# Advancements in Compartmentalization and Regionalization - Opportunities, Relationships, Information and Challenges

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#### Livestock Sector Perspectives and Concepts for Discussion

How might the livestock sector use higher health compartments in locations where the cost of production makes it a potential useful option?

- Obstacles and drivers logistics, tools, economics, business and sector structures, policy
- Business continuity
- Zoning/regionalization versus compartmentalization
- Country, regional, international
- Innovations, processes, procedures, verification
- Lessons learned and adaptation
- ❖ Not a one size fits all endemic/<u>free</u>, disease specifics, sector differences
- Some key issues and advancing the discussion

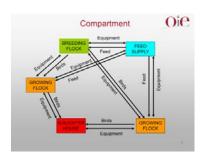


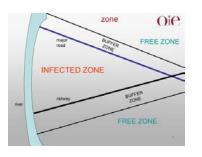


#### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapters 4.3 & 4.4

**Compartment** - one or more establishments under a common biosecurity management system containing an animal subpopulation with a distinct health status with respect to a specific disease or specific diseases for which required surveillance, control and biosecurity measures have been applied for the purpose of international trade.

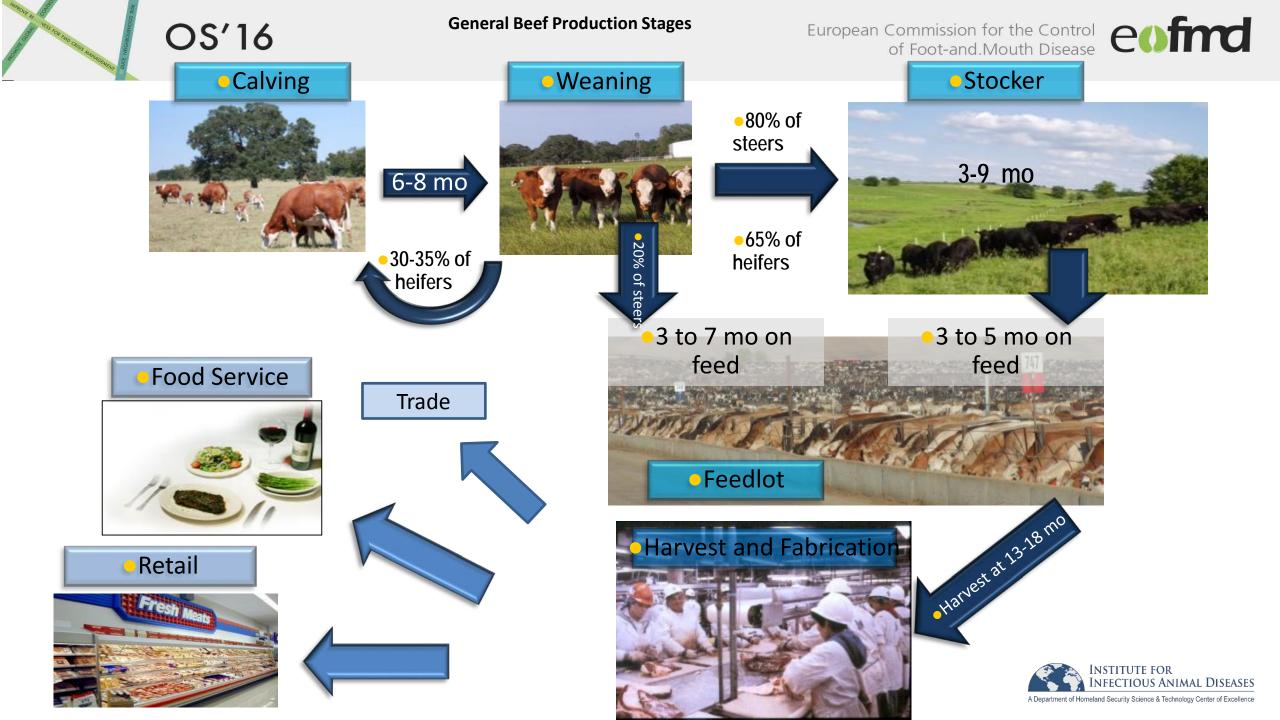
**Zone/region** – a clearly defined part of a country containing an animal subpopulation with a distinct health status with respect to a specific disease for which required surveillance, control and biosecurity measures have been applied for the purpose of international trade.





