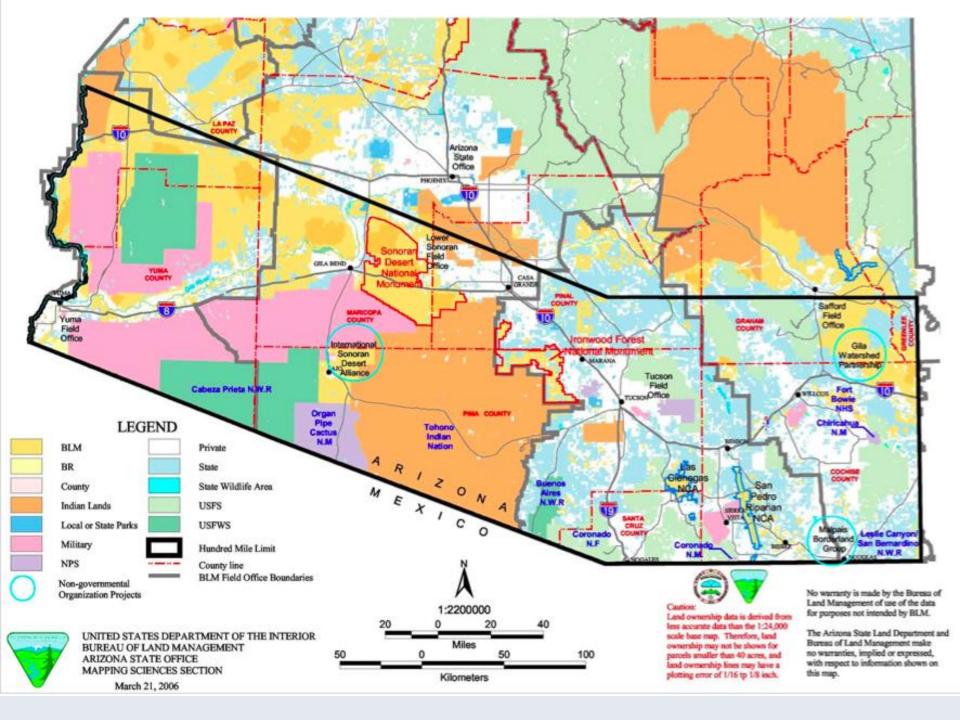
Interagency Policy Actions Affecting Border Security

Introduction of Biological
Agents and Spread of Disease
to Human and Animal
Environments
Impacts to Food Supply-chain

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 "The Border Patrol's inability to routinely access the entire border region leaves us not only vulnerable to the trafficking of drugs but also potential terrorists and others who wish to harm our country."

USFWS AZ State Director

 "We rarely monitor or go south of the border these days due to safety issues."

USDA-APHIS

(Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)

 "Issues related to public safety and economic loss involves the increased need to monitor and manage disease threats due to bioterrorism and borderland Security. Attacks on people with bioterrorism agents, and the number of illegal immigrants has increased the publics awareness of this issue."

USDA-APHIS

(Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)

 "Another issue tapping WS' resources is the growing Mexican Gray Wolf population."

Canis Lupus

- 1. Rabies (H) (OA)
- 2. Brucellosis (H) (OA) Hydatid Disease (2):
- 3. Echinococcus granulosis (H) (OA)
- 4. Echinococcus multilocularis (H) (OA)
- 5. Anthrax (H) (OA)
- 6. Encephalitis (H) (OA)
- 7. Great Lakes Fish Tapeworm (H) (OA)
- 8. Smallpox (H) (OA)
- 9. Mad Cow Disease(BSE) (OA) (H)
- 10. Chronic Wasting Disease (OA)

Canis Lupus

From Ticks (10) Carried by wolves and other mismanaged mammals:

