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Cervid Health Program Evaluation

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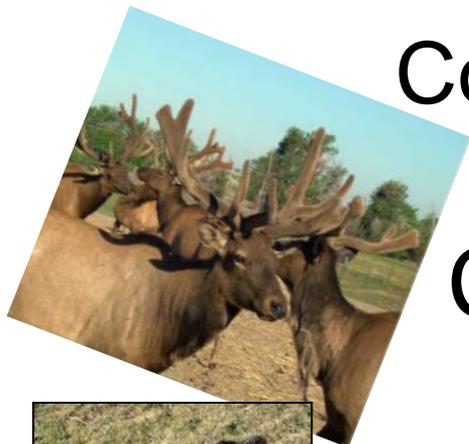
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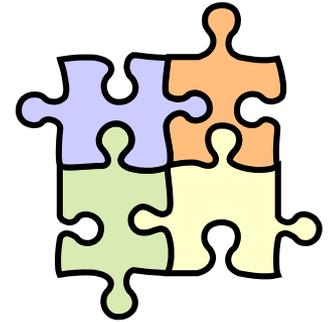
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Overview

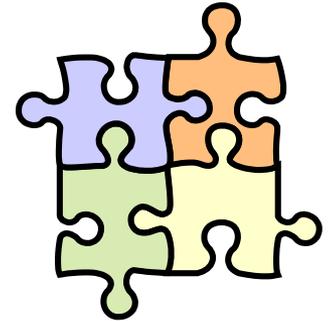
- Describe the Program Continuous Evaluation & Improvement Process (PCEP)
- Overview of the Cervid Health Program
- Obtain stakeholder feedback

What is PCEP?



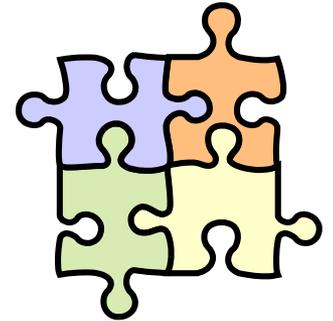
A **standardized**, **ongoing process** for conducting evaluations of the goals and strategies of animal disease programs within **Veterinary Services**.

What do we gain from PCEP?



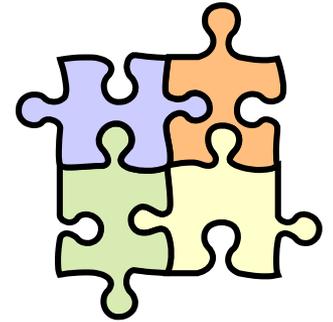
- Regularly reevaluate the goals and strategies used in animal disease programs based on available resources and other animal health priorities
- Continually and strategically realign our programs and services with the changing needs of agriculture and global animal health
- Allow VS to better evaluate our performance and actively improve what we're doing

Evaluation Criteria



- Criterion One: Alignment of program goals with VS goals
- Criterion Two: Suitability of goals for program status, stakeholder needs, and resources
- Criterion Three: Aptness of strategy for program goals
- Criterion Four: Efficiency and effectiveness of strategy implementation
- Criterion Five: Value to stakeholders

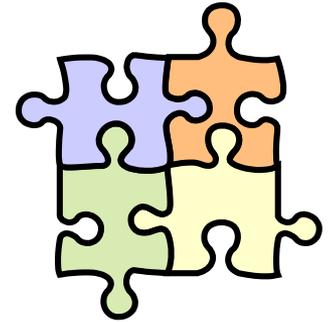
Engaging Stakeholders



- **Step 1:** The evaluation cycle begins by engaging internal and external stakeholders

The persons or organizations that have an investment in what will be learned from an evaluation and what will be done with the knowledge.

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The Objectives of the Cervid Health Program are to:

1. Prevent and control Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in farmed cervid populations
2. Eliminate bovine tuberculosis in farmed cervids
3. Conduct comprehensive disease surveillance in farmed cervids
4. Develop an emergency preparedness and response plan for foreign animal diseases, emerging diseases and zoonotic diseases
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Current funding supports:

- National Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Herd Certification Program (HCP)
 - establish minimum standards for Approved State HCPs and minimum requirements for interstate movement of CWD-susceptible species.
- Cervid Tuberculosis (TB) Accreditation Program
 - part of a comprehensive approach to eradicate TB in domestic cattle and bison in the U.S.

FY2016 Funding

Equine, cervid, small ruminant health (ECSR) line = \$19.5 million

Cervid Health Program = \$3 million

- **Indemnity**—\$1.1 million
- **CWD Research**—\$200,000
- **Cervid Health Program**— ~\$1.2 million for general program support (primarily field activities)



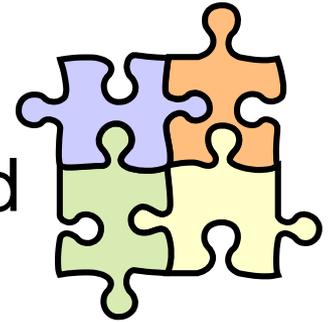
Challenges

- Continued CWD detections
- Complex, multistate investigations
- Complicated Program Standards
- Minimal indemnity funding
- Lack of approved ante-mortem test
- Limited herd management options
- Industry factors



Question 1

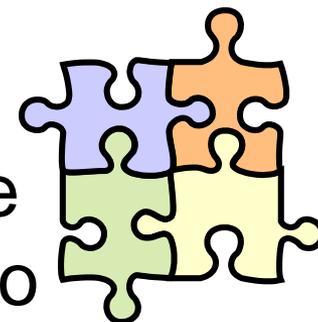
Are the current objectives appropriate, and what if any revisions that are important to the cervid industry should we make?