- Surveillance, disease specifics, epidemiological factors, production systems, infrastructures and biosecurity practices applied...
- > Done in concert with the many other aspects of FMD prevention, response, control or eradication
- Requires private sector and state/province and national government collaboration
- Requires clear, consistent communication and consumers comfortable
- Risk-based solutions based on scientific data, national and international standards, industry realities





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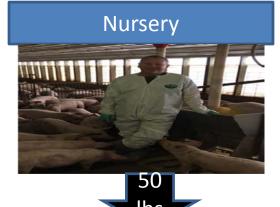
#### European Commission for the Control of Foot-and Mouth Disease of Foot-and.Mouth Disease











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Harvest and Fabrication





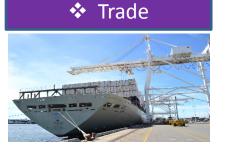


















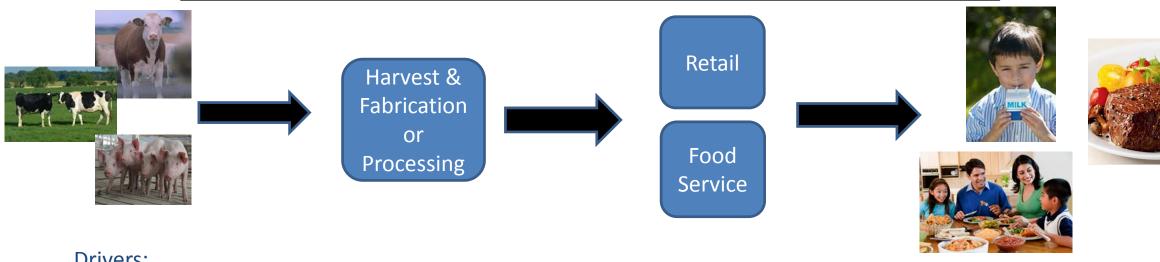








#### \* Requires collaboration along entire commodity chain



#### **Drivers:**

- Some shared needs
- Unique pressures differences along all stages of livestock value chain, between and within
- Different business models and operational structures
- Business contracts and customers
- Sector economics, economic impacts on other livestock and agriculture sectors
- **Business continuity**
- Rural communities, food security, state and national economies





#### **U.S. Secure Food Supply Plans and Business Continuity**

## Goals of the Secure Food Supply Projects – for <u>affected</u>, not *infected* monitored premises

- Avoid interruptions in animal and animal product movement to commercial processing from premises with no evidence of FAD infection.
- Provide a continuous supply of wholesome food to consumers.
- Maintain business continuity for producers, transporters, and food processors through response planning.

#### **Continuity of business:**

- The management of non-infected premises and non-contaminated animal products in the event of an FAD outbreak.
- Provides science- and risk-based approaches and systems as a critical activity in any FAD response.
- Helps agriculture and food industries maintain typical business or return to business during a disease response, while the risk of disease spread is effectively managed.

### Common Components of Secure Food Supply Plans

- Voluntary pre-outbreak preparedness
- Biosecurity
- Surveillance
- Movement permit guidance
- Epidemiology questionnaires
- Risk Assessments
- Pre-and Post-outbreak training

USDA funded. Developed via private sector, academia and government collaboration





- Science- and risk-based plans intended to:
  - a) maintain business continuity
  - b) minimize disease spread, and
  - c) provide a continuous supply of these products to consumers.
- ❖ Each contains similar components customized to species specific needs: biosecurity, surveillance, communication, data management, managed movement, management of infected premises.
- Risk Assessments
- ➤ Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
  - Egg, Turkey, Broilers
- Foot-and-Mouth Disease
  - Beef, Milk, Pork

Secure Milk Supply: http://securemilksupply.org/

Secure Pork Supply: http://www.securepork.org

Secure Beef Supply: <a href="http://securebeef.org/">http://securebeef.org/</a>

<u>Secure Egg Supply:</u> http://www.secureeggsupply.com/

Secure Turkey Supply: http://www.secureturkeysupply.com/

Secure Broiler Supply: <a href="http://www.securebroiler.com">http://www.securebroiler.com</a>

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\_health/emergency\_management/downloads/generic\_sfs\_plans.pd



- Biosecurity performance standards (BPS's), <u>developed in</u> collaboration with private, public and academia.
- ❖ BPS's are a list of biosecurity measures, which when performed correctly, will help reduce disease introduction and spread through best practices and standard operating procedures (SOPs).
- Plus additional specific biosecurity components in each species secure supply plans.
  - ✓ ex. The biosecurity recommendations in milk, pork and beef are based on the known exposure routes for FMD.
  - ex. Secure Milk has BPS's for dairy premises, milk haulers, and processing plants to implement during an FMD outbreak.
  - ✓ ex. Secure Beef is developing BPS's and surveillance plans (herd health monitoring) for feedlots, transporters and packer/processors.



