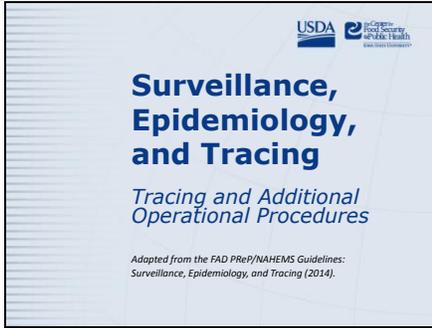
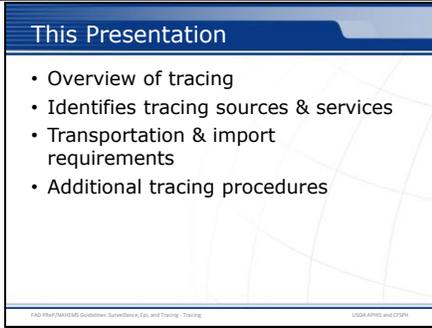


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An animal health emergency could have a detrimental effect on the nation's agriculture, food supply, and economy. Veterinary responders, animal health technicians, and other trained personnel may assist with surveillance, epidemiology, and tracing activities. In order to perform these job duties, a broad understanding of surveillance and epidemiological concepts is required. Tracing the spread of disease into populations of animals, and tracing exposure and potential spread out of populations is critical to disease control. This presentation reviews tracing concepts. Additional operational procedures for disease control and eradication (e.g., biosecurity, cleaning and disinfection, and quarantine and movement control, etc.) are also briefly covered. [This information was derived from the *Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response (FAD PReP)/National Animal Health Emergency Management System (NAHEMS) Guidelines: Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Tracing (2014)*.]

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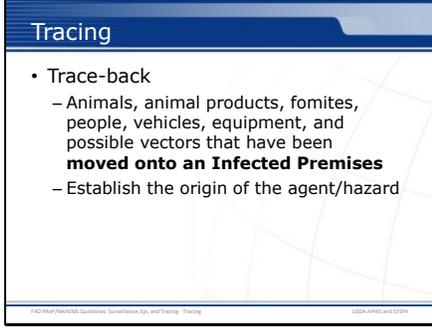
This presentation provides an introduction to disease tracing activities that are implemented in a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak. It identifies tracing sources and services as well as transportation and import requirements, such as health certificates, permits, and tags. An overview of additional tracing procedures, such as biosecurity, PPE, and cleaning and disinfection are discussed.

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Tracing is a critical part of an FAD response. Tracing is the ability to track the movements of an animal or group of animals during a specific time period. By tracking the movements of animals, tracing is intended to identify the source of the infection and identify potentially exposed animals that may be infected and have moved elsewhere. Tracing aids in controlling the spread of an FAD agent or a hazard, and limits the impact of an outbreak by detecting premises or animals that may be potentially infected. In the event of an FAD outbreak, all movements to and from the affected premises must be assessed.

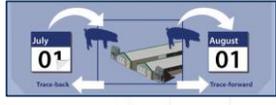
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Trace-back seeks to identify the origin of all animals, animal products, fomites, people, vehicles, equipment, and possible vectors that have been moved onto an Infected Premises, in order to establish the origin of the agent/hazard.

Tracing (cont'd)

- Trace-forward
 - Animals, animal products, fomites, people, vehicles, equipment, and possible vectors that have **left the Infected Premises**



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Trace-forward seeks to track all animals, animal products, fomites, people, vehicles, equipment, and possible vectors that have left the infected premises and could have possibly carried the agent to other animals. Animals located on exposed premises should be investigated and kept under surveillance and/or quarantine until additional data suggest they have remained unaffected.

[This graphic shows movement of a group of swine into and out of a production facility to illustrate trace-forward and trace-back. The illustration depicts swine moving into a production facility, and one month later being moved to another location. The origin and the destination of this group, or of an individual animal, may need to be traced. Illustration by: Katlyn Harvey, Iowa State University]

Tracing Sources

- Owners/livestock producers
- VS Surveillance Collaboration Services
- Animal Disease Traceability Information System
- Auction/market records
- Test charts
- Livestock transporters' manifests and owner/shipper statements
- Accredited veterinarians and health certificates
- Import permit systems
- Brand inspection records
- Official identification devices

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Tracing information can be obtained from many sources. Epidemiologists and animal health officials are encouraged to use all available resources when completing FAD traces. The following slides describe these information sources, which include livestock owners, companies and associations, veterinarians, and the government.

