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Current Issues in Bovine Brucellosis and Tuberculosis

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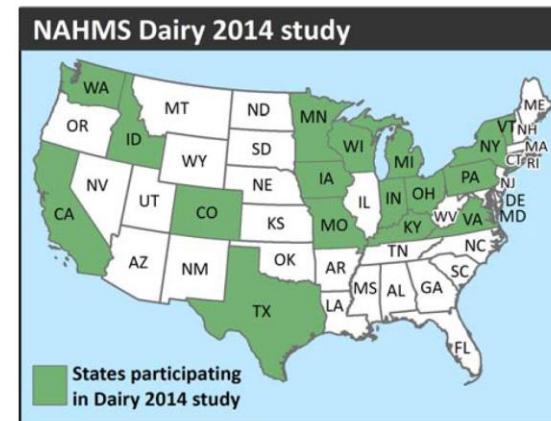
NAHMS Dairy 2014 Study

In January 2014, the USDA's National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) will launch its sixth national dairy study. Dairy 2014 will take an in-depth look at U.S. dairy operations, and provide the industry with new and valuable information regarding trends in the dairy industry from 1991 to 2014.

Study focus

For the study, NAHMS asked dairy producers, industry stakeholders, and government officials to provide input and define the information needs of the dairy industry. During this process, six study objectives were identified:

- Describe trends in dairy cattle health and management practices.
- Describe management practices and production measures related to animal welfare.
- Estimate the prevalence of lameness, and evaluate housing and management factors associated with lameness.
- Evaluate calf health from birth to weaning.
- Describe antibiotic use and residue prevention methods used to ensure milk and meat quality.
- Estimate the prevalence and antimicrobial resistance patterns of select foodborne pathogens.



What your participation involves

In January 2014, representatives from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact selected producers in 17 States. NASS representatives will conduct personal interviews with all participating operations with 30 or more cows. NASS will mail a brief questionnaire to all other participating operations (fewer than 30 cows). Operations that do not respond to the mail-in questionnaire by the

Determining U.S. Milk Quality Using Bulk-Tank Somatic Cell Counts, 2018

Summary

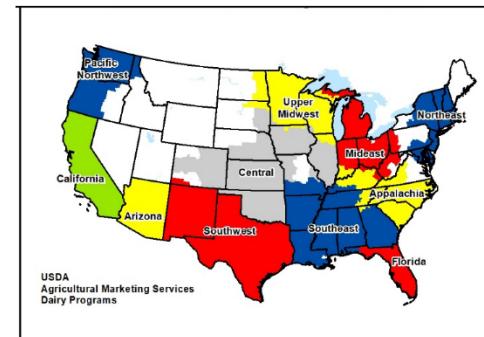
Bulk-tank somatic cell counts (BTSCCs) from monitored Federal Milk Marketing Orders (FMMOs) are indicative of the quality of the Nation's milk supply. In 2018, the milk-weighted geometric BTSCC mean in the United States was 172,000 cells/mL, a decrease from 181,000 in 2017. Milk-weighted BTSCCs take into account the amount of milk shipped by a producer, resulting in an overall BTSCC mean of monitored milk. The producer BTSCC—which is a geometric, nonmilk-weighted mean of all shipments—was 206,000 cells/mL, a decrease from the 211,000 cells/mL calculated in 2017. Overall, BTSCCs have decreased since 2002.

The BTSCCs for three of the four FMMOs decreased from 2017 to 2018. Seven of the 12 States shipping 60 percent or more of their milk through the 4 monitored FMMOs had lower BTSCCs in 2018 than in 2017. Producers that shipped 500,000 lb of milk or more per month had lower BTSCCs than producers that shipped fewer than 500,000 lb per month. In summer, BTSCCs increased, whereas the percentages of fat and protein in milk decreased. Improvements in U.S. dairy management practices are responsible for the decrease in BTSCCs and the corresponding improvement in milk quality since 2002.

