FMD PREPAREDNESS FOR THE U. S. BEEF CATTLE INDUSTRY

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- Unique and complex industry with a variety of segments.
- U.S. cattle inventory is 93.5 million head, up 1.8% from January 2016.
- 727,906 beef cattle farms and ranches in the U.S. with 91% family-owned or individually operated.
- Average beef cow herd is 40 head of cattle.
- Top 5 states that raise cattle and calves as of Jan 2017: Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, California and Oklahoma.
Is the U.S. beef cattle industry concerned about FMD, a disease with the last U.S. outbreak in 1929???

- YES!!
Foot-and-Mouth Disease

- Extremely contagious viral disease of cloven-hoofed animals and some wildlife species.
- FMD is not a public health threat.
- Production losses.
- Low mortality in adults and high mortality in young animals.
- FMD outbreaks can cause severe economic costs and immediately close our export markets for animals and animal products. Export markets may be closed for indeterminate amount of time.
- Disruptions to commerce.
- Collateral markets impacted (grains, forage).
- Strained Local, State and Federal resources. Recovery time depends on the extent of the outbreak.
A single case of BSE in 2003 affected U.S. beef export markets for 8 years---FMD???
FMD Preparedness Actions Taken by the U.S. Beef Industry

- Increased Readiness Measures
- Education
- Communication
Increased Readiness Measures for FMD

- Participate in FMD drills and exercises at the state level and at regional levels.
- Participate in FMD modeling exercises with the Department of Homeland Security.
- Support a white paper with the National Pork Board and the National Milk Producers Federation written by Dr. Jim Roth on “FMD Vaccine Surge Capacity for Emergency Use in the United States”.
- Provide expert witness for Congressional Hearing on FMD Preparedness in February 2016.
- Lobby for funding for an updated FMD vaccine bank in the upcoming 2018 Farm Bill.
- Serve on the Steering Committee and work on developing a Secure Beef Supply plan.
FMD Vaccine Bank

- Current FMD vaccine bank managed by USDA-APHIS and stored on Plum Island, NY. VAC for limited number of types/subtypes of FMD virus.
- U.S. participates in the North American FMD Vaccine Bank with Canada and Mexico.
- Currently, U.S. lacks surge capacity for millions of doses of vaccine needed for a large-scale FMD outbreak in U.S. The supply is not available to implement the current USDA-APHIS policy for FMD vaccination to manage a large-scale FMD outbreak in the U.S.
- Request mandatory funding of $150M annually for 5 years in the 2018 Farm bill to contract for the offshore production and stockpiling of sufficient quantities of FMD vaccine and VAC for those types/subtypes of FMD virus with the highest likelihood of entering the U.S.
Secure Beef Supply Plan

- Functions to provide a continuity of business plan consistent with the USDA-APHIS FMD response goals in order to maintain business continuity for beef producers and processors as well as to provide a safe, continuous supply of beef for consumers.
- Voluntary participation.
- Collaboration of industry, academic, state and federal regulatory partners.
- Provides tools to protect cattle from FMD and prevent spread of FMD.
- Biosecurity principles and guidance for issuing movement permits.
- Initial focus has been on the feedyard to packer/processor segments of the beef cattle industry.
Education

- Continuing education on FMD clinical signs and biosecurity practices presented through meetings at annual conventions and conferences.
- Articles on FMD in National Cattlemen newspaper; Beef Issues Watch and Beef Quarterly publications
- FMD Pocket Guide and Posters
Day 10  Front of Hoof, Interdigital Skin

- Ruptured vesicle on interdigital skin.
- Extensive necrosis of interdigital skin with granulation tissue formation.
Communications

FootAndMouthDiseaseInfo.org

Welcome to FootAndMouthDiseaseInfo.org
Your Source for Information About Foot-and-Mouth Disease

The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) since 1929. The U.S. government and the nation’s livestock producers have extensive prevention, surveillance, and response measures in place to prevent the re-introduction and spread of the disease.

Foot-and-mouth disease is one of the most economically damaging animal diseases in the world and currently exists in more than 100 countries. This website is designed to help consumers, livestock producers and others learn more about FMD, including what it is, how it affects and how to protect the United States’s FMD-free status.

FMD is not a public health concern and does not affect food safety. However, it is highly contagious among animals with cloven (divided) hooves, such as cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and deer. Controlling FMD, or eradicating it if an outbreak did occur, requires cooperation among those in agriculture, tourism and commerce as well as coordination among private industry groups and the government.

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