



Southern Agriculture & Animal Disaster Response Alliance (SAADRA)

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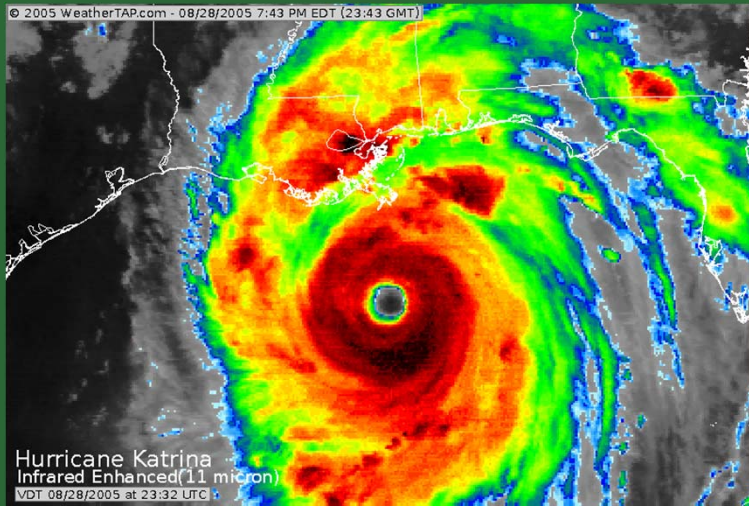
Our Motivation



“animal emergencies are human emergencies”

Inciting Event

Hurricane Katrina - August, 2005













Response Teams EMACed

Invited to assist MS and TX for:

Katrina

- Florida
- North Carolina
- Georgia

Ike

- Florida



Our Founders

Brigid Elchos & Don Hamilton



- Appreciated the value of state-to-state mutual aid
- Noted the MSP model
- Formed SAADRA '06

SAADRA's Structure

...an interactive collaboration of states at risk from similar natural, intentional, technological, and disease disasters affecting agriculture and animals

SAADRA's Mission

...is to strengthen all-hazard capabilities through partnerships with the public, animal and agriculture industries, and every level of government

SAADRA's Goal

Both regional and individual state preparedness will be enhanced through collaborative planning, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts that help to ensure the safety and health of its citizens, food systems, agriculture infrastructure, animals, and economy

SAADRA States

13 states

*AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA,
MS,
NC, SC,
TN, TX, VA, WV*

Members

Emergency managers who report to policy makers in these state agencies:

- State Animal Health Official
- State Department of Agriculture
- State Emergency Management/Homeland Security
- State educational institutions with animal/ag focus

Organizational Structure

- All volunteers
- Co-chairs lead group planning and communication

Funding for SAADRA



- None officially
- Dependent on individual states' project grants and funding

SAADRA Activities

- Meetings



Whenever we can make it happen!

SAADRA Activities

- Information sharing
- Shared state plans
- Shared response templates
- Shared training events
- Monthly conference calls
- Resource typing guidelines

SAADRA Activities

Shared Plans and Templates

- Responder Code of Conduct
- Volunteer evaluation
- Damage assessment protocols



SAADRA Activities

Training and Exercises



- Alabama FMD Exercise
- Georgia -- FASCAT, AI
- Tennessee -- AI
- Mississippi -- NVS plan, Logistics, USDA 3D evaluation, MART
- N. Carolina – Carcass disposal project

SAADRA Activities

Training and Exercises



- National Veterinary Stockpile in AL, LA, MS

Other SAADRA states participated



SAADRA Activities

Regional Food / Ag Sector Grant

- 3-year DHS grant: *Regional Food and Agriculture Sector Criticality Assessment Project*
- Project goals:
 - ID/prioritize state FA assets
 - ID regional FA assets
- Assess criticality of FA assets/systems in region
- Assist FA industries with risk reduction strategies

SAADRA Activities

Multi-jurisdictional Exercise

- University of Georgia, via a Cooperative Agreement with USDA Animal Care
- Hurricane scenario
- Several states participated
- Each state prepared & submitted virtually a(n)
 - EMAC request
 - ARF
 - Request for a NARSC member NGO , and
 - engaged with state EMA Logistics

SAADRA Activities

Resource Typing Guidelines

- Revised the FEMA 508-1 Animal Emergency Response guidelines
- SAADRA Specific guidelines produced



SAADRA Activities

- Holds a seat on the Department of Homeland Security, Food and Agriculture Sector Government Coordinating Council
- Radiological Planning and Response Working Group
- Road Accidents Involving Livestock Working Group









Challenges

- Funding
 - SAADRA states received (2006-2010) 2% of available FEMA SHSP funding
 - Substantially less SHSP since 2010
 - State budgets very tight
- Time
 - Fewer state positions available
- Volunteer-herding
 - Better with NARSC

What's next...

- Seek funding sources
- Promote regional efforts
- Collaborate with regional groups

Benefits of Regional Alliances

- Combining our strengths and builds capability
- Sharing best practices reduces duplication
- Collaboration increases our available resources