Background

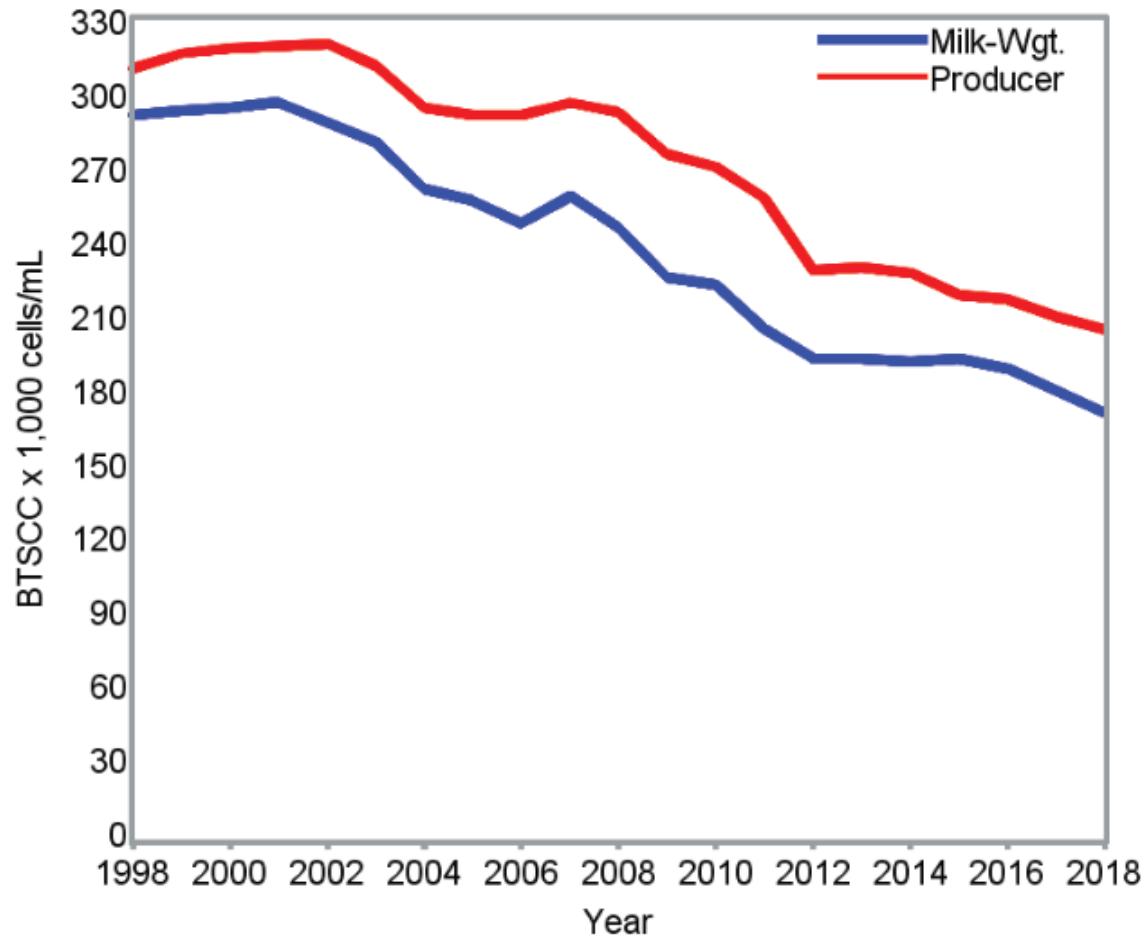
The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health, in conjunction with the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service and the National Mastitis Council's Milk Quality Monitoring Committee, monitor U.S. milk quality using data from BTSCCs. Data are provided by 4 of the Nation's 11 FMMOs⁸): Central, Mideast, Southwest, and Upper Midwest (figure 1). The remaining seven FMMOs do not collect data on BTSCCs.

Figure 1. Federal Milk Marketing Orders



By definition, BTSCCs are the number of white blood cells (primarily macrophages and leukocytes), secretory cells, and squamous cells per milliliter of raw milk.¹ BTSCCs are used as measures of milk quality and as indicators of overall udder health. There is an inverse relationship between BTSCCs and cheese yield and the quality/shelf life of pasteurized fluid milk.^{2,3,4} Multiple studies have shown that operations with increased BTSCCs are more likely to have milk that violates antibiotic residue standards.^{5,6,7} The most frequently cited reason for antibiotic residues in milk is inadvertently placing cows treated with antibiotics in the milking string before completing the recommended withdrawal period.⁶