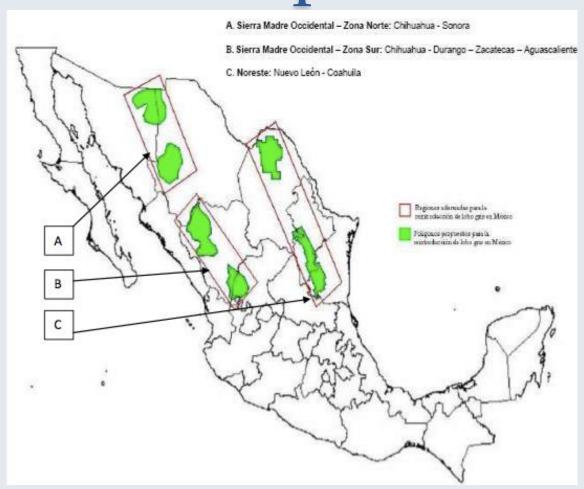
- 11. Anemia (H)
- 12. Dermatosis (H)
- 13. Tick paralysis (H)
- 14. Babesiosis (H)
- 15. Anaplasmosis (H)
- 16. Erlichia (H)
- 17. E. Coast Fever (H)
- 18. Relapsing Fever (H)
- 19. Rocky Mtn. Spotted Fever (H)
- 20. Lyme Disease (H)

Canis Lupus

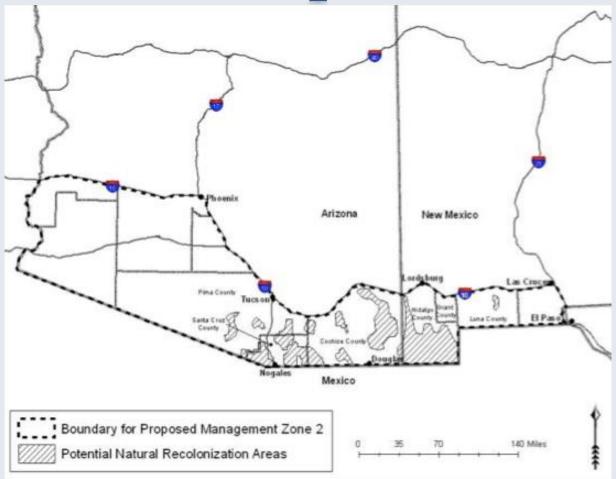
From Fleas (4) Carried by wolves and other mismanaged mammals:

- 21. Plague (H)
- 22. Bubonic Plague (H)
- 23. Pneumonic Plague (H)
- 24. Flea-Borne Typhus (H)
- 25. Distemper (OA)
- 26. Neospora caninum (OA)
- 27. 2 Types of Mange (H) (OA)
- 28. GID (a disease of wild and domestic sheep) (OA)
- 29. Foot-and –Mouth (OA)
- 30. Parvo (OA)

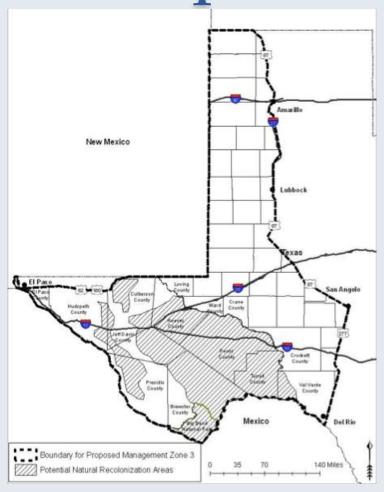
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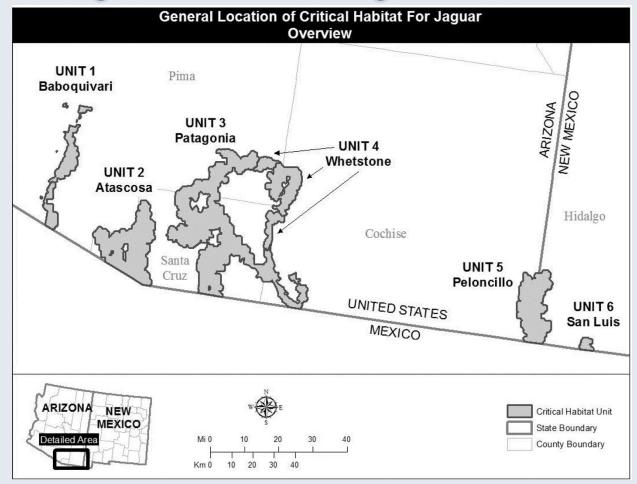


