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Agroterrorism Prevention Act of 2005

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 28, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Agroterrorism Prevention Act of 2005 - Amends federal criminal law to criminalize acts of agroterrorism (as defined by this Act).

Provides for related monitoring and intelligence enhancements.

Directs the Secretaries of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security to expand and continue vulnerability assessments of the agriculture and food sectors.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to: (1) assist states and counties develop and implement plans for agricultural disease prevention and recovery (such plans to be modeled after the state animal response team); (2) assist states develop related regional and national response plans; (3) establish a public awareness campaign for agricultural producers that emphasizes heightened biosecurity and agricultural disease anomaly reporting; (4) develop guidelines to improve the monitoring of human traffic, vehicles, and materials entering or leaving farm or ranch operations, and disseminate such guidelines to agricultural producers; (5) develop a National Veterinary Stockpile; and (6) develop a National Plant Disease Recovery System.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to report respecting: (1) the need to modernize or replace federal animal and plant disease laboratories: and (2) state capability as first responders to animal diseases that threaten U.S. agriculture.

States that if a livestock or poultry contract provides for arbitration, arbitration may be used to settle a controversy only if, after the controversy arises, both parties consent in writing to use arbitration to settle the controversy.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 28, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9296-9297)
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