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## Animal Health Industry Insights to Be Presented

Kansas State University's Master of Agribusiness (MAB) program is hosting an Animal Health Industry Insights Brownbag on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 12:30 p.m., at the K-State Olathe Campus.

Lee M. Myers will serve as the featured speaker. Myers is the state federal liaison for the National Veterinary Stockpile (NVS), an entity of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. She will provide an overview of the NVS program and highlight the logistical response to the 2015 highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak.

"Dr. Myers was invited to speak because of the interest in the NVS at our last Industry Insights event in August. We understand that the Stockpile and the response to the avian influenza outbreak are important topics many of our students and industry partners are interested in understanding. The MAB program is pleased to be able to facilitate the discussion," said Deborah Kohl, MAB program coordinator.

Myers is the first liaison after serving as the Georgia state veterinarian for 13 years. Her primary responsibility with the NVS is to collaborate with federal, state, tribe and territory officials on emergency preparedness and response.

Myers leads the NVS training and exercise team. She assists stakeholders in developing plans, and conducting training and exercises to receive, stage, store and distribute NVS countermeasures in their respective jurisdictions.

She also serves as the primary point of contact for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of the Strategic National Stockpile, and initiated the veterinary services training and exercise strategy and plan, now in its second year of implementation.

Attendees may participate live or by webcast.

"We are looking forward to opening this Industry Insights event at K-State Olathe to virtual participation. The format should allow industry partners to access valuable information and time with an expert in the field without the need to leave their office," Kohl said.

To participate in the brownbag lunch or webinar, register at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUMABSTORE>. The registration fee is \$15. Deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 16. More information about the seminar can be found at <http://www.mab.ksu.edu>, or contact Mary Bowen at 785-532-4435 or [mjbowen@ksu.edu](mailto:mjbowen@ksu.edu).

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