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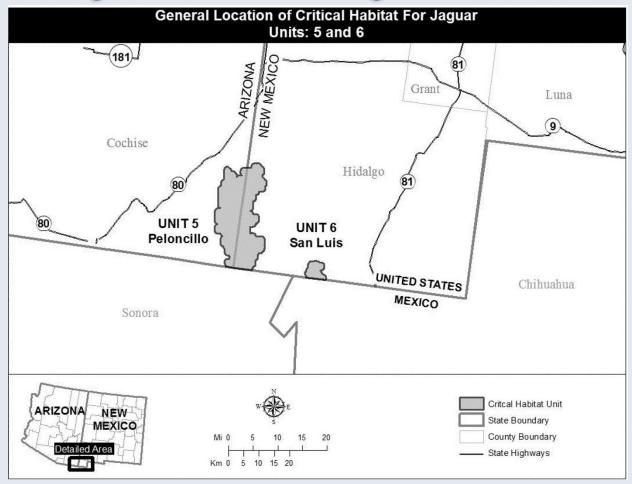
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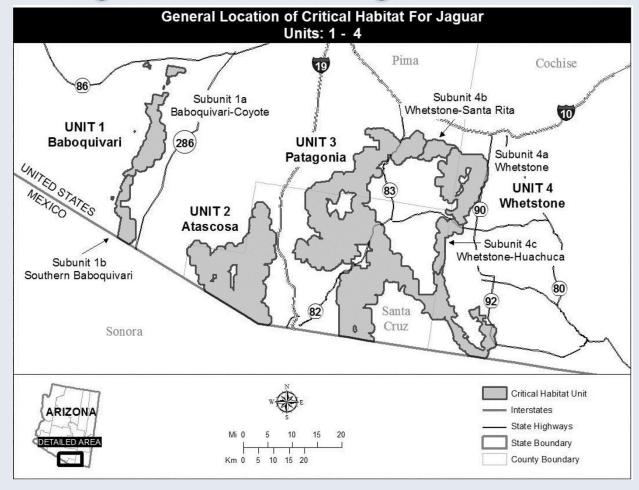
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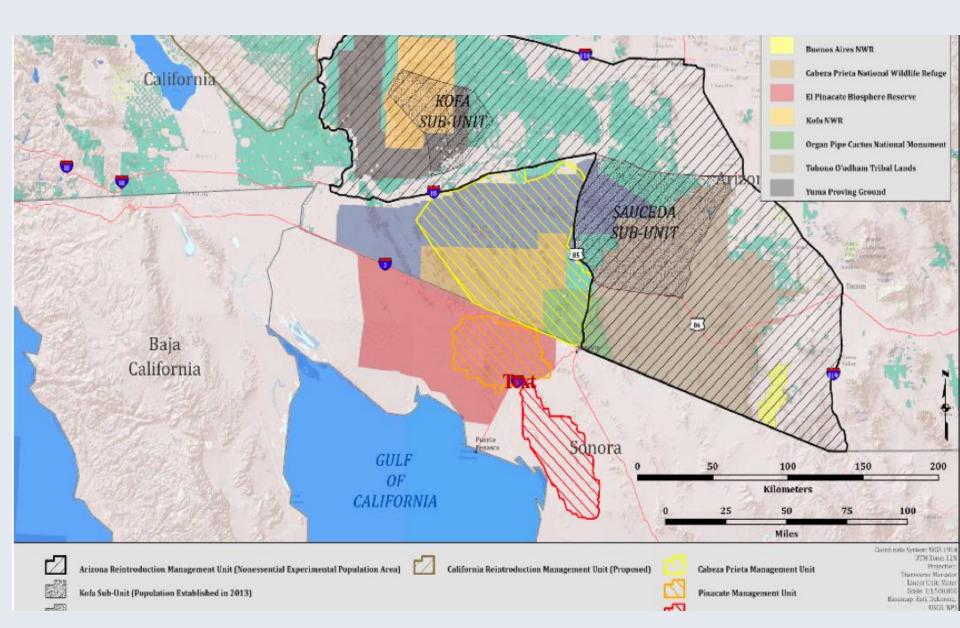
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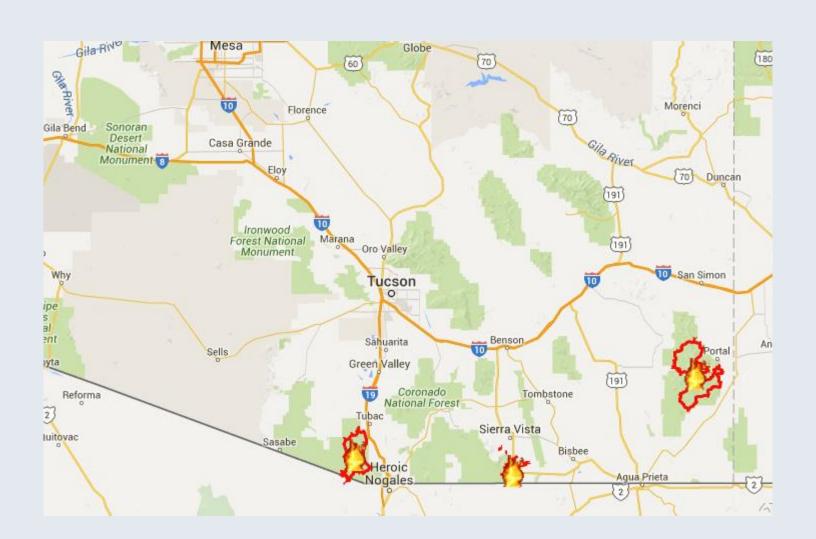