# **Biosecurity Performance Standards (BPS)**

#### **Raw Milk Collection and Transport**

This document includes Biosecurity Performance Standards developed in consultation with the dairy industry, sanimal health officials, federal animal health officials and academic partners with the goal of preventing FMD v spread during milk movement in an outbreak. The BPS establish the overarching goals but require States and Regions to develop specific protocols or procedures based on their local regulations, available resources, climat capabilities, and scope of the outbreak.

Factors to consider for some of the BPS are also included to aid in pre-event communication, coordination, and planning on a more local/regional level prior to an FMD outbreak. Possible options, approaches and tasks for government and industry to discuss when developing state or regional plans are described.





#### **Poultry Industry Nuances & Lessons Learned**



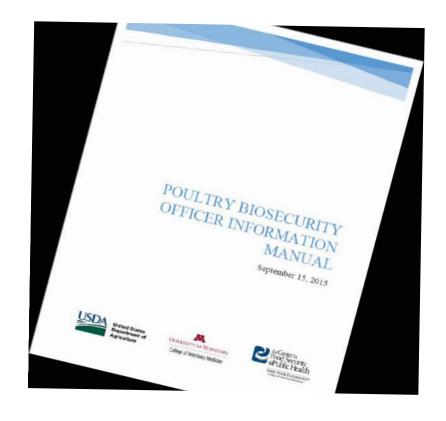
#### Turkey:

- Created a committee of industry experts and stakeholders
- •Reviewed industry biosecurity plans and created a checklist that was evaluated and ranked in importance by experts to establish minimum biosecurity standards
- •Epidemiologic questionnaire to determine exposure risks developed with support of industry and academic partners

Broiler: promotes food security and animal health through continuity of market planning prior to a HPAI outbreak.

http://www.securebroilersupply.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/SBS-DRAFT\_2015.08.05.pdf

National Poultry Improvement Plan
 <a href="http://www.poultryimprovement.org">http://www.poultryimprovement.org</a>



Poultry Enhanced Biosecurity for Poultry Producers
US Poultry & Egg Association
<a href="http://www.poultrybiosecurity.org/">http://www.poultrybiosecurity.org/</a>





#### **Poultry Industry Lessons Learned**

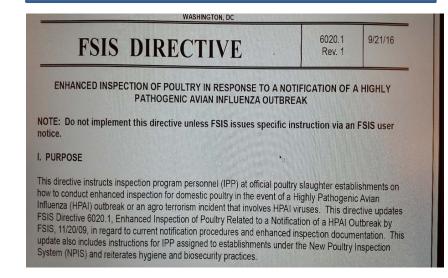
#### So that business can continue as best it can:

- How to quickly define high health compartment
- Knowledge of movements into compartment or zone at early stages of outbreak
- Defined risk area
- Understanding what is ok to move
- Information available immediately to retailers/food service channels & consumers
- Must have very clear instructions from FSIS (federal food safety regulators) on cleaning/disinfection at plant
- > State Animal Health Officials must have rapid access to laboratory test results so that they can make timely permitted movement decisions, etc.

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Shifted production within zone for domestic product; outside HPAI zone for export

- Know international markets will shut immediately
- Therefore interested in using zones and compartments to concentrate on parts of industry not infected
- Species differences because of movements





#### **SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION REQUIRES**

- \*PROCESSES
- \*VERIFICATION
- \*PLANNING
- \*RELATIONSHIPS
- \*AGREEMENTS
- \*INDUSTRY DRIVEN
- \*GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION & OVERSIGHT
- \*ENHANCED BIOSECURITY
- \*DATA & REAL-TIME ACCURATE INFORMATION
  - standardized messaging
  - agree on data to share and parameters around that
  - better if pre-existing systems and daily use
  - industry/state/federal
- \*ACCURATE NEGATIVE TESTS
  - speed of commerce, surge capacity, transparency, competent authority to verify
- \* RETAILERS & CONSUMERS MUST ACCEPT
- \*COST/BENEFIT
- \* CONTINGENCY PLAN for "after the dust settles" (exit plan)









#### **Food for Thought – Commuter Herd Agreements**

- Outline parameters for moving between States
- Permitted movement
- For breeding herds under normal operations, no change of ownership
- **Annual**
- Federal authorities provide definition/criteria for regulatory diseases = standardization, consistency & unification for movement requirements
- States commonly include other diseases
- Typically address any specific testing required, animal ID and documentation (e.g. veterinary certificate, test results, etc.)



