

**OHIO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN  
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #11**

**FOOD and AGRICULTURE**

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Adjutant General’s Department, Ohio National Guard (ONG)  
Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS)  
Ohio Department of Health (ODH)  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)  
Ohio State University Farm Extension Service (OSU-EXT)

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A. Emergency Support Function #11 of the Ohio Emergency Operations Plan addresses the following concerns for the agriculture function in the State of Ohio during natural disasters:

1. Assessment of agricultural needs in affected areas.
2. Agricultural surveillance of the affected areas throughout the disaster.
3. Provision of agriculture-related services and supplies
4. Testing of products for public consumption and specimens for animal health.
5. Agriculture-related recommendations and related releases to the public.
6. Identification and application of appropriate agriculture assistance programs.
7. Livestock disease - as indicated in Tab A, Animal Disease Incident Plan.

B. ESF-11, along with Tab A, the Animal Disease Incident Plan; and through coordination of the Ohio Veterinary Emergency Responders, constitutes the State of Ohio’s all-hazard response plan.

**II. SITUATION**

A. Disasters that occur in the State of Ohio may impact agriculture, including crops, livestock, food supplies and other agricultural concerns.

B. State and federal agricultural assistance typically will be required following disasters.

### C. Assumptions

1. Local Farm Service Agencies will notify Ohio EMA, via the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center (State EOC), regarding the status of local agricultural natural disasters and their need for assistance.
2. Notification of Ohio EMA regarding food safety issues and plant and animal diseases will be made by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA).
3. Disasters may overwhelm local resources.
4. Agricultural emergencies lead to long-term economic impacts requiring long-term federal, state, and local assistance recovery programs.

## III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

### A. Overview

1. Ohio EMA will notify Primary and Support organizations for ESF-11 response when a disaster requires their presence in the Ohio EOC.
2. ODA is the lead agency for ESF-11. ODA liaisons will be available to staff the Ohio EOC, coordinate with response and recovery personnel at the site of the disaster, and work with ESF-11 support agencies in the Ohio EOC to respond to the needs of affected communities.

### B. Relationships Between Levels of Government

#### 1. Federal

- a. The Primary and Support Agencies that comprise federal ESF-11 in the National Response Framework include the following:
  - i. U.S. Department of Agriculture (Primary)
  - ii. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Primary)
  - iii. U.S. Department of Commerce
  - iv. U.S. Department of Defense
  - v. U.S. Department of Energy
  - vi. U.S. Department of Homeland Security
  - vii. U.S. Department of the Interior
  - viii. U.S. Department of Justice
  - ix. U.S. Department of State
  - x. U.S. Department of Labor
  - xi. U.S. Department of Transportation
  - xii. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - xiii. Department of Veterans Affairs

- xiv. General Services Administration
- xv. U.S. Agency for International Development
- xvi. U.S. Postal Service
- xvii. American Red Cross

- b Coordination with federal ESF-11 may occur in the Ohio EOC, at the site of the disaster and in the Disaster Field Office (DFO).
- c Federal ESF-11 will support state assessment, response and recovery activities and the State ESF-11 will assign requests for emergency assistance to the federal ESF-11

## 2. State

- a State of Ohio ESF-11 Primary and Support Agencies will work together throughout emergency response and recovery operations to ensure that emergency agriculture needs are identified, assessed and prioritized.
- b State of Ohio ESF-11 Primary and Support Agencies will coordinate with federal ESF-11 Agencies and with agencies from other states as required.

## 3. Local

- a Local-level emergency requests for state ESF-11 resources and services that are communicated to the Ohio EOC will be directed to ESF-11 personnel for action.
- b Local requests for ESF-11-related assistance at the site of the disaster will be coordinated through the State EOC and/or the DFO.

- 4. The Comparison Chart for ESF-11 Organizations, below, lists the organizations with responsibilities in the federal ESF-11 as they are presented in the National Response Framework (NRF).

**Comparison Chart for ESF-11 Organizations**

<u>State Organizations</u>	<u>Federal Organizations</u>	<u>Local Organizations</u>
Ohio Department of Agriculture	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Local Agricultural Organizations
Ohio Department of Health	Department of Health and Human Services	Local Health Departments
Adjutant Generals Department, Ohio National Guard	U.S. Army North (ARNORTH)	*
Department of Administrative Services	General Services Administration	County Commissioners
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental Protection Agency	Local Fire Departments
*	U.S. Department of Energy	*
*	U.S. Department of Commerce	*
*	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	*
*	U.S. Department of the Interior	*
*	U.S. Department of Justice	*
*	U.S. Department of State	*
*	U.S. Department of Labor	*
*	U.S. Department of Transportation	*
*	Department of Veterans Affairs	*
*	U.S. Agency for International Development	*
*	U.S. Postal Service	*
*	American Red Cross	*
Ohio State University Extension Service	USDA-Cooperative State Research Education, Service and Extension	County Extension Offices

\* There is no comparable organization at this level of government to coordinate with the federal organization listed here.

