

## CAHFS Mission

The CAHFS is a statewide system with a central reference laboratory located in Davis and four branch laboratories located in Fresno, Tulare, Turlock and San Bernardino.

### **Our Mission:**

*To provide the citizens of California with the highest quality diagnostic laboratory support service, our mission includes the following:*

- Livestock and poultry disease control
- Enhancement of livestock and poultry health management
- Ensuring the safety of foods of animal origin
- Protection from diseases that can affect both animals and humans
- Equine health and performance
- Recognition and dissemination of new knowledge



## What is CAHFS?

The California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS) is critical to California's warning system that helps protect the health of humans, livestock, and poultry from animal diseases. The CAHFS serves the people of California by safeguarding public health with rapid, reliable diagnoses for animal diseases that can affect humans. The CAHFS operates in partnership with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, UC Davis, California veterinarians, and livestock and poultry producers. CAHFS...

- ✓ *Provides monitoring efforts of more than 60 diseases not currently found in the United States.*
- ✓ *Provides support for cooperative state and federal animal health programs.*
- ✓ *Provides statewide toxic surveillance of animals.*
- ✓ *Provides diagnostic services to California's livestock and poultry industries and their veterinarians.*
- ✓ *Serves as a front line in recognizing rabies by facilitating rapid diagnosis by local public health.*
- ✓ *Provides diagnostic services to CDFA's Animal Health, Milk and Dairy Foods and Meat Inspection branches.*
- ✓ *Assists the California Department of Fish and Game in monitoring wildlife diseases.*
- ✓ *Provides diagnostic services to the California Horse Racing Board.*