#### COLORADO/NEW MEXICO COMMUTER CATTLE AGREEMENT

The State Veterinarian's office must receive applications at least **TWO WEEKS** prior to movement. All necessary test information, including Trichomoniasis test results for bulls 12 months of age and older, MUST accompany the application. If you have purchased cattle from another producer please include those test results. Your application will be returned if all test information is not furnished or dates are not within guidelines.

The following Commuter Cattle Agreement, when completed and signed by the owner and the State Animal Health Officials of Colorado and New Mexico will allow for the movement of beef herds and their offspring.

The animals being moved MUST BE ACCOMPANIED by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a Brand Inspection Certificate issued prior to movement, as well as a copy of this Commuter Cattle Agreement. This number is also to be written on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. This permit must be renewed in writing on a YEARLY BASIS.

Commuter permits are for bonafide breeding herds only – NO TRADER CATTLE.

BY TYPING OR SIGNING YOUR NAME ON THE SIGNATURE LINE, YOU ARE VERIFYING THAT ALL PROVIDED INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

INSTRUCTIONS: Sections I and II are to be completed by the herd owner. Section III will be completed by the State Veterinarians.

> COLORADO: DR. KEITH ROEHR, STATE VETERINARIAN 305 INTERLOCKEN PARKWAY **BROOMFIELD, CO 80021**

> > PHONE: 303-869-9130 FAX 303-466-8515

E-MAIL patricia.menchaca@state.co.us

NEW MEXICO: ELLEN MARY WILSON, D.V.M., STATE VETERINARIAN

300 SAN MATEO BLVD NE, STE 1000 ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108

PHONE: 505-841-6161 FAX 505-841-6160

statevet@nmlbonline.com E-MAIL:

PLEASE E-MAIL, FAX, OR MAIL APPLICATION TO THE STATE VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE IN THE STATE OF ORIGIN.







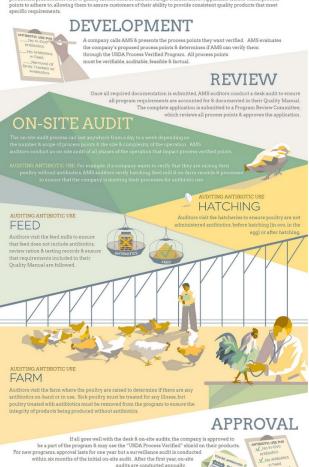
United States Department of Agriculture

#### PROCESS VERIFIED PROGRAM

TRANSPARENCY FROM FARM TO MARKET

Process Verified Program: November 2015, Agricultural Marketing Service processverified.usda.gov USDA is an equal opportunity employer & provider.

The USDA Process Verified Program (PVP) is a verification service that offers applicants a unique way to market their products using clearly defined, implemented & transparent process points. A detailed Quality Manual documents how a company meets internal or external requirements. The process points can vary widely by industry & product & can cover tion practices, services & quality factors such as size, breed, age & much more. Applicants choose which process points to adhere to, allowing them to assure customers of their ability to provide consistent quality products that meet



#### **Food for Thought – Verification of Process**

- <u>Industry</u> initiated, voluntary
- U.S. Government, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) oversees
- Process verification for production methods and marketing claims
- Documented quality management systems
- Third party audits by auditors approved by AMS
- > \$\$\$
- Requires significant time to establish







#### **Food for Thought – Government Agreements**

#### New international cooperation on animal diseases

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 - 00:00 Hon Nathan Guy Primary Industries

The Government has signed three new agreements to work closely with and support other countries in the event of animal disease outbreaks, Primary Industries Minister Nathan Guy has announced today.

"As a Government we are working extremely hard to protect our borders and the primary sector from natural threats. An important part of that is international cooperation in case there is a major incident," says Mr Guy.