Livestock Owners

- Important source of information on animal movements
- Type, format and quality of farm records may vary
- May be subject to confidentiality rules



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Livestock owners and producers are an important source of information on animal movements. In the 2001 FMD outbreak in the United Kingdom, owners/producers were a critical resource for animal tracing. The type, format, and quality of farm records and animal movement information may vary from operation to operation and may be subject to confidentiality rules. *[This photo shows a responder interviewing a producer about livestock movements. Photo source: Center for Food Security and Public Health, Iowa State University]*

Surveillance Collaboration Services

- Records details of:
 - Persons (owners/agents), animals, lab tests
 - Animal identification tag allocation and use
 - Domains (premises and herds/flocks/tanks)
 - Movements (individuals/groups/restrictions)
 - Treatments and vaccinations for animals
 - Graphical representation on digital maps
 - Multi-species recording on the same database
 - Activity scheduling

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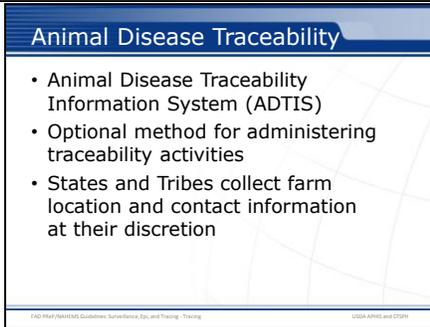
Surveillance Collaboration Services (SCS) fulfills a management goal of providing comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated animal health surveillance and program management software that serves as the foundation for animal health, public health, food safety, and environmental health. SCS supports the function of managing data related to animal health surveillance and response to animal health events. Well managed surveillance data, some examples are listed on this slide, is the foundation for animal health activities that include domestic disease control and eradication programs, emergency preparedness and response, and trade.

When fully completed at all levels, SCS will contain/receive data from Mobile Information Management, spreadsheet uploads, the Laboratory Messaging System, the Veterinary Services Laboratory Submission System, as well as from data entry directly into SCS. SCS then outputs data to spreadsheets, as well as Business Intelligence and Reporting to assist in processing data for reports. SCS supports the administration of the location identifiers per the Animal Disease Traceability General Standards document.

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Animal Disease Traceability

- Animal Disease Traceability Information System (ADTIS)
- Optional method for administering traceability activities
- States and Tribes collect farm location and contact information at their discretion



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The Animal Disease Traceability Information System (ADTIS) is in place to support the animal disease traceability framework. This system is provided to States and Tribes as an optional method for administering traceability activities. States and Tribes collect farm location and contact information at their discretion. The premises module is capable of determining and recording the geolocation of each premises for future mapping purposes. Other modules within the ADTIS contain official identification and distribution records and other animal events. For more information on the USDA Animal Disease Traceability database, see <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/>.

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Livestock Dealers or Auction Markets

- Auction/market records
 - Records maintained by commission firms, dealers, inspectors and veterinarians
- Market test charts/records
 - Official charts or forms used to record official testing data for program diseases



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Records from livestock dealers or auction markets may provide information on animals' movements before and after a sales transaction. The type, format, and quality of these records may be highly variable. **Auction/market records** are maintained by commission firms, dealers, inspectors, and veterinarians, and often contain information on animal movements. The accessibility and quality of the data varies widely. Additionally, asking personnel employed by the market facility for information on their movements and contacts with other animals from the time they came into contact with the infectious agent may aid in the tracing process. **Market test charts/records** refers to official charts or forms used to record official testing data for program diseases. Information on animals that undergo testing for USDA program diseases such as brucellosis and tuberculosis is recorded on test charts. These records may contain information such as animal identification, owner, and origin and destination, which can be used to trace animal movements.

