



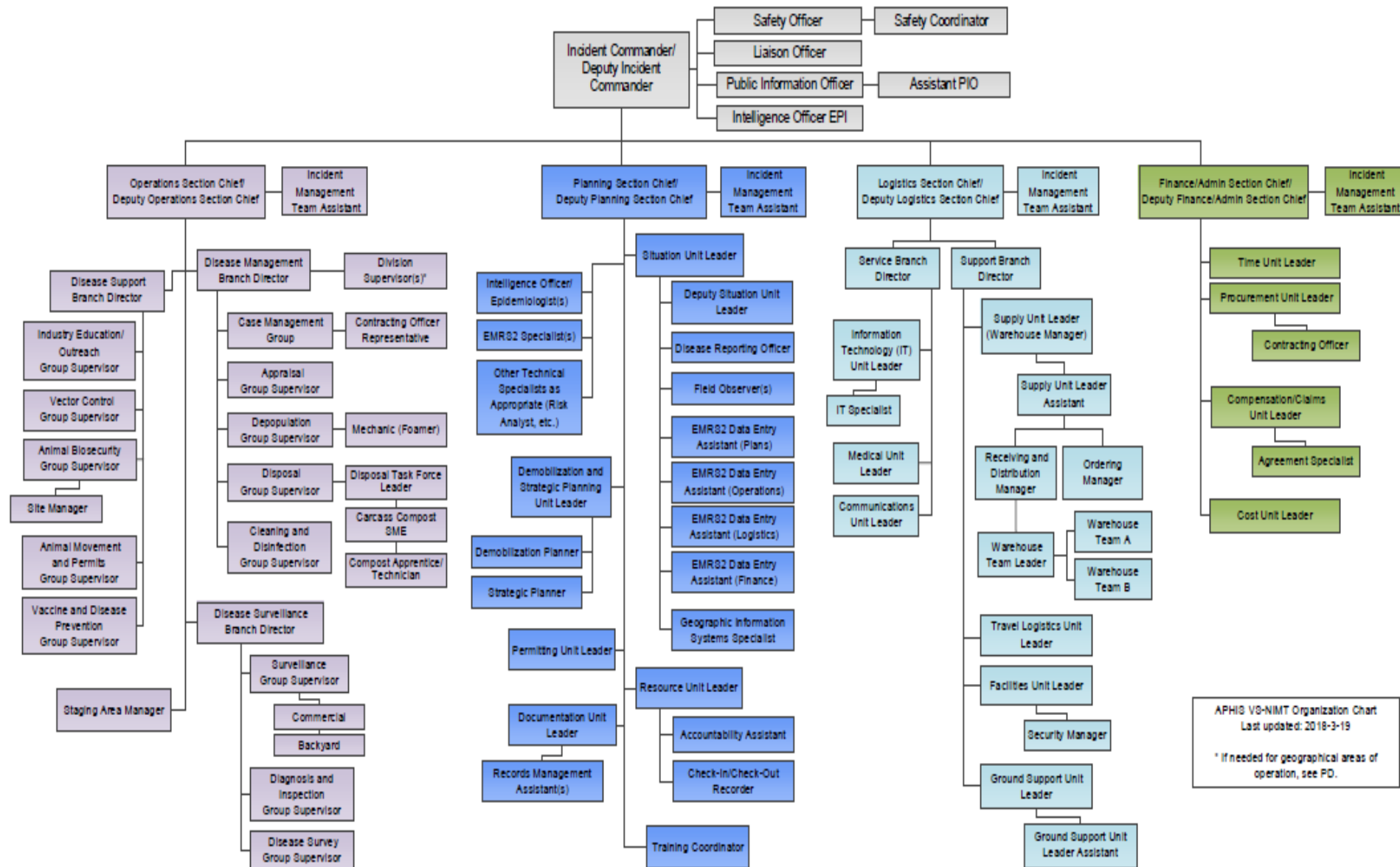
# Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and African Swine Fever MDA Emergency Response

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# MN Ag Incident Management Team (IMT)

- Established in 2017
- Provide response services for all agricultural disasters
- Maintain situational awareness
  - Network with other state response agencies through Homeland Security Emergency Response
- Organized training and exercises
- Experience in Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) 2015, Swine Supply/Covid 2020, and HPAI 2022

# Foreign Animal Disease Incident Command System



APHIS VS-NIMT Organization Chart  
 Last updated: 2018-3-19  
 \* If needed for geographical areas of operation, see PD.

# Memorandum of Understanding

- MDA and Board of Animal Health (BAH) have a close working relationship on foreign animal disease response to optimize preparedness and response efforts
  - BAH has jurisdiction over animal disease control and eradication
  - MDA promotes profitable agricultural industry and food safety
- MOU states that the MDA will provide support for:
  - Preparedness and Planning
  - Emergency Notification
  - Response
  - Communication

# Ag Emergency Account

## **17.041 AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCY ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.**

### **§Subdivision 1. Establishment; appropriation.**

An agricultural emergency account is established in the agricultural fund. Money in the account, including interest, is appropriated to the commissioner for **emergency preparedness and response** activities for agricultural emergencies affecting producers of **livestock, poultry, crops, or other agricultural products**. Eligible emergency response uses include agency costs directly attributed to responding to agricultural emergencies and purchasing necessary equipment and reimbursing costs incurred by local units of government that are not eligible for reimbursement from other sources. Eligible emergency preparedness uses are limited to training and the procurement of equipment and supplies.

# 2022 HPAI Launch

- Friday, March 25, 2022: first positive case
  - BAH requested the Ag Incident Management Team
  - Ordered National Incident Management Team
- Saturday, March 26, 2022: Incident Management Team initial meeting
  - Established operational periods, incident objectives
  - Readied the Incident Command Post
- April 8, 2022
  - \$1 million appropriated to the Ag Emergency Account
- May 22, 2022
  - \$1.5 million appropriated to the Ag Emergency Account; \$1.5 appropriated to the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

# Major Expense Category Breakdown

March 2022-February 2023

<b>Payroll</b>	<b>Incident Command Post</b>	<b>Contract Services</b>	<b>MNIT Services</b>	<b>Equipment &amp; Supplies</b>
\$539,902	\$30,712	\$1,000,613	\$62,353	\$162,548

# HPAI Expenditure Summary

- Ag Emergency Account
  - Spent \$1.8 million
  - Remaining \$2.3 million
- Federal Cooperative Agreement
  - Spent \$800,000
  - Remaining \$750,000



# Veterinary Diagnostic Lab: \$1.5M

- Responsible for rapid and accurate disease reporting
- Improve disease diagnostics with more robust capability

# African Swine Fever Preparedness

- 2019 National ASF functional exercise (Swine Fever Exercise for Agricultural Response)
- Emergency Disease Management Committee-Swine Depop & Disposal Subcommittee
- 2020 Cold weather disposal exercise
- 2021 Cold weather depopulation (CO<sub>2</sub>) and disposal exercise
- 2021-2022 Nitrogen Foam Delivery System summer/winter depop and disposal project
- 2023 (planned) SFEAR module repeat

# Thank You!

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