

Mississippi Cattle Health Improvement Plan (MS-CHIP)

Overview of program:

The purpose of the Animal Health Initiative is to improve livestock management capabilities, increase the marketability and reputation of Mississippi livestock while facilitating the participation in the National Animal Identification System.



One grant per household, premise identification, and BOA number.

1. Cattle Health Program
 - a. MSVCHAP (Certified Health Assurance Program)
 - i. Provide “840” RFID Tags
 - ii. Reimburse \$5/head for animals certified in the program (up to 30 head).
 - b. Voluntary Johne’s Disease Program
 - i. Provide “840” RFID Tags
 - c. Voluntary BVD Program
 - i. Provide “840” RFID Tags
 - ii. Provide \$400/Head for positive animals that are euthanized and not sold
2. Livestock Market ID Program
 - a. Provide cost-share funds to implement electronic id at stockyard
 - b. Encourage Participation in Cattle Health Assurance Programs

Animal Health Initiative [\(Quick Facts\)](#)

About the Program

This funding is being used to help promote participation in voluntary cattle disease programs, disaster preparedness programs, and certified cattle health programs. Improving the quality of cattle health in Mississippi should provide increased security from diseases damaging to the Mississippi economy and provide an increased income to cattle producers due to participation in marketing programs that recognize the value of health assurance programs.

Animal Disease Programs

Improve the health of Mississippi Cattle to increase profitability and marketability of Mississippi cattle. This will be accomplished by supporting participation in the voluntary cattle health programs, Johne's and BVD. One of the hindrances of the program is that when positive animals are found, there is not an incentive to destroy the animals, and many are sold through the sale-barn only to go back to a farm. This program will pay a \$400 indemnity per positive animal, with the agreement that the animal will not be sold at a salebarn.

Healthy Cattle Initiative

Mississippi has developed a cattle health program designed to assure buyers of the health status of cattle they purchase that are a part of the Mississippi Veterinary Cattle Health Assurance Program (MS-VCHAP) or similar certified health program. Animals entered into a sale that are MS-VCHAP Certified (or equal program) will be paid \$5/head up to a total of 30 head per producer.

Animal Identification

Mississippi Livestock Markets are crucial to the implementation of the Voluntary National Animal Identification System. Cost share funds are available to chartered livestock markets for cattle handling equipment, computers and software related to animal identification and for assistance in hosting a USDA approved age and source verified sale. "840" electronic ear tags will be provided to participants in the Voluntary Johne's Disease Program and the Voluntary BVD Program.

For More Information

For more information about the Animal Health Initiative, contact the State Veterinarian's Office.