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South Dakota Reserve Veterinary Medical Officer Corps

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PIERRE, S.D. - The annual training session of the South Dakota Reserve Veterinary Medical Officer Corps (SDRVMOC) was held January 5, 2015, in Pierre. Dr. Danelle Bickett-Weddle from Iowa State University, Center for Food Security and Public Health presented information about the secure food supply plans. These plans are a cooperative effort of the livestock industries, academia, and State and Federal animal health officials to allow for continuity of operations for livestock producers in the event of disease outbreaks.

The 41 member corps has annual trainings in order to maintain and increase the level of preparedness to be able to efficiently and effectively respond to any livestock disease event. This was the 15th training for the RVMOC.

“It is important to keep this group together and advance their knowledge of animal health emergency management and foreign/emerging animal diseases,” says Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, State Veterinarian. He said he is very grateful of the commitment from the Corps Veterinarians to assist the South Dakota Animal Industry Board in preparation for animal health and food safety emergencies.

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