

All About BOAH



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BOAH's Charge

“the prevention, detection, control and eradication of infectious, contagious and communicable diseases affecting the health of animals... and processing and distribution of products derived from animals to control health hazards that may threaten public health”

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Guiding Principles

- Access
 - To information, resources, answers
- Expertise
 - Professionals in touch with constituent issues
- Outreach
 - Education, awareness, training
- Representation
 - Constituent input on specific issues
- Responsiveness
 - Ability to address situations quickly, with priority



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Primary Missions

- Animal Health
- Food Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Animal Care



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Other lesser-known functions

- Brand registrations
- Renderer licensing
- Dead animal disposal oversight
- Livestock market licensing



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Not BOAH functions

- Veterinary licensing
- Animal pharmaceuticals
- Animal control
- Pet shop oversight



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The Board



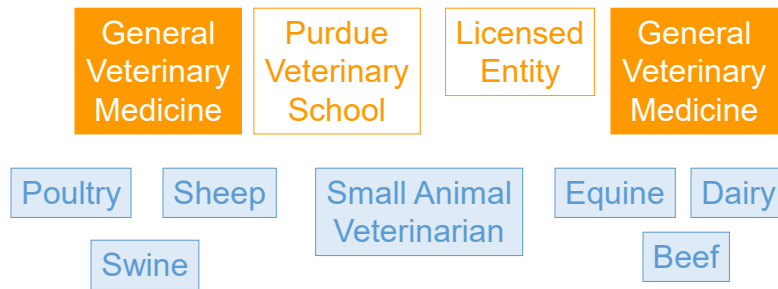
The Agency



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BOAH: The Board



**No more than 4 members of a single political party*

**Political balance must be maintained*



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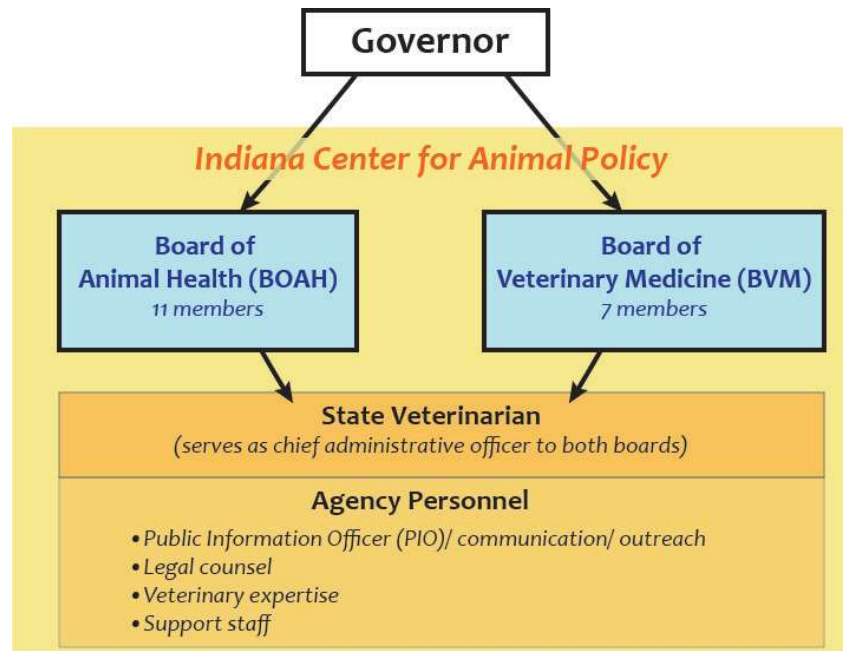
BOAH: The Agency

- State Veterinarian is agency head
- ~100 staff members
 - Primarily field staff
 - Veterinarians
 - Animal health specialists
 - Meat & poultry, dairy inspectors
 - Administrative/program support



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Coming
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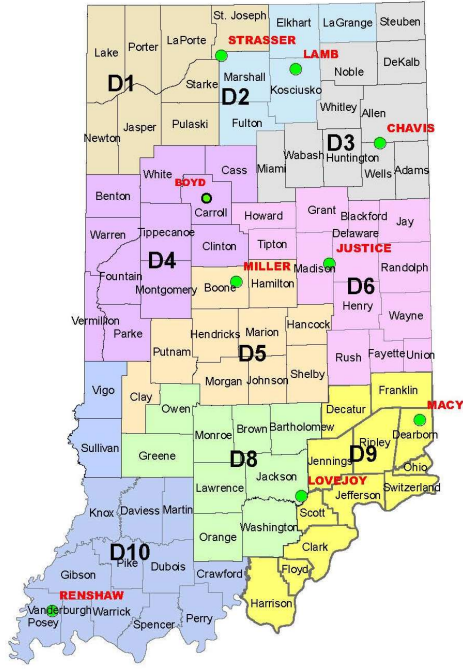


