Members of the Animal Agriculture Coalition (AAC) support the decision of the USDA to allow emergency methods of depopulation.

Members of the AAC, listed below, support the use of USDA approved emergency depopulation methods in response to extraordinary disease outbreaks, such as the recent Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak in the Upper Midwest. We recognize that in the event of a foreign animal disease (FAD) or other highly infectious animal disease outbreak, timely depopulation is a critical factor in containing such an outbreak. As seen in the 2015 HPAI outbreak, delayed depopulation can escalate the severity of an outbreak, leading to more animals becoming infected. In these cases, it is imperative that infected premises be rapidly depopulated once the presence of disease is confirmed, preferably within 24 hours.

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American Association of Avian Pathologists
American Association of Bovine Practitioners
American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners
American Association of Swine Veterinarians
American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians
American Dairy Science Association
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Sheep Industry
Animal Agriculture Alliance
Association of Veterinary Biologics Companies
Livestock Marketing Association
National Aquaculture Association
National Chicken Council
National Grain and Feed Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Renderers Association
National Turkey Federation
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