- Recognition of zoning principles for foreign animal disease outbreaks signed with Australia, Canada and the USA. This will manage biosecurity risks while minimising trade disruptions in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak.
- International Animal Health Emergency Reserve Agreement signed with Australia, Canada, Ireland, the UK and the USA. An undertaking to provide supplementary emergency response personnel from unaffected signatory countries.
- A vaccine sharing arrangement in the event of an FMD outbreak signed with Australia, Canada, Mexico and the USA. This enables access to FMD vaccines held in the vaccine bank of an unaffected signatory country.
- Recognition of zoning principles for foreign animal disease outbreaks signed with Australia, Canada and the USA. This will manage biosecurity risks while minimising trade disruptions in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak.
- "Sharing personnel during critical times will help participating countries respond more quickly to an outbreak. It also gives us access to additional experience in outbreak management and response.
- "Having arrangements in place to continue safe trade from disease-free areas during an outbreak is good news for exporters.
- "While New Zealand is well-prepared for FMD and has its own vaccine bank, the arrangement will give us rapid access to additional vaccine doses, should we require them.

- Relationships established
- Agreements developed prior to **FAD optimal**
- Follow OIF standards, where exist
- Science-based
- Talk to industry





#### **Data and Innovative Tools**



**Multifaceted Integrative Technology and Effort** 

- AgConnect is a technology umbrella
  - Easily accessible data fusion
  - Data owner controlled data sharing
  - Decision support tools with analytics
  - Novel geospatial views
  - Customizable mobile data collection
  - Robust security



Combination of tools intended to help daily operations and during disease events

- Livestock Owners
- Veterinarians
- State Animal Health **Authorities**
- Federal Animal Health **Authorities**

Animal Agriculture and Wildlife

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#### **PERSPECTIVES**

#### Biosurveillance



- Humans as Sensors
- Mobile Technologies
- Data Aggregation and Baselining
- Anomaly Detection

#### Response and **Business Continuity**



- Data Fusion
- Disease Status Monitoring
- Control Zone Management
- Traceability

#### **Phylogenetics**



- Data Consumption
- Sequence Alignment and Comparison
- Tree Construction and Visualization
- Time/Space Analysis

#### **Laboratory Capacity**



- Embedded Models
- Comparative Analysis
- Cost Tracking
- Resource Management and Prioritization

#### **CAPABILITIES**

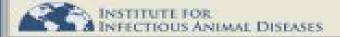




#### Mobile Certificate of Veterinary Inspection - mHealth



- Freely available for download from each of the different app stores
- Provides an easy-to-use tool for digitally filling out and submitting CVIs
- Paper-based forms can be printed directly from the mobile device to a printer
- Store-and-forward capability allows for use even in very remote locations
- Some states allow for automated importing of generated CVIs









#### **AgConnect Exercise August 2-3**



#### College Station, Texas TAMU Emergency Operations Center (EOTC)

#### Using

- Real time data collection utility
- Industry specific databases (ICE)
- State Animal Health Agency databases (USA Herds)
- Diagnostic Laboratory Linkages
- Secure Pork Supply Movement Concepts
- Data Visualized between states

To Assist in Business Continuity Decision making related to necessary movements in a bio-secure fashion



- Business Continuity and Emergency Response
- Data-driven exercise focused on technical function and utility
- Used real industry daily operational data
- Notional scenario was a highconsequence porcine disease affecting Kansas, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa



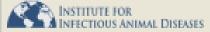
#### **AgConnect Exercise August 2-3**



#### College Station, Texas TAMU Emergency Operations Center (EOTC)

#### Business Continuity Injects;

- Cull sows to slaughter
- Fat finished hogs to slaughter
- Sow farm (weaned pigs) to Finish facilities
- Replacements gilts
- Overstock movements (finish pigs)
- Free zone to Free zone, interstate movements.
- Buffer zone to Surveillance zone move
- Both interstate and intrastate moves
- Based on swine industry working group identification of business critical needs.



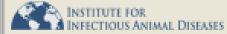
❖ Worked through various commercial swine controlled movement requests necessary for business continuity during this hypothetical swine disease outbreak.





