



# African Swine Fever Industry Perspective: Packer

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# What Is Industry Doing: Packer?

- Secure trade
- Prepare for an incursion of ASF into the US
- Measures the industry has taken to mitigate supply impacts

# Secure Trade

- In 2019 – joint meeting with USDA Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs and CEOs to identify gaps and determine a path forward for solutions
- A Task Force was formed to work on bold, unconventional recommendations for gap closure including an associated timeline
  - Focus – business continuity



# Industry Task Force

- Meetings with APHIS, FSIS, Custom and Border and SAHOs throughout the process
- Drafting a plan for resumption of trade in the face of a wide-spread outbreak (similar to compartmentalization)
- Working on plans to support APHIS' efforts for regionalization discussions

# Preparation for an IncurSION/Mitigate Impact

- Supporting efforts by the National Pork Producers Council and National Pork Board
  - **Secure Pork Supply**
- North American Meat Institute leading efforts on the development of FAD plans for plants



**Prevention and early detection are key.**

# What is Tyson doing?

- Reviewing lessons learned from 2020
- Tyson Foods held a Tyson-specific tabletop exercise working with the Iowa State veterinarian, APHIS and FSIS using learnings across all facilities
  - *Planning exercise for our sow-processor in TN*
- Key areas reviewed included biosecurity, wastewater management, communication and human resources

# 2020 Learnings

- Intersection of Federal, State, and Local Regulatory Functions
- Establishment relationships with the appropriate contacts now will be important
- Exercises to prepare

**Establishment of relationships prior to an event is critical!**

# Cleaning and Disinfection

- Plant sanitation has an entire shift dedicated to cleaning – need to validate chemicals effective for ASF

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- Lairage -rinse downs more common. Pens are made of porous material
  - Unknown at this time best protocol and frequency for cleaning and disinfection





# Cleaning and Disinfection

- Truck transportation will require quick communication to the hauler and producer that the 'normal' clean-out will likely not be enough
- In the event of an outbreak, trucks must be cleaned and disinfected between each off-load and re-load - even if going back into the very same site they just hauled from

Current truck wash/bake varies greatly.

# Cleaning and Disinfection

- Plants will need a plan for decontamination of trucks on site—making sure the facility as the equipment and space.
  - Undercarriage and wheels on site and full wash down off-site?
  - Disposal of bedding...
  - Winter temperatures...
- Plants will also need to consider employee vehicles, FSIS vehicles and visitor vehicles.

**By identifying gaps – they can be filled.**

# Wastewater Management

- Wastewater management could be a challenge during the 72-hour shut down
- Likely states will prohibit release of wastewater during the national shut down
- Need to consider wastewater from truck washes – public and private
  - Establishment relationships with the Department of Natural Resources prior to an outbreak will be important

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Movement of employees could present a logistical challenge and HR should be a part of our planning

Need to consider whether employees own pigs or live in control zones

Consideration for employee clothing, boots, vehicles

*Work with HR early and develop training and communication plans for employees.*

# ASF Packer and Allied Industries Policy Workshop

APHIS tabletop exercise held in January 2021 to identify policy gaps focused on packers and allied industries

- Packers, Renderers, Allied Industry
- Trade
- Federal Government (APHIS, FSIS, FDA)
- State Animal Health Officials

**We are all in this together.**

# Areas Reviewed

- Diagnostics
- Epidemiology and Tracing
- Communication
- Quarantine and Movement Control
- Continuity of Business
- Disposal
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Incident Management

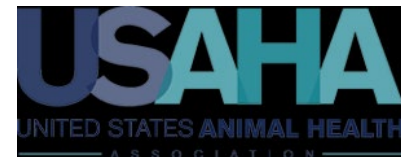


**Goal for Packers to Build and Maintain Plans.**

# What is Industry (Packers) doing?

- The best preparation for tomorrow is to make sure today's work is superbly done.

(African Proverb)



Resources are available.