

**Department of Livestock
Animal Health & Food Safety Division
2023 Biennium Goals and Objectives**

Guiding Principles:

- Prevention, control, and eradication of animal diseases including those transmissible to people.
- Ensuring production and sale of safe and wholesome products of animal agriculture including meat, poultry, and milk and their products.
- Enforcing laws of Montana relating to animal health and producing a safe and wholesome food supply.

The Animal Health & Food Safety Division Goals:

- Prevent, control and eradicate animal diseases.
- Reduce the risks associated with rabies and other zoonotic diseases to humans and animals for the protection of public health.
- Maintain the marketability of Montana's livestock.
- To ensure that meat, poultry products (meat and eggs), milk, and milk products sold or processed in Montana are safe and wholesome and comply with standards and labels for those products.

The Animal Health & Food Safety Division Objectives:

- Supervise animal imports as required by Montana statutes.
- Rapidly quarantine and test animals exposed to disease to limit impact and eradicate the disease when possible.
- Rapidly detect and minimize the risk of infections of brucellosis from bison and elk.
- Maintain laboratory accreditation from the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD).
- Inspect all meat and poultry establishments licensed by the DOL for proper sanitation and compliance with all federal and state regulations.
- Enforce State and Federal requirements through on-site inspections, licensing and laboratory testing accomplished in cooperation with other state and federal agencies.