## **ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **A. Organization**

1. ESF-11 Primary and Support Agencies will be activated by Ohio EMA to address assessment, response, and recovery missions. ESF-11 Primary and Support Agencies will coordinate with each other through the Ohio EOC and/or the DFO.

### **B. B. Assignment of Responsibilities**

#### **1. Ohio Department of Agriculture**

- a. Conduct agriculture assessments at the site of the disaster to determine agriculture needs and priorities.
- b. Coordinate state-level agricultural emergency response and recovery.
- c. Ensure close coordination and cooperation among regional, State, Federal, and international agencies, and with the private sector and nongovernmental associations to facilitate response efforts.
- d. Request subject-matter expertise from supporting agencies to assist in the response and recovery effort.
- e. Provide logistical support for response personnel in the field.
- f. Coordinate with federal USDA for emergency programs and to provide liaison between federal, state and local organizations when required.
- g. Test food products for biological or chemical agents of concern, including response as Food Emergency Response Network lab.
- h. Conduct product tracing to determine the source, destination, and disposition of adulterated or contaminated products.
- i. Oversee the destruction and disposal of contaminated food and agricultural products.
- j. Coordinate with appropriate organizations for the deployment of inspectors, sanitarians and veterinarians for agricultural response and recovery.
- k. Coordinate with appropriate organizations for emergency food inspections and distribution.
- l. Establish appropriate regulatory controls
- m. Coordinate food facility decontamination.

- n. Provide agriculture advisories and related information through the State Joint Information Center as required.
- o. Issue embargo and quarantine orders as needed, including the quarantine of animals determined or suspected to be infected with a dangerously contagious or infectious disease.
- p. Coordinate with other State and private organizations as needed for the provision of potable water.
- q. Assign missions to federal ESF-11 when it is activated in Ohio.
- r. Maintain ongoing agriculture surveillance in affected communities in order to rapidly identify and address agriculture-related problems.
- s. Coordinate agriculture recovery efforts at the DFO as needed.
- t. As determined, seize, quarantine and dispose of materials containing plant pests to control, suppress or eradicate the pest.
- u. Order the destruction of animals infected or exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease.
- v. Test animals for infection status during response and recovery operations, including response as USDA National Animal Health Laboratory Network lab.
- w. Issue orders for the halting of interstate movement of regulated animals and plant articles and means of conveyance as needed.
- x. Take action to facilitate the shipment, transportation and storage of foodstuffs to minimize food shortages.
- y. Provide local health departments with assistance in monitoring food supplies in mass care shelters prior to and during emergency operations to ensure proper handling and safety of food products.
- z. Support State and local emergency management agencies by identifying approved sources of food products for use at mass care facilities.
- aa. Maintain chain-of-custody and evidence preservation procedures.
- ab. Coordinate agricultural recovery programs.

2. Adjutant General's Department, Ohio National Guard
  - a. On order from the Governor, the ONG mobilizes under SAD to assist OEMA in the mitigation and possible containment of a wide-spread outbreak affecting the agricultural community on Ohio.
  - b. As assets are available, the ONG can assist local, state and federal agencies in the distribution of essential services to the affected population/community.
3. Ohio Department of Administrative Services
  - a. Assist in the identification, purchase and delivery of food items during emergencies (refer to ESF-7 – Resource and Logistics Support)
4. Ohio State University Extension Service
  - a. Ensure that personnel are assigned to affected communities' extension offices throughout an emergency.
  - b. Maintain daily communications with each affected extension office.
  - c. Set up mail distribution lists for affected counties.
  - d. Inform appropriate State and Federal organizations of emergency information received from the counties.
  - e. Assist in the distribution of JIC-created emergency public information messages.
  - f. Provide personnel and material support to affected communities when required.
  - g. Activate network of State Specialists if needed for information gathering from national or international agricultural information networks.
5. Ohio Department of Health
  - a. Coordinate with ODA as needed for food inspections, investigations and advisories.
  - b. Provide laboratory personnel and space, as available, to support laboratory surge capacity.
6. Environmental Protection Agency
  - a. Work with ODA and ODH to identify potentially hazardous material impacts on food supplies.
  - b. Provide technical assistance for disposal-related issues.

## **V. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. ESF-11 Primary and Support Agencies maintain Standard Operating Procedures and Resource Listings that document the equipment, supplies, and services available to them during disasters.