



Serve Montana's Livestock Producers and livestock related businesses by fostering, growing, promoting and protecting the livestock industry.

DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Annual Performance Report

FY2025

EFFECTIVELY MONITOR ANIMAL HEALTH DISEASE PREVALENCE IN MONTANA

Track DSA Compliance Consistently-

Complete Exercise of Response to Foreign Animal Disease-

Track Lab testing for federally reportable disease-


Improve in state compliance and interstate export perceptions on brucellosis-



Strategic Outcome

#1

Key Measures	Measure	Status
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain at least 95% or above compliance with regulatory testing requirements 	Met: DSA compliance is performed at the county level on a rotating basis. FY25 compliance was conducted on Madison County and 97% of brand inspections for movement or change of ownership were found to be compliant with DSA regulations. Previous assessments on other DSA counties found similar levels of compliance (Gallatin County 95%, Park County 98%, And Beaverhead County 97%).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at least one major exercise per year engaging multiple staff, state /federal agencies, and stakeholders to test disease response plans and make improvements 	Met: MDOL responded to a detection of CWD in a captive cervid herd in North Central Montana. The response to the detection included USDA AHPIS Veterinary Services, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, Montana FWP, and Brands Enforcement personnel. Response included disease surveillance, depopulation, disposal, and cleaning and disinfection of the premises. Lessons learned from the response will be used for future response planning.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce number of states with specific import restrictions against Montana cattle related to our brucellosis wildlife reservoir 	Partially met: MDOL continues to hold conversations with State Animal Health Officials from other states when import restrictions on DSA cattle are identified with good success in mitigating the impact of import restrictions.

<div>  </div> <div> <div>Strategic Outcome</div> <div>#2</div> </div>	MAINTAIN INTEGRITY IN LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION, MARKETING, AND MOVEMENT	
	Develop public brand application-	
	Conduct targeted truck stop and enforcement activity across the state-	
	Provide additional online applications for the livestock industry-	
	Conduct compliance audit on livestock markets and dealers-	
<div>Key Measures</div>	Measure	Status
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow for the public to research brands to determine ownership on the website 	Met: Completed the application and it is available on the website.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct at least 6 truck stop activities across the state to check and monitor compliance 	Met: Conducted six truck stops.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deploy additional online applications for livestock dealers and sale permits 	Met: Revised both dealer license applications and livestock sale permits to simplify the process.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct an audit of each livestock commission company during the course of the biennium 	Unmet: Brands' Audit Position remains vacant.

Strategic Outcome

#3



IMPROVE ONLINE AND DIGITAL SERVICES FOR REAL TIME DATA AND IMPROVE SPEED OF COMMERCE

Increase Animal Health Division's customer support, security, and reporting capabilities-

Complete Departmental process automation, data capture and reporting improvements-

Recognize the importance of economic viability and sustainability of individual livestock operators in Montana-

Key Measures	Measure	Status
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade the Animal Health division's last major legacy software application during the next biennium 	On track: The new Animal Health application, CoreOne, is scheduled to go live October 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement new Google AI, Snowflake and Service Now applications and processes; begin scanning of paper documents versus physical data entry 	Mostly met: Google AI cattle inspections and Brand's ServiceNow application are fully functioning. The Snowflake application is housing Livestock data.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide financial reimbursements to producers for losses caused by wolves, grizzly bears, or mountain lions based upon program criteria 	Met: FY25's reimbursements totaled \$275,695 (220 losses) with zero filed disputes.