#### The Exercise involved 60 participants from 18 organizations

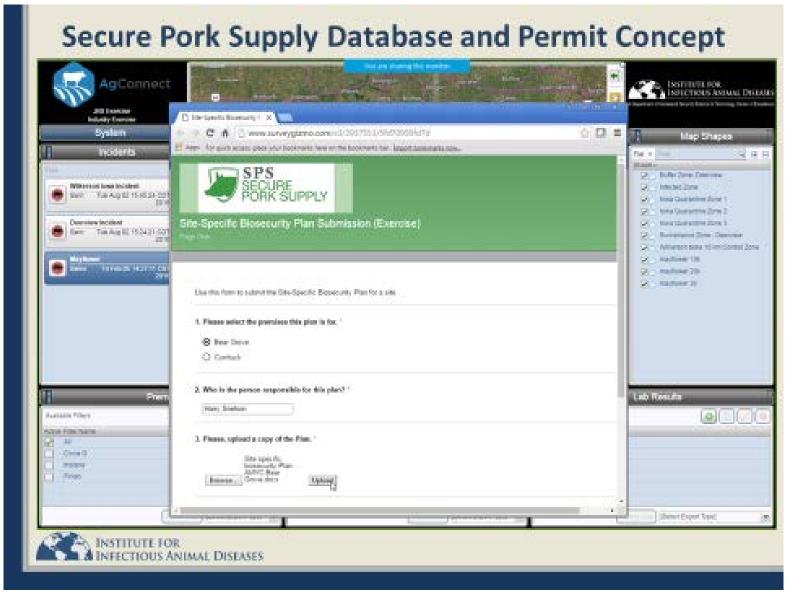
- Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
- Indiana State Board of Animal Health
- Colorado Department of Agriculture
- Kansas Department of Agriculture
- Texas Animal Health Commission
- USDA APHIS Veterinary Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- National Pork Board
- American Association of Swine Veterinarians
- Swine Health Information Center
- Texas Pork Producers Association
- JBS Live Pork
- AMVC
- Center for Food Security and Public Health
- Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory
- Institute for Infectious for Animal Diseases
- Texas Center for Applied Technology
- Texas A&M University System



