What have we learned from COVID-19?

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Not Fun Being First

- Set the bar for others
- Tested what to do and not to do
What did we learn quickly?

• Functional exercises for FMD & ASF were helpful but not applicable and not detailed enough

• “We,” including USDA, and farmers were not ready for large scale emergency depopulation and disposal
Credit

• Farms and farm led solutions
  – Holding pigs
  – Depop and disposal
• Rendering
• State Veterinarians and State Departments of Agriculture
  – Took on leadership in absence of USDA and understood urgency
• Farm Veterinarians
• Your Organizations
  – National Pork Producers Council
  – National Pork Board
  – North American Meat Institute
  – National Renderers
  – States
Connections Matter

- State Department of Agriculture
- State and Local Departments of Health
- Federal and State Occupational Safety and Health Administration
  - Difference in what states were doing
- Mixed and conflicting messages in some states
Future

- Can we do this again?
- Political fallout