Resources and Networking

OBJECTIVE

To identify resources including professional organizations, web sites, and information useful in performing the job duties as an FSIS Public Health Veterinarian.

RESOURCE MATERIALS

The following resources will be useful to you in providing information that will help you be more effective in performing your job duties as an FSIS Public Health Veterinarian.


3. American Meat Institute, http://www.meatami.org/. This web site contains news about the meat industry and guidelines for humane handling recommended by the industry.


7. Center for Food Security and Public Health, http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/About/index.php This website promotes preparedness for accidental or intentional introduction of diseases that threaten food production or public health.

8. Code of Federal Regulations Online, http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_08/9cfrv2_08.html#301. This web site contains the regulations. For example, you can use it to access a copy of the HACCP regulations which are contained in 9 CFR 417.

9. Environmental Protection Agency, http://www.epa.gov. This web site contains regulatory information about water, waste management (including concentrated animal feeding operations) and pesticides. EPA establishes the tolerance levels FSIS uses when testing regulated products.

11. Food and Drug Administration, http://www.fda.gov. This web site contains all of the contacts and information about each office, news releases and current issues, such as animal feed regulations for preventing BSE and animal drug approvals- both found in the Center for Veterinary Medicine’s webpage.

12. Food Safety and Inspection Service, http://www.fsis.usda.gov. This web site contains information about FSIS. For example, you can find the following information: vacancy announcements, job application information, emergency contact information for all District Offices, Directives, Federal Register Notices, a listing of upcoming public meetings, program area information, The Beacon, recent speeches by Agency officials. Get training information and order training CDs by searching under Browse, FSIS Employees, Workforce Training.


22. ProMED-mail, [http://www.promedmail.org/](http://www.promedmail.org/)  This website contains reporting system dedicated to rapid global dissemination of information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and acute exposures to toxins that affect human health.


24. Temple Grandin’s Website on Humane Handling, [http://www.grandin.com](http://www.grandin.com). This website contains guidelines for humane handling, and slaughter of livestock and poultry as well as published articles.

25. United States Animal Health Association, [http://www.usaha.org/](http://www.usaha.org/). This web site contains information on membership, meetings and news regarding all animal health, food safety and other scientific and regulatory issues important to USDA, FDA, EPA and all State Veterinarians.

26. USDA, APHIS Veterinary Services, [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/). This web site contains access to all APHIS information and special sites on BSE and current animal disease outbreaks.

27. USDA, APHIS Veterinary Services Foreign Animal Disease Training, [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/emergency_response/NAHEM_training/index_nahem.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/emergency_response/NAHEM_training/index_nahem.shtml). This web site contains information on special courses conducted at Plum Island. Sometimes FSIS veterinarians are selected to attend through an APHIS invitation.