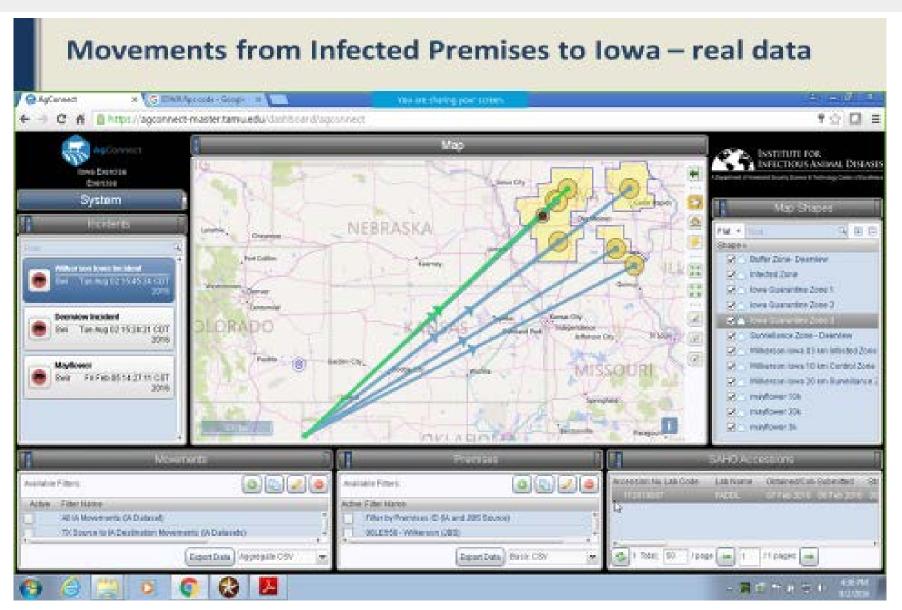








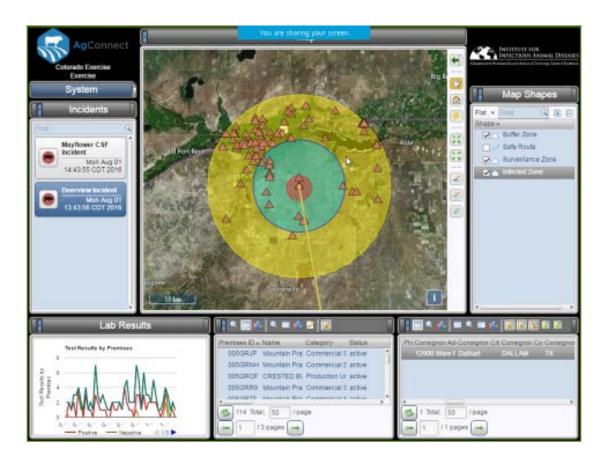


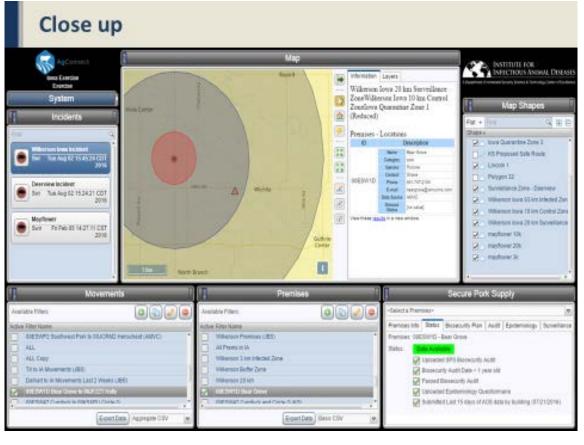






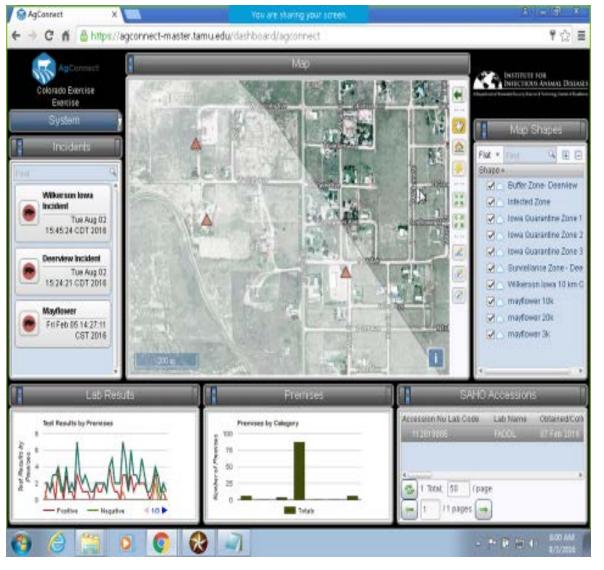








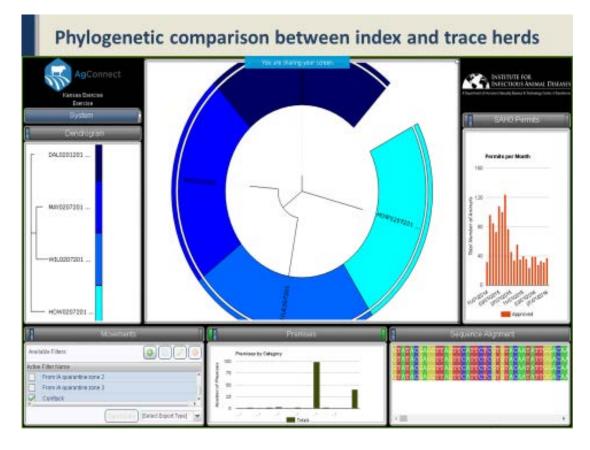




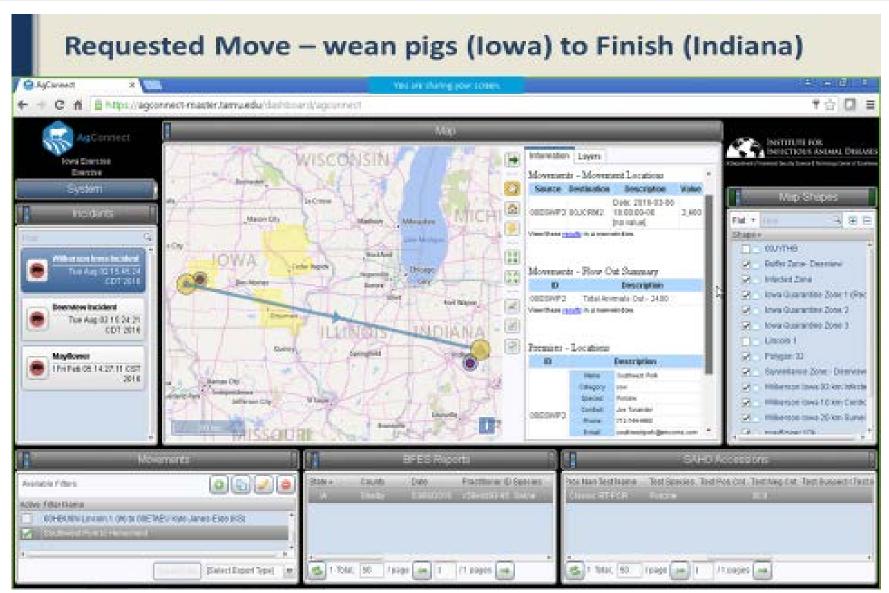




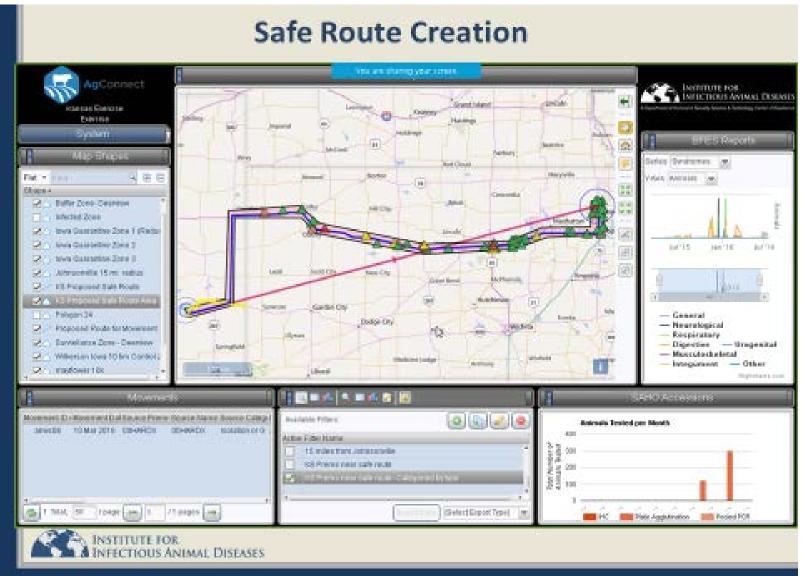
Following each of the requested movement scenarios, state animal health officials and industry representatives came together for discussions to determine if the requested realistic movements could occur and how AgConnect® assisted with their decisions.





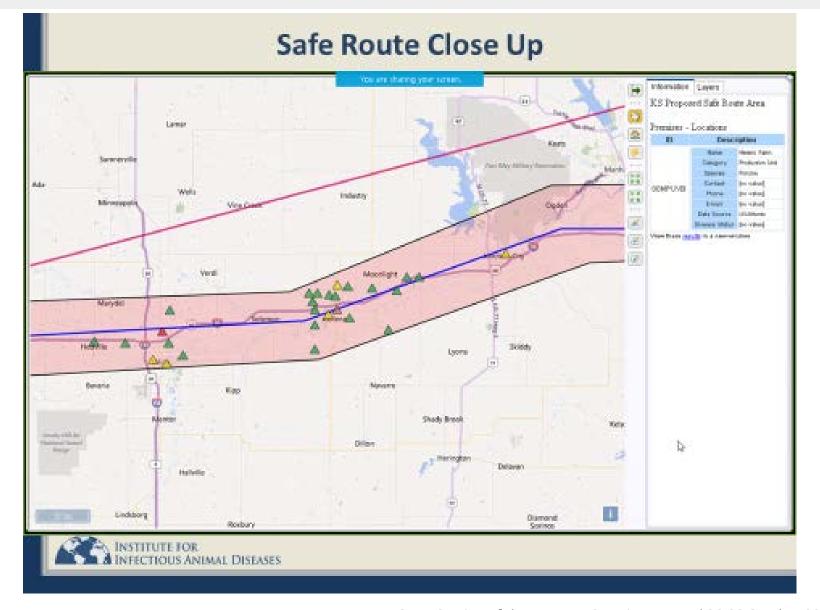






- Used industry truck driver routes & premises locations data
- Used State Animal Health Officials' data
- Used GPS







#### **Final Hotwash**



The state veterinarians and industry representatives concluded that AgConnect:

- was able to quickly translate information to visualization for situation awareness
- an important aspect of success was the ability for the swine industry to directly share operational and geospatial information directly through the system.
- State Veterinarians were also able to inform each other by sharing geospatial visualizations of their outbreak control efforts and status through AgConnect
- participants agreed on the tool's value of using live, real-time data and novel technology solutions to support decision-making.



#### Final Industry Perspectives

- ❖ Works best if the data systems are used daily so that real-time information is available and users already know system when there is a FAD
- ❖ Ability to connect information from various systems
- System should provide added value to users e.g. Improve daily livestock operations e.g. SAHO uses
- ❖ Agreed upon parameters for data sharing prior to an event
- Producers are reluctant to provide everything (and volume) would overwhelm receiver)
- Producers will provide what is needed as long as it is justified
- Contractually there is a driver for doing what it takes to keep things moving (e.g. forward contracting) – compartmentalization could be an option

Successful advancement and use of these compartments and zones will require focused collaborations at national and international levels between livestock owners, livestock marketing/value chain, veterinarians, scientific experts, animal health authorities and international bodies.





