

Livestock Emergency Disease Response System (LEDRS)

Nebraska LEDRS Corps Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) and the listed LEDRS Corps member.

LEDRS Corps Member Responsibility:

I, _____, agree to the following:

- I certify that the information in my LEDRS Corps application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge; I understand that failure to disclose any information fully or truthfully may affect my membership in the LEDRS Corps.
- I commit to successfully completing all necessary training and educational sessions in order to be qualified and prepared if I am activated as part of the LEDRS Corps.
- I pledge that as to any information designated or deemed confidential by NDA regarding an agricultural emergency, I will keep such information confidential and will not divulge it except to the extent required for the provisions of services, recovery or follow up as a LEDRS member. This prohibition of disclosure includes, but not limited to:
 - Posting incident information on social media
 - Sharing photos or videos of animal handling or disposal
 - Recording or releasing private records or other confidential information related to impacted producers or private industry partners
 - Granting interviews, speaking with any media outlets, or otherwise providing information to outside sources without express prior permission.
- I understand that application to the LEDRS Corps does not guarantee acceptance into the LEDRS Corps or that, if accepted, my volunteer services will be needed;
- If I am accepted as a LEDRS Corps member and activated I assume responsibility to ask my employer for a work release to be deployed;
- If applicable, I hold any professional license or certification necessary to carry out responsibilities assigned in the event that I am activated to be deployed regarding an agricultural incident, and I will make said license or certification information available to the LEDRS Corps Manager during the application process;
- I commit to adhering to and following guidelines established in the NDA emergency response plan and following all direction provided by my supervisor or NDA during an incident;
- I authorize photographs of myself to be taken during participation in drills and/or emergency events that may be used for training and marketing purposes, including the possibility of social media;
- I agree to perform all volunteer activities as a LEDRS Corps member in good faith, and in furtherance of NDA's goals of preparing for and timely responding to an agriculture incident.
- I agree that I am not an employee of NDA.
- I agree to release and covenant not sue NDA or the State of Nebraska and their respective officers, employees or agents for any and all claims arising out of this MOU.
- I agree to indemnify and hold NDA or the State of Nebraska and their respective officers, employees or agents harmless from any claim from a third party which may arise from my participation in this MOU.

Department Responsibilities:

NDA agrees to:

- Provide leadership and support to LEDRS Corps members during times of activation, training and during times of normal operation;
- Provide training through seminars, online and in-person training sessions;
- Distribute appropriate and necessary information by e-mail and other means;
- Provide information as new and related information becomes available;
- Provide leadership and coordination for the LEDRS Corps during emergency and non-emergency events;

Livestock Emergency Disease Response System (LEDRS)

Nebraska LEDRS Corps Memorandum of Understanding

- Recruit, promote and support volunteer opportunities in the LEDRS Corps;
- Provide and participate in opportunities to recognize LEDRS Corps members for their contributions to the protection of the agriculture industry in Nebraska; and
- Provide and update the LEDRS Corps training guidelines.

Duration

The terms of this memorandum will remain in effect for a period of up to four (4) years from full execution by the parties listed below.

NDA will provide volunteers the opportunity to renew their memorandum of understanding at the end of the four (4) year period. A new memorandum of understanding must be signed by both parties if the volunteer desires to remain part of the LEDRS Corps.

This memorandum may be amended from time to time if such amendment is agreed to and evidenced in writing and signed by both parties.

Separation and Termination

This memorandum may be terminated by either party by giving 30 days written notice. During this time any state-owned equipment or supplies provided to the volunteer shall be returned to NDA, including but not limited to the LEDRS Corp ID card.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, termination of one's participation in the LEDRS Corps may be effected at any time by the Nebraska State Veterinarian or the NDA Incident Commander, at such person's sole discretion, for the violation of the terms of this memorandum or for incomplete or inaccurate information submitted on the LEDRS Corps Application Form, or for any other reason that the Nebraska State Veterinarian may deem necessary.

This Memorandum of Understanding will commence upon full execution thereof and shall remain in effect for four years from the date of such full execution, unless terminated prior to the end date in accordance with the terms herein.

Signed,

LEDRS Corps Member

Date

State Veterinarian
Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Date