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Agricultural Inspection: Protecting from Pests and Disease Outbreaks

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Agriculture Past vs. Present
Average Farm Size and Number of Farms Since 1900
2001 United Kingdom FMD Outbreak
PEDv

IHC, 8 hours post-exposure
PDCoV
2015 HPAI Statistics

- 15 States with findings in poultry
- 109 commercial flocks in Minnesota
- 71 commercial flocks in Iowa
- Far greater impact than previous AI cases
HPAI Planning: Biosecurity

- Biosecurity applies to all aspects of production
- APHIS supported ISU and U.S. Poultry and Egg Association to develop guidelines

Checklist for Self-Assessment of Enhanced Biosecurity: www.poultrybiosecurity.org/
HPAI Planning: Indemnity

Changes to processes:

- Split payments for contract growers
- Biosecurity self-certification
- Biosecurity plan
- Inventory upon suspicion of HPAI
HPAI Planning: Depopulation

- Goal: Depopulate infected flocks ideally within 24 hours
HPAI Planning: Virus Elimination Payments

• Flat rate for each poultry type
• Based on cost for dry cleaning and heating to eliminate virus
• Producer can choose method
• Paid in two installments
“Know your farmer, know your food.”

-Secretary Thomas Vilsack
Questions?