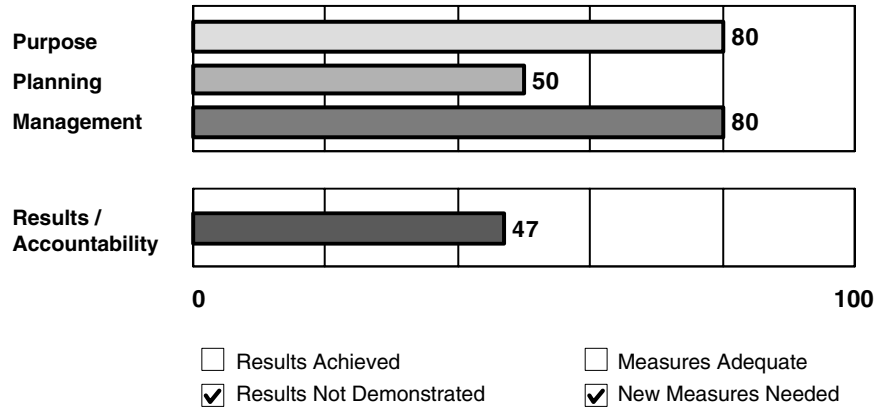


Program: Animal Welfare

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Bureau: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Measure	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Measures under development			
Annual Measure: Percentage of facilities that are in compliance with animal welfare regulations	1998		58%
	1999	58%	59%
	2000	60%	58%
	2001	61%	58%
Other measures under development			

Rating: Results Not Demonstrated

Program Type: Regulatory

Program Summary:

The animal welfare program, which is operated by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for ensuring the humane care and treatment of many warm blooded animals that are used for research or exhibition, sold as pets, or transported in commerce. These include dogs and cats sold by certain types of dealers, as well as circuses, aquariums and research facilities. Facilities are periodically inspected, and if found to be out of compliance, are referred for follow-up action. Remedial actions, which include fines and the loss of licenses, can also be instituted. The bureau also issues guidance and regulations on the humane care of animals.

Specific PART assessment findings include:

1. The program has a clearly defined purpose.
2. There was a need for more independent evaluations. Although APHIS conducts as needed evaluations of its program components and USDA's Office of the Inspector General has conducted evaluations of the program (1992 through 1996), the PART found no evidence of recent reviews outside of the Department.
3. There was no differentiation between measures related to long term goals and annual goals - the same performance measure was used for both. The annual goal of compliance among facilities inspected is not an adequate measure of the overall impact of the program on the humane treatment of animals.

The Administration recommends:

1. APHIS seek additional input from sources outside of the government, including peer evaluations when appropriate.
2. APHIS develop additional goals (including long term goals) to measure the program's impact on the humane treatment of animals. Examples could include, the percentage of facilities cited for violations that are cited again, the speed with which compliants are resolved and remedial action taken, the change in the number of reports of mistreatment, and the percentage of facilities or out-of-compliance facilities that are reinspected within a specific time period.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
16	14	15