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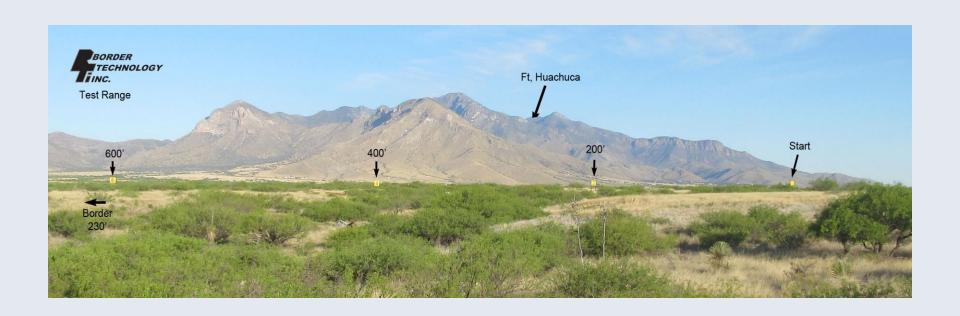
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- Disease producing microorganisms, pathogens, many have very plausible use in biological attacks
- Animal diseases: Foot and mouth disease (FMD), hog cholera, rinderpest, and swine fever.
- Plant diseases: Fungi, to include anthracnose, blight, damping-off, leaf spot, root and crown rots, smut, vascular wilts, and rust, to include soybean and wheat rust.
- **Zoonotic diseases:** Anthrax, avian influenza, brucellosis, hantavirus, and plague have the potential to harm animals and humans.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention categorizes seven biological agents as Category A, the highest priority agents that could cause a threat to national security. Four are the noncontagious biological agents: anthrax, botulinum toxins, plague (bubonic plague), and tularemia. Bubonic plague is not directly transmissible, although it can spread throughout the body and cause the pneumonic form of plague, which is transmissible.