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Transporters' Manifests

- A manifest or bill of lading must accompany all livestock shipments
 - Carried by livestock transporter
- Normally includes:
 - Number and type of livestock
 - Shipment origin and destination



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A manifest or bill of lading must accompany all livestock shipments and is carried by the livestock transporter. These documents usually include information about the number and type of livestock on board, and the shipment's origin and destination. Transportation firms may also maintain copies of these documents. In the event of an FAD outbreak, transportation enforcement officers may stop transport vehicles to verify compliance and can request to see the documentation. Owners transporting animals themselves to livestock markets or harvest facilities are often able to provide their own documentation of the animals on the owner/shipper statement. Documentation will be maintained at the market or harvest facility. *[This photo illustrates livestock movement. A manifest of bill of lading must accompany all livestock shipments. Photo source: Renee' Dewell, Iowa State University]*

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Health Certificates

- Written by accredited veterinarians
- Two types
 - Federal
 - Also known as International Health Certificates (IHC)
 - State
 - Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)



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Accredited veterinarians routinely write Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to allow animals to move across state lines, within states, or to exhibitions. Health certificate information is available from the state of entry or destination. Properly completed health certificates are necessary to verify health status when inspecting, testing, and certifying animals for the purpose of controlling animal diseases and facilitating trade and travel. The information contained in CVIs documents the location of animals at the time of inspection. The usefulness of this information depends on how readily the CVI can be located. Some states' records are more automated than others. **Federal health certificates** are issued for international movement and referred to as International Health Certificates (IHC). (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/importexport>) **State health certificates** are issued for interstate and some intrastate movement and referred to as Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). Individual State CVIs are available from the office of the State Animal Health Official. *[This photo depicts a USDA employee endorsing a federal health certificate. Photo source: Dani Ausen, Iowa State University]*

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Import Permit Systems

- Live animals imported into the U.S. must have a valid permit
- VS form 17-129, or APHIS ePermits system

Live animals imported into the United States must have a valid permit. VS Form 17-129, Application for Import or In Transit Permit must be completed. Alternatively, APHIS' ePermits system may be utilized. Information documented on the permit includes the country from which the animal is to be shipped; description of the animal(s) (number, breed, species, sex, age, identification, etc.); planned route of travel; planned shipping and arrival dates; and port of entry. Individual states also have animal import systems.

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Brand Inspection Record

- Some states require visual brand inspection for cattle
- Ownership and transfer of ownership must be documented
- Maintained by State's brand inspection authority



Livestock owners register personalized bands and apply them to livestock, such as cattle, to identify ownership. Some states, especially those in the western United States, require cattle and horses moving from one location to another to have a visual brand inspection. Ownership and transfer of ownership must also be documented. Documents generated from this inspection are generally maintained by the State's brand inspection authority. These documents, coupled with laws that facilitate registering specific brands, can be used to trace groups of cattle moving from one location to another. However, a brand is not a form of individual animal identification. *[This photo shows a brand on a bovine. Brands are used to identify groups of cattle but are not individual forms of identification. Photo source: Beth Carlson, North Dakota Department of Agriculture]*

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Backtags and Eartags

- Backtags**
 - Temporary form of identification
 - For animals moving through livestock dealer or auction market
- Eartags**
 - State-issued
 - Electronic or visually-inspected



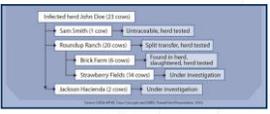

Backtags: Backtags are a temporary form of animal identification. They are applied with glue to identify animals moving through a livestock dealer or auction market. Records kept by the livestock dealer or auction market may provide information about the animal's consignor/seller and consignee/buyer. The type, format, and quality of dealer/market records may vary. **Eartags:** Official eartags may be used to identify individual animals. Breeding age cattle are generally identified with eartags; however, feeder cattle may not be required to be identified by individual eartags. There are a variety of different types of eartags. The simplest eartags are for visual inspection only (e.g., panel type eartag; see photo). Electronic eartags can be read by portable, hand-held, or stationary radio-frequency readers. The regulatory authority in each state issues identification devices (i.e., eartags). The range of numbers and characters comprising the identification is recorded. Regulatory authorities may assist with tracing activities.

