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APHIS Updates 2026 Indemnity Values To Strengthen National Animal Health Response

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) today published indemnity values for 2026, reflecting the agency’s ongoing commitment to fair, consistent, and data-driven compensation for producers affected by animal health emergencies.

Each year, APHIS reviews and updates the Veterinary Services (VS) Indemnity Table to ensure valuations reflect the most current market data and policy requirements. These updates help APHIS and its USDA partners respond quickly and effectively during disease outbreaks by providing clear, predictable compensation values that support early reporting and rapid response actions.

The 2026 updates include several key improvements. APHIS aligned its valuation approach for pregnant animals with legislative changes and Farm Service Agency (FSA) guidance. The agency also updated methods for determining turkey poult values following the discontinuation of a legacy market report and incorporated the latest organic and specialty species data from the National Agricultural Statistics Service and industry partners. Additional refinements include expanded nonadult categories for certain species, improved multiyear averaging where market data are limited, and clearer age-based classifications for dairy cattle based on producer and field staff feedback.

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