- An attack on crops or livestock will create complex challenges for local/state/federal government, first responders and industry.
- The agricultural infrastructure of the U.S. is more vulnerable to the deliberate use of biological agents owing to factors such as globalization, processes and products.
- Documents recovered in April 2002 in Afghanistan indicated that prior to 11 September 2001, al-Qa'ida had an interest in agroterrorism agents. One document contained a list of high-consequence animal disease agents, such as the highly pathogenic avian influenza, FMD virus, and hog cholera virus.

- According to U.S. Department of Agriculture officials, a single case of FMD in the United States could cause U.S. trading partners to prohibit imports of live animals and animal products, resulting in losses of between \$6 billion and \$10 billion a year until the United States eradicated the disease and regained diseasefree status.
- Terrorists could disperse a pathogen to targets in a variety of ways
 to include an aerosol dispersed by a spray mechanism or air
 currents, human application, or an infected animal. For example,
 American cattle feedlots handle large numbers of livestock at
 once; therefore, aerosol dispersal may not be necessary to
 contaminate livestock because of a high degree of contact
 between animals and the high transmissibility of certain agents.

 Livestock are brought to central locations for a variety of reasons, such as auctions and county fairs. This practice potentially provides terrorists with an opportunity to infect many livestock that subsequently would be transported elsewhere, where they could infect other animals. In addition, certain types of livestock, such as pigs, often are bred, and slaughtered in different locations. A pathogen, whether introduced through human application or a contaminated vector, could spread quickly through a region through such exchanges.

 Livestock often are housed in highly concentrated populations; large poultry producers, for example, house tens of thousands of birds in a single facility. A virulent pathogen such as highly pathogenic avian influenza could infect a large number of poultry fairly quickly. Wildlife could spread the disease further by visiting the infected farm and then visiting other farms along a migration route. Even if the pathogen did not spread beyond the site of introduction, the emergence of a foreign animal disease would affect all producers directly because trading partners may not distinguish between properties; all trade in that commodity could be suspended.

- Currently, just 2% of America's feedlots produce 78% of U.S. cattle.
- Nearly all cattle are processed in four slaughterhouses, and almost all hogs move through four separate slaughterhouses. Nine farms produce 59% of the country's broiler chickens. Poultry, swine, and beef storage, slaughtering, and distribution efforts are regionally based, and as such, the storage facilities associated with each commodity are regionally located. This particular "storage" vulnerability has massive economic, public health, and public confidence implications, which require multijurisdictional preparation, prevention, response, and recovery efforts.





 The impact of a major attack on the U.S. food supply could be very large in terms of public health and economic impact. Some experts estimate that no large U.S. city has more than

a seven-day supply of food available at any one time, and an attack to the system would cause severe disruption almost instantly.

 A small number of large processing and storage facilities control the majority of production and warehousing, making the potential for a widespread stream of impact more likely. Consumer confidence in the government's ability to protect the food supply would be impacted, causing fear and potential panic.

 Raw products, such as meat, poultry, fruits, vegetables, and dairy products, are stored in "cold storage" facilities, which are privately owned refrigerated warehouses.
 Currently, mandatory security guidelines have not been placed on these facilities, and inspection does not occur until the raw product reaches the food processor.

 Raw grain is handled in one of two ways: roughly 50% is placed in on-farm storage, and the remaining 50% is placed in commercial grain bins. Depending on the market, grain may be moved from the field or farm storage to a county (local) elevator, terminal elevator, or processor. The grain is then checked for quality and segregated according to specific quality parameters. Currently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has not issued security guidelines for these facilities.

