

Resources and Networking

OBJECTIVE

To identify resources including professional organizations, web sites, and information useful in performing the job duties as an FSIS Public Health Veterinarian.

RESOURCE MATERIALS

The following resources will be useful to you in providing information that will help you be more effective in performing your job duties as an FSIS Public Health Veterinarian.

- 1 Agricultural Research Service, <http://www.ars.usda.gov>. This web site contains current research topics including food safety and animal diseases
- 2 American Meat Institute, <http://www.meatami.org/>. This web site contains news about the meat industry and guidelines for humane handling recommended by the industry.
- 3 American Meat Science Association, <http://www.meatscience.org/>. This web site contains current news and research about meat.
- 4 Centers for Disease Control Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov>. This web site contains important public health information including the MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report), travel advisories, FoodNet and PulseNet current updates.
- 5 CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr.html>. This web site contains weekly disease statistics, including foodborne illnesses.
- 6 Code of Federal Regulations Online, http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces140.html. This web site contains the regulations. For example, you can use it to access a copy of the HACCP regulations which are contained in 9 CFR 417.
- 7 Environmental Protection Agency, <http://www.epa.gov>. This web site contains regulatory information about water, waste management (including concentrated animal feeding operations) and pesticides (EPA establishes the tolerance levels FSIS uses when testing regulated products)

- 8 Federation of American Scientists: Working Group on Biological and Toxin Weapons, <http://www.fas.org/bwc/>. This web site contains biosecurity news as well as general information at the main website on a broad range of scientific issues.
- 9 Food and Drug Administration, <http://www.fda.gov>. This web site contains all of the contacts and information about each office, news releases and current issues, such as animal feed regulations for preventing BSE and animal drug approvals- both found in the Center for Veterinary Medicine's webpage.
- 10 Food Safety and Inspection Service, <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. This web site contains information about FSIS. For example, you can find the following information: vacancy announcements, job application information, emergency contact information for all District Offices, Directives, Federal Register Notices, a listing of upcoming public meetings, program area information, and recent speeches by Agency officials.
- 11 Food Safety Training and Education Alliance, <http://www.fstea.org/>. This web site contains current educational information.
- 12 International Veterinary Information Service, <http://www.ivis.org/default.asp>. This web site contains international training programs and curricula.
- 13 National Agricultural Library – Agricola Search Engine, <http://www.nal.usda.gov/ag98.html>. This web site contains everything you'll need to search for publications and books.
- 14 National Cattlemen's Beef Association, <http://www.beef.org>. This web site contains news and articles of interest to the cattle industry.
- 15 National Library of Medicine – Pubmed Search Engine, <http://www4.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>. This web site contains access to millions of scientific articles on public health.
- 16 National Meat Association, <http://www.nmaonline.org>. This web site contains news and current issues.
- 17 National Pork Board, <http://www.porkboard.org>. This web site contains animal health, welfare, environmental and meat news.
- 18 Office of International Epizootics (OIE), <http://www.oie.int/>. This web site contains international standards for animal health.

- 19 Stanford University – Highwire Medline Search, <http://highwire.stanford.edu/#1>. This web site contains ways to obtain more scientific articles.
- 20 Temple Grandin’s Website on Humane Handling, <http://www.grandin.com>. This website contains guidelines for humane handling and slaughter of livestock and poultry and published articles. EXCELLENT resource. Dr. Grandin helped produce FSIS' training materials.
- 21 United States Animal Health Association, <http://www.usaha.org/>. This web site contains information on membership, meetings and news regarding all animal health, food safety and other scientific and regulatory issues important to USDA, FDA, EPA and all State Veterinarians.
- 22 USDA, APHIS Veterinary Services, <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/>. This web site contains access to all APHIS information and special sites on BSE and current animal disease outbreaks.
- 23 USDA, APHIS Veterinary Services Foreign Animal Disease Training, http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ep/fad_training/bibpage.htm. This web site contains information on special courses conducted at Plum Island. Sometimes FSIS veterinarians are selected to attend through an APHIS invitation.
- 24 U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, <http://www.poultryegg.org/>. This web site contains information about egg safety and quality assurance programs to reduce Salmonella.