[Top Image: A photo of a USDA backtag. Photo source: Stephen Lewis. Lower image: This photo shows a close up of a cow with a plastic dangle tag and a button Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag. The dangle tag may provide information specific to the farm. The RFID tag can provide both unique individual animal and standardized location information. Photo source: Pat Gorden, Iowa State University]

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Tracing Databases

- Animal movements may be complicated
- Databases produce schematics
 - Example: Emergency Management Response System (EMRS) 2.0



Animal movements may be complicated and involve multiple points of sale or transfer. During an FAD response, the Emergency Management Response System (EMRS) 2.0, the USDA APHIS VS system of record, will be used to collect and report epidemiological data, including movement and tracing information, locally and nationally. Tracing databases, such as EMRS, have the capability to schematically represent trace results.

[This schematic shows trace-forward results of cattle that have left a herd originally belonging to John Doe. Source: USDA APHIS. Illustration by: Bridget Wedemeier, Iowa State University]

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Electronic Data Management

- EMRS essential for:
 - Routine reporting of investigations
 - Surveillance and control programs
 - State-specific disease outbreaks
 - National animal health emergency responses
- Utilized by multiple groups within ICS
- May undergo changes

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EMRS, for FADs and emerging disease incidents, is the official system of record used to track, summarize, and report all activities of the outbreak for all affected premises. EMRS was first developed in 2001. EMRS 2.0, which has recently been developed, provides a manageable repository for storing data on disease surveillance, intrastate and interstate animal movements, and FAD investigation. It is a secure, web-based application used by Federal, State, Tribal, and local animal health officials for surveillance and disease control programs. State-specific disease outbreaks, and national animal health emergency responses. EMRS also provides the structure and capabilities to manage the disease mitigation activities associated with these animals. EMRS manages this information in a secure environment, which gives the Incident Command (IC) the ability to evaluate tracing and associated activities, and assess the effectiveness of these activities on an incident, program, outbreak, or on a national basis. EMRS supports traceability through integration with other modules of the VS ADTIS. In the event of an FAD outbreak, several groups and/or cells within the ICS will utilize the EMRS for different purposes.

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Additional Operational Procedures

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There are several additional operational procedures related to surveillance, epidemiology, and tracing activities that will be implemented in an FAD response.

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Additional Procedures

- Variety of strategies required to contain, control and/or eradicate an FAD:
 - Biosecurity
 - Health and safety
 - Personal protective equipment
 - Cleaning and disinfection
 - Quarantine and movement control

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Additional operational procedures and protocols involve: biosecurity, health and safety, personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfection, and quarantine and movement control. In the following slides, we will examine each of these more closely. For more information on these operational procedures and protocols, see the corresponding FAD PReP/NAHEMS Guidelines.

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Biosecurity

- Management practices
 - Designed to prevent the introduction and spread of disease agents on an animal production facility
- Utilized by responders entering or leaving a premises
- Protocols must be followed at all times



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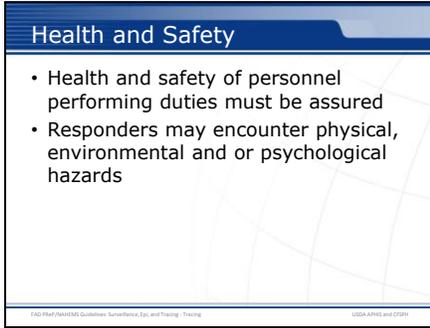
Biosecurity is a series of management practices designed to prevent the introduction and spread of disease agents on an animal production facility. Implementing biosecurity measures as a standard practice helps ensure that responders working with animals or coming into contact with them do not spread disease when they enter or leave a premises. Some personnel involved in surveillance, epidemiology, and tracing activities will be required to travel from premises to premises to work with animals. It is imperative that biosecurity protocols be followed at all times and on all premises, whether or not disease outbreaks have been reported on the premises. Biosecurity procedures are described in the *FAD PReP/NAHEMS Guidelines: Biosecurity*. [This is a photograph of a sign establishing a premises as a biosecure area. Photo source: Alex Ramirez, Iowa State University]

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Health and Safety

- Health and safety of personnel performing duties must be assured
- Responders may encounter physical, environmental and or psychological hazards



Responder health and safety is important during a response. Surveillance, epidemiology, and tracing are necessary activities, but the health and safety of personnel performing these duties must be assured. Responders may encounter physical, environmental, and/or psychological hazards and must be prepared to manage these hazards as well as emergency situations which may arise. Health and safety principles and protocols are described in the *FAD PReP/NAHEMS Guidelines: Health and Safety*.

