

Foreword

Welcome to the *Animal Health in Thailand 2011* annual report on the status of animal health in Thailand produced by the Department of Livestock Development as the National Veterinary Authority. It was our efforts to provide a comprehensive overview of the animal health activities of Thailand's domestic animal resources. For the 2011 edition, we strove to improve even better, updating and refining the report to guarantee that it provides the latest important information on animal health related issues to all stakeholders. This report highlights DLD veterinary services, animal health and veterinary public health programs, events, and initiatives aimed at maintaining healthy livestock and poultry populations. In addition, the report reviews key epidemiological developments of 2011 and provides an overview of our animal health surveillance activities. Our emergency preparedness and monitoring efforts are described. We also include a summary of the Thai livestock and poultry industries.

During last few years, we sought new ways to strengthen and amplify efforts aimed at ensuring that Thailand maintains healthy livestock and poultry populations. For example, the National Livestock Identification and Registration System (NID) and the Traceability System were developed to identify and trace animals and animal products back to their origins. In addition, e-Service for movement management (known as "e-Movement") was developed to provide online services to farmers and all stakeholders. The National Animal Health Laboratory Network was strengthened to routinely screen specific-risk samples of animal diseases. Laboratory facilities were improved to meet international requirements. T has been developed to detect the disease earlier and respond to the emergency immediately. To improve the early detection and early warning system of animal diseases at the subdistrict and village level, over 2,000 subdistrict livestock assistants were deployed to work in close collaboration with local authority known as "Subdistrict Administration Organization" and District Livestock Offices throughout Thailand. Moreover, the Surveillance Rapid Response Teams (SRRT) were established in all nine Regions to enable to respond immediately if an outbreak occurs. For human resource development, several training courses including Field Epidemiology Training Program for Veterinarian (FETPV) were conducted to enhance the knowledge and skills in epidemiology, disease control, surveillance and investigation for national and international trainees, and to strengthen a better collaboration between animal health authority and public health authority as part of One Health Initiative. These trainings and workshops were held to fill gaps among DLD staff and other relevant agencies.

I believe you will find this report an important source of information on the status of Thailand's livestock and poultry commodities as well as the programs and strategies used to ensure their better health and welfare.

As always, we invite and welcome your comments and ideas. Please feel free to provide feedback and comments via email or our contact details which are on the inside front cover.



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