or cessation of the inhumane treatment of animals.

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Divisions

Animal Care Program	Plant Protection and Quarantine Program
Biotechnology Regulatory Services Program	Veterinary Services Program
International Services and Trade Support Team Program	Wildlife Services Program

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