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BOAH Field Veterinarians

Legend

- AH District 1 - Dr. Strasser 574-274-3244
- AH District 2 - Dr. Lamb 574-529-0910
- AH District 3 - Dr. Chavis 260-450-2139
- AH District 4 - Dr. Boyd 317-460-9062
- AH District 5 - Dr. Miller 317-402-1527
- AH District 6 - Dr. Justice 317-439-4888
- AH District 8 - Dr. Lovejoy 812-528-2706
- AH District 9 - Dr. Macy 317-460-6893
- AH District 10 - Dr. Renshaw 812-270-0756



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Disease Monitoring

Reportables

- Report to BOAH by state law

Foreign Animal Diseases

- Not found in United States

Emerging Diseases

- New, previously undiagnosed
- New emergence of old disease

Zoonotics

- “One Health” approach



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INFLUENZA: SWINE & AVIAN



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BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

Other Zoonotic Investigations





FOOD SAFETY



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Food Safety Programs

Meat & Poultry Inspection

- 79 State-inspected plants
- 45 Custom-exempt plants
- 2 Limited Permit Retail HRI

Dairy Inspection

- Farms
 - 701 Grade A + 13 Manufactured grade
- 52 Processing plants
- 554 Tanker trucks



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MPI: An Overview

Plants choose their inspection system:

1. Official State Inspection
2. State Custom-Exempt
3. CISP
4. Curtis Amendment, or
5. Federal Inspection



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Cooperative Interstate Shipping Program

- Special USDA-FSIS approval for state-inspected facilities to ship out-of-state
 - 21 IN plants approved



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MPI: Other Functions

Private labels for branded/niche products

Expert resource

- Local health departments
- ISDH Wholesale & Retail Foods
- Value-added start-ups, Farmers Markets

Compliance to state food code

- Retail inspections, other outlets



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Poultry Slaughter Exemption

- Federal exemption; IN aligned
 - For producers who process fewer than 20,000 birds/year
 - Allows poultry products to be sold directly to the end consumer at a farm or farmers market without inspection



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Poultry Exemption Requirements

- Product must be frozen at time of sale
 - May be refrigerated if sold on-farm
- Product is labeled in compliance with federal law
- All sales are direct to end consumer
 - Unless producer has a Limited Permit-Retail HRI from BOAH



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Limited Permits for Poultry

- Household Consumer (HC)
 - Required for 1,000-20,000 birds annually
 - All sales are direct to end consumer
- Retail HRI
 - 1-20,000 birds
 - Required to sell to: restaurants, hotels and institutions that resell to consumers



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Dairy Inspection

License/Inspect: Farm thru Processing

- Farms
- Processors
- Bulk haulers
- Antibiotic drug residues
- Sanitation
- Recalls



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Raw Milk Sales: Current Law

- Requires pasteurization for human consumption
 - Prohibits the offering, display for sale, selling, delivering or possession with the intent to sell or deliver milk or milk products for human consumption

Ind. Code § 15-18-1-21(a).



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Raw Milk Pet Food Sales

- Regulated by IN State Chemist

“Not for Human Consumption” label required

- Promotion or advertising for humans prohibited (unless meets human food standards)



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Raw Milk Sales

- Raw milk does NOT come from an inspected source!
- Farmers market permits are not sufficient and should not be issued
- Nutrient labeling requirement



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Preparedness Programs

Premise ID

- 69,000+ premises registered

ASERT/VMRCs

- 60+ DVMs on 11 teams

Animal Issues in Disaster

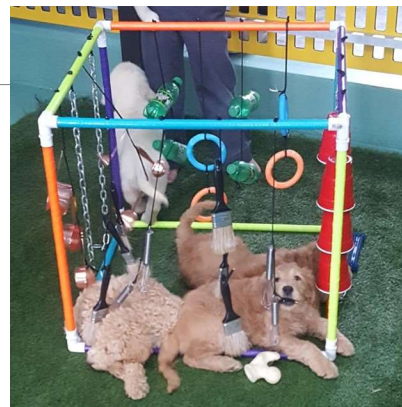
- 300+ students

ESF-11: Food & Agriculture

- Lead agency in EOC

PETS Trailer

- Accommodates up to 72 companion animals
- Equipment included:
 - Crates/enclosures
 - Collars, leashes
 - Basic medical supplies
 - ID/microchip readers



ANIMAL CARE

Animal Welfare

Commercial Dog Breeders & Brokers

- More than 20 intact females >12 months of age
- 159 breeders; 3 brokers

Neglect & Abuse, Animal Fighting Investigations

- Against state law; local LE has authority
- Animal Welfare Operations Director
- BOAH assists local authorities
- “Third Party Expert Witness”



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