The **Animal Health Branch (AHB)** protects animal health, food safety and security by preventing, detecting, and responding to catastrophic livestock diseases, natural disasters, and other agricultural problems.

**In the community**
- Perform outreach and education to protect the health of livestock and the environment.
- Collaborate with industry, local veterinarians, laboratories, and provide disease reporting hotlines.
- Develop healthy working relationships that support efficient responses to diseases or natural disasters.

**On the farm**
- Deploy highly trained staff to swiftly respond to outbreaks of animal diseases and natural disasters.
- Provide disease awareness and biosecurity recommendations on farms, during animal transport, and at livestock markets and exhibitions.

**In the office**
- Develop and apply disease prevention programs including biosecurity, vaccination, testing, and movement controls.
- Detect diseases by monitoring disease surveillance streams.

**Detect diseases**
- Detect diseases rapidly by working with livestock industry to inspect and test animals.
- Train and prepare staff to respond to foreign and domestic disease outbreaks and natural disasters.

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