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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) greatly values its partnerships with Tribal Nations and communities. We regret that due to pandemic-related travel restrictions, we have been unable to meet with you in person and provide APHIS program updates as we have in the past. To keep you abreast of some major APHIS activities, we have hosted several Tribal webinars over the last several months. These webinars are designed to give you a better insight in how APHIS is helping to protect U.S. and Tribal agricultural and natural resources—and citizens—from animal and plant disease and pest threats.

We would like to invite you and members of your staff to attend our next Tribal Listening Session Webinar on the “**Animal Disease Traceability Framework**”, on **June 23, 2022, at 1:00 pm ET**.

The national animal disease traceability (ADT) framework allows Federal, State, Tribal, and private animal health professionals to work together to identify diseased animals, quickly trace their movements, and control disease spread to protect the livestock industry, whose production value was approximately \$64 billion in 2020 (National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA). The ADT framework enables state, tribal, and federal animal health officials to trace an animal from the location of official identification application to the animal’s last location, which is often the termination point or slaughter plant. Knowledge of the location of diseased and exposed animals helps preserve animal health; enables a rapid response in case of an animal disease event; reduces animal illnesses and deaths during outbreaks; and decreases the long term cost to producers, consumers, and the government. This system also assures our trading partners that the USDA and State partners can rapidly contain an animal disease event.

During this listening session we would like to take the time to update Tribes on the current traceability program, provide overview of regulatory changes that are proposed, and invite you to comment when a proposed rule update is published this summer.

We appreciate your ongoing partnership in safeguarding our agriculture, and hope you will join us for this event. If you have questions about the webinar, please contact APHIS’ Office of National Tribal Liaison (ONTL) Program Analyst Denise Salvetti at denise.salvetti@usda.gov or myself.

Details on our webinar are below:

Sincerely,

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**Tribal Consultation on Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)
June 23, 2022 1:00 pm EDT**

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