- The outbreaks of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Britain for 1994 and 2001 provide perspective on the human and economic impacts of contagious diseases spread through the livestock population.
- During the 1994 BSE outbreak, Britain experienced a 40% drop in cattle sales and a 26% drop in domestic household consumption of beef and veal. In the 2001 FMD outbreak, more than \$63 million was paid in indemnities to farmers for the slaughter and quarantine of infected cattle. Additionally, the estimated cost to the British economy was between \$3.6 billion and \$11.6 billion (U.S. dollars) for FMD and roughly \$5.8 billion (U.S. dollars) for BSE.

- These numbers become more indicative of both the economic and public confidence consequences associated with food safety and security when one considers that roughly 140 humans worldwide became infected with associated diseases during the outbreaks.
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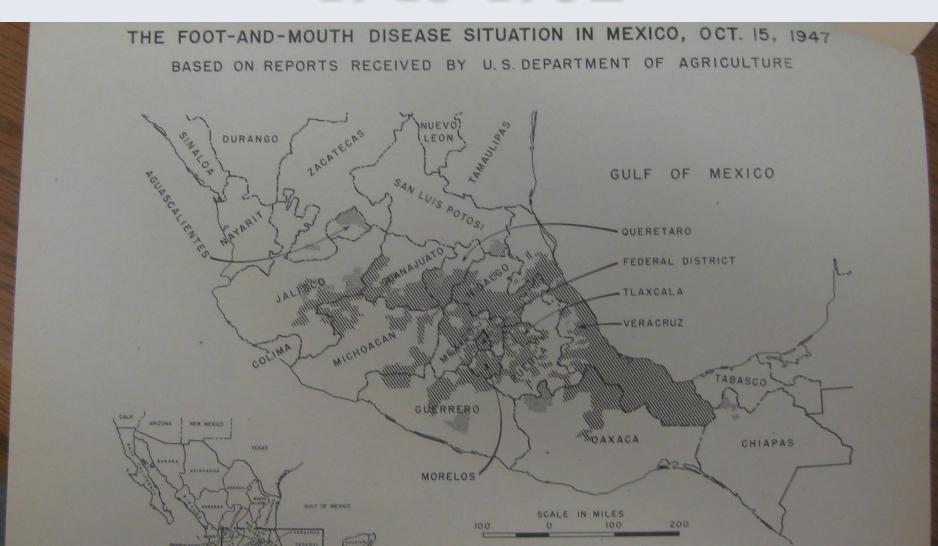
- At least three types of economic effects would result from an act of food terrorism:
- Direct economic losses attributable to the costs of responding to the incident,
- indirect multiplier effects from compensation paid to affected producers and the losses suffered by affiliated industries, such as suppliers, transporters, distributors, and restaurant chains; and
- international costs in the form of trade embargoes imposed by trading partners.

