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**Details:**

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During the week of 10/12/2020, the writer was invited and viewed portions of the NAMI ACH Conference virtually. On 10/16/2020, the writer and [REDACTED] provided information associated with agroterrorism, specifically DT and food sector exploitation potential. The writer communicated Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) WMD and DT Program

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The writer's portion of the joint presentation lasted about 22 minutes, and a questions/answers session was held at the end of [REDACTED] piece. The writer reiterated the importance of identifying these types of incidents and sharing them with law enforcement. The writer advised minor criminal actions associated with animal rights activist extremism have a tendency to escalate towards substantial direct actions, to include the unintentional introduction of biological

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All in all, the entire joint virtual agorterrorism presentation lasted roughly 65 minutes. On 10/19/2020, [REDACTED] advised said agorterrorism presentation was well-received by the over 80 virtual attendees.

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