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Question 2

Using the scale below, how would you rate the suitability of the program's objectives to meet the needs of the cervid industry?

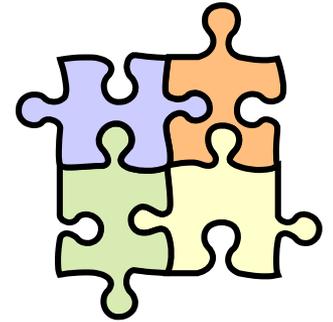


Rating	Definition
High	Program objectives are routinely reviewed, updated as needed, and with few exceptions, program goals and objectives meet the stakeholder needs.
Moderate	Program objectives meet most stakeholder needs, but need review and updating.
Minimal	Program objectives meet a few key stakeholder needs, but a significant number of stakeholder needs are unmet.
Poor	Program objectives are not responsive to stakeholder needs, or stakeholder needs are unknown.

Question 3

For each program goal add in:

(1) your priority ranking for each goal

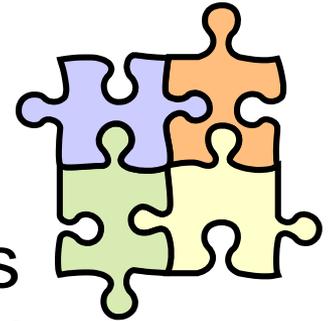


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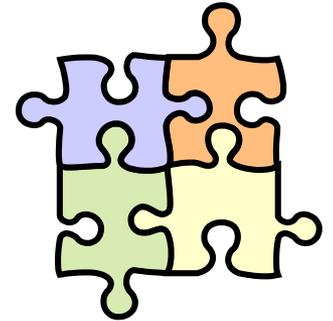
- (2) the percent of program resources that you think should be allocated to each goal.



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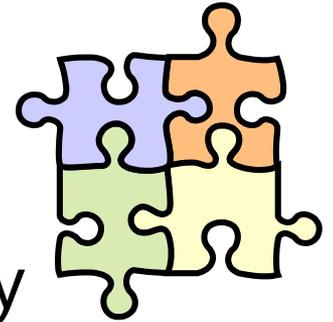


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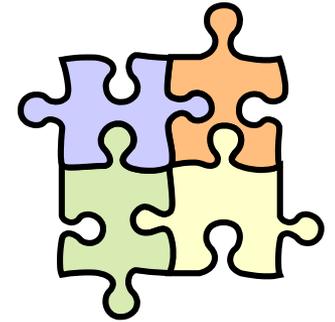
For each program goal add in:

- (4) what outcomes the cervid industry would expect or want as a result of this goal.



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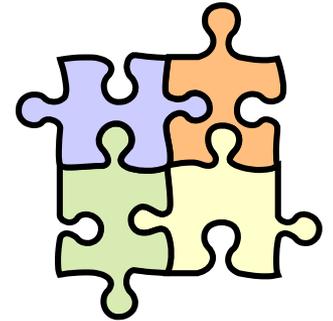
For each program goal add in:

(5) How will the cervid industry
SUPPORT this goal?

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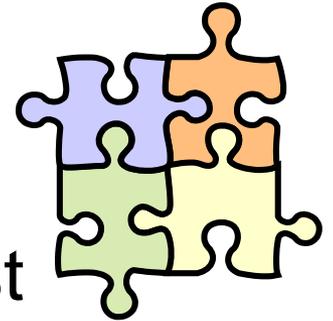
Question 4

What's working? Or, what aspects of the USDA Cervid Health Program are most beneficial to your industry?

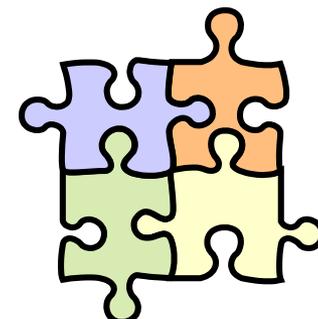


Question 5

What's not working? Or, what aspects of the USDA Cervid Health Program are least beneficial to your sector?



Question 6

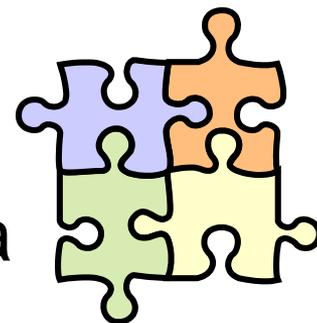


Using the scale below, how would you rate the value of the program to the cervid industry?

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High	The benefits of conducting the program are substantial and cannot be matched via alternate means. <and/or> The consequences of not conducting the program are near-catastrophic; discontinuing the program would likely result in a near-catastrophic negative impact.
Moderate	The benefits of conducting the program are significant and would be difficult to match via alternate means. <and/or> The consequences of not conducting the program are significant; discontinuing the program would likely result in a significant negative impact.
Minimal	The benefits of conducting the program are minimal and could be matched or exceeded via alternate means. <and/or> The consequences of not conducting the program are minimal; discontinuing the program would be expected to have minimal impact.
Poor	The benefits of conducting the program are negligible and could be easily exceeded via alternate means. <and/or> The consequences of not conducting the program are negligible; discontinuing the program would not be expected to have any noticeable impact.

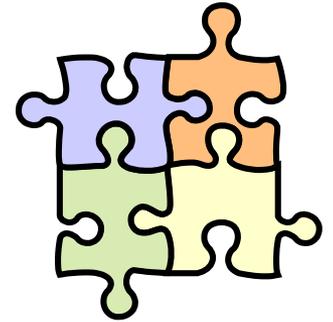
Question 7

What does it mean/should it mean to be a certified herd in the CWD HCP program?



Question 8

What is the one most important thing that must be changed to improve the CWD HCP program?



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