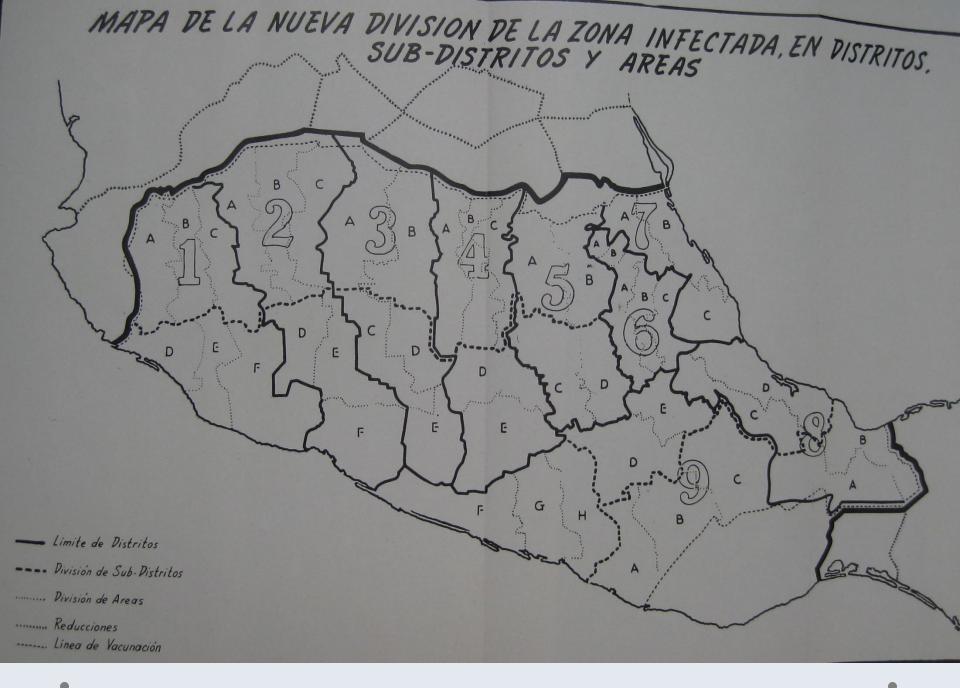
Livestock Exports

- Beef and Beef Plus Variety Meat Exports
- Lamb and Lamb Mutton Plus Variety Meat Exports
- Goat plus Goat Variety Meat Exports
- Pork and Pork Variety Meat Exports

\$2-Billion plus annually

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INSPECTOR EXAMINING COW TO
DETECT FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE,
IF PRESENT (NOTE THAT RUBBER
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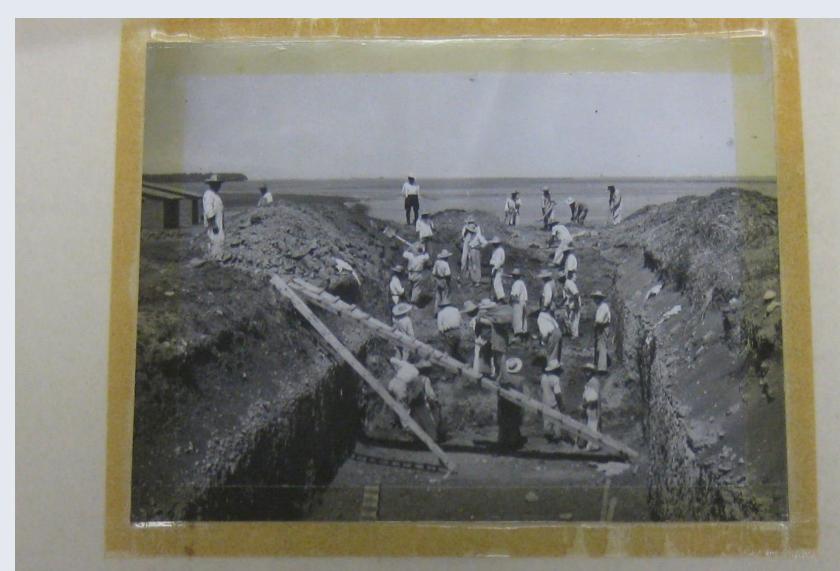


Figure 6. Digging a burial trench for affected animals by hand in the early stages of the effort to eradicate the infection.



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Figure 10. Applying quicklime liberally to carcasses before their burial.

Minimize, to the greatest extent possible, impacts of

Border operations on Sonoran Pronghorn Habitat quality. Work with Border Patrol to limit the use of existing roads to the ones that are most critical to Border Patrol and explore alternatives to reduce the creation of new roads. Restore unnecessary roads.

With the arrest of Jameel Nasr (Mexico), Jamal Yousef (NYC) and Moussa Ali Hamdan (Paraguay), obvious concerns have arisen concerning Hezbollah's presence in Mexico and possible ties to Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTO's) operating along the U.S. – Mexico border.



Above Left:

AK-47 from Hezbollah flag. **Bottom Left:**

Crossed AK-47's are a symbol of Hezbollah. Above the crossed AK's are the words, "Dushman Kush" meaning "enemy killer".

Above Right:

"Hezb Allah" meaning Party of God

Bottom Right:

"The Greatest Allah"