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PPE

- Special clothing and equipment that places a barrier between an individual and a hazard
- Prevents the spread of hazards between animals or locations



Personal protective equipment (PPE) refers to special clothing and equipment that places a barrier between an individual and a hazard. In an animal health emergency, PPE serves two purposes:

1. Protects the responder against potentially harmful hazards (e.g., zoonotic disease, biological, chemical, and environmental hazards), and
2. Prevents the spread of hazards between animals or locations, with appropriate use and decontamination/disposal.

Personal protective equipment is described in the *FAD PReP/NAHEMS Guidelines: Personal Protective Equipment*. [This photo shows PPE which might be worn during an outbreak investigation. Photo source: Dani Ausen, Iowa State University]

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Cleaning and Disinfection

- Cleaning
 - Removal of organic material
- Washing
 - Removal of materials that can inhibit the action of disinfection
- Disinfection
 - Process that destroys most pathogenic and non-pathogenic microorganisms to an acceptable level



Cleaning involves the removal of organic material (e.g., manure, bedding), and washing involves the removal of materials (e.g., oils, grease) that can inhibit the action of disinfectants. Disinfection is a process that destroys most pathogenic and non-pathogenic microorganisms to an acceptable level. Cleaning and disinfection procedures are used to remove, inactivate, reduce, or destroy contagious agents from contaminated premises and fomites and prevents the spread of pathogens. When surveillance and/or epidemiology/tracing personnel enter or exit a premises, they must follow all cleaning and disinfection procedures. Cleaning and disinfection procedures may vary according to the FAD agent. Cleaning and disinfection (C&D) procedures for vehicles, equipment, clothing, and personnel are described in the *FAD PReP/NAHEMS Guidelines: Cleaning and Disinfection*. [Bottles of disinfectants are shown in this photo. Photo source: Carla Huston, Mississippi State University]

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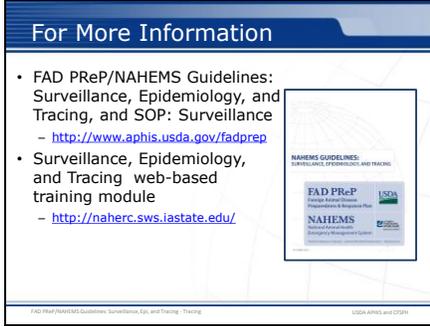
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Quarantine and Movement Control

- Upon detection of an FAD in livestock, quarantine and movement controls will be established
 - Restrictions on entering or leaving a premises, area, or region
 - Control the movement of animals, animal products, and fomites in a Control Area

Upon detection of an FAD in livestock, quarantine and movement controls will be established by State or Federal animal health officials. Quarantines impose stringent restrictions on entering or leaving premises, area, or region where disease is known to exist or is suspected. Movement controls then control the movement of animals, animal products, and fomites in a regulatory Control Area from non-infected premises. Any surveillance and/or epidemiology tracing activities conducted in these areas will be subject to the established quarantine and movement control procedures. Quarantine and movement control procedures are described in the *FAD PReP/NAHEMS Guidelines: Quarantine and Movement Control*.

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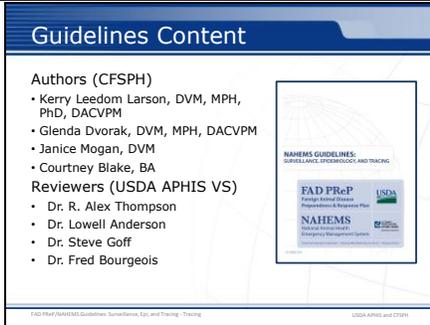
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– <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/fadprep>
- Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Tracing web-based training module
– <http://naherc.sws.iastate.edu/>

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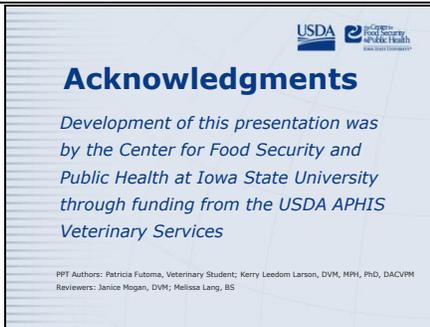
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