U.S. Bulk-Tank Somatic Cell Counts 2018



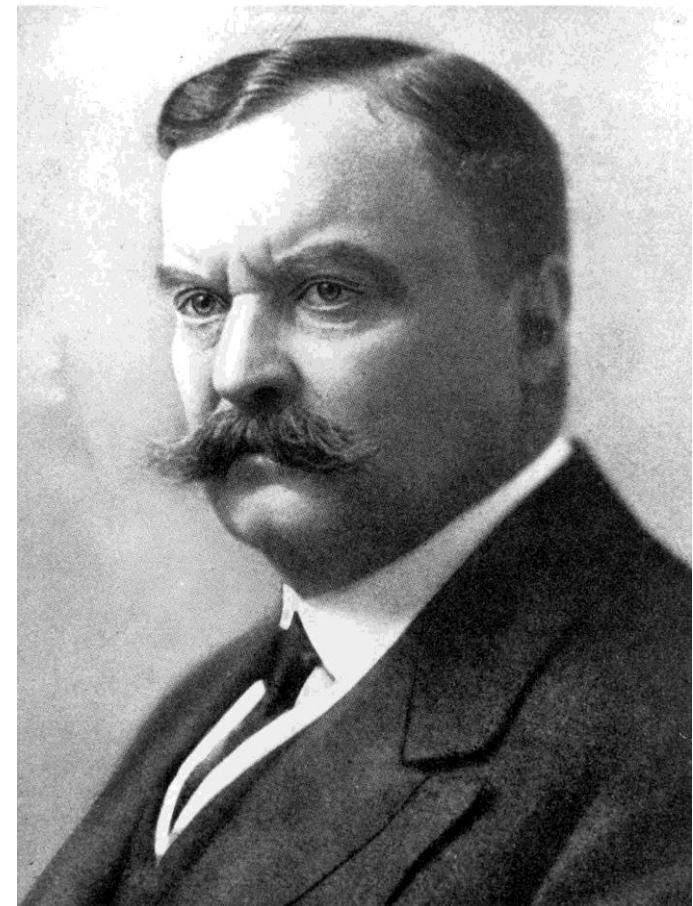


Outline

- Bovine brucellosis overview
 - Brucellosis Eradication Program
 - Bovine *Brucella abortus* RB51 vaccine
 - Bovine *Brucella abortus* strain RB51 cases
 - USDA recommendations
- Bovine tuberculosis overview
 - Human to cattle transmission

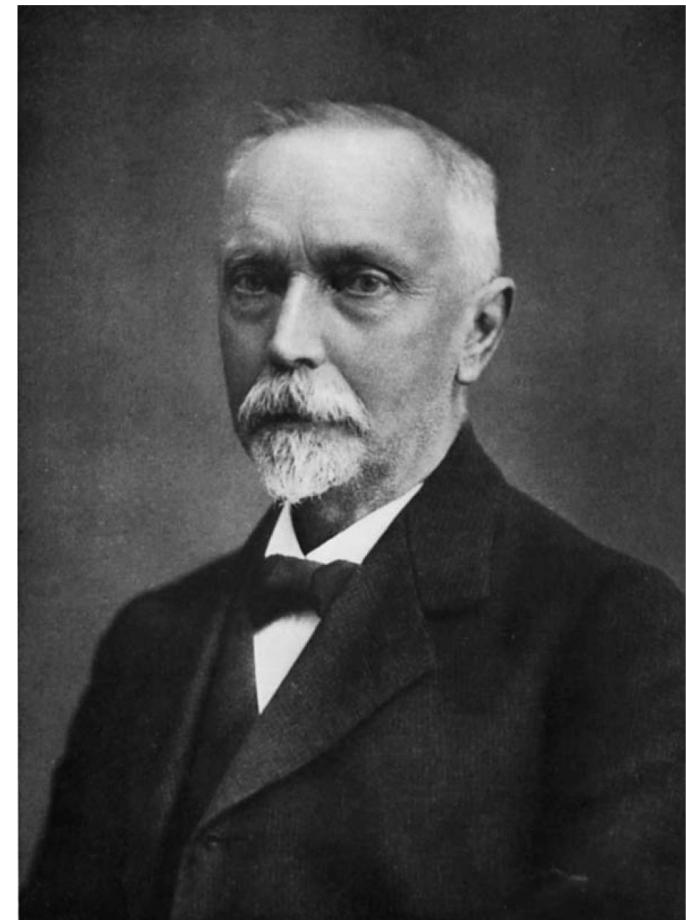
Sir David Bruce (1855 – 1931)

- Army physician and microbiologist
- 1887 – Isolated the cause of Malta Fever
- Goats milk implicated
- *Micrococcus melitensis*
→ *Brucella melitensis*



Bernard Bang (1848 – 1932)

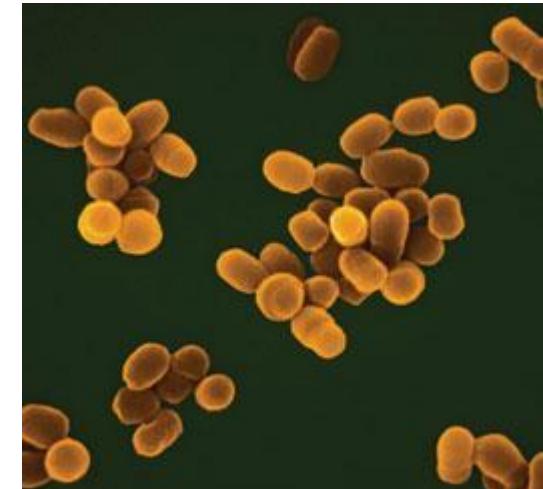
- Physician and veterinarian
- 1885 – Isolated TB from milk w/o ‘udder infection’
- 1897 – Isolated *Bacillus abortus* from “contagious abortion”
→ *Brucella abortus*



Brucellosis

- Zoonotic disease found worldwide
- Gram negative coccobacilli

- *Brucella abortus*
- *B. melitensis*
- *B. suis*
- *B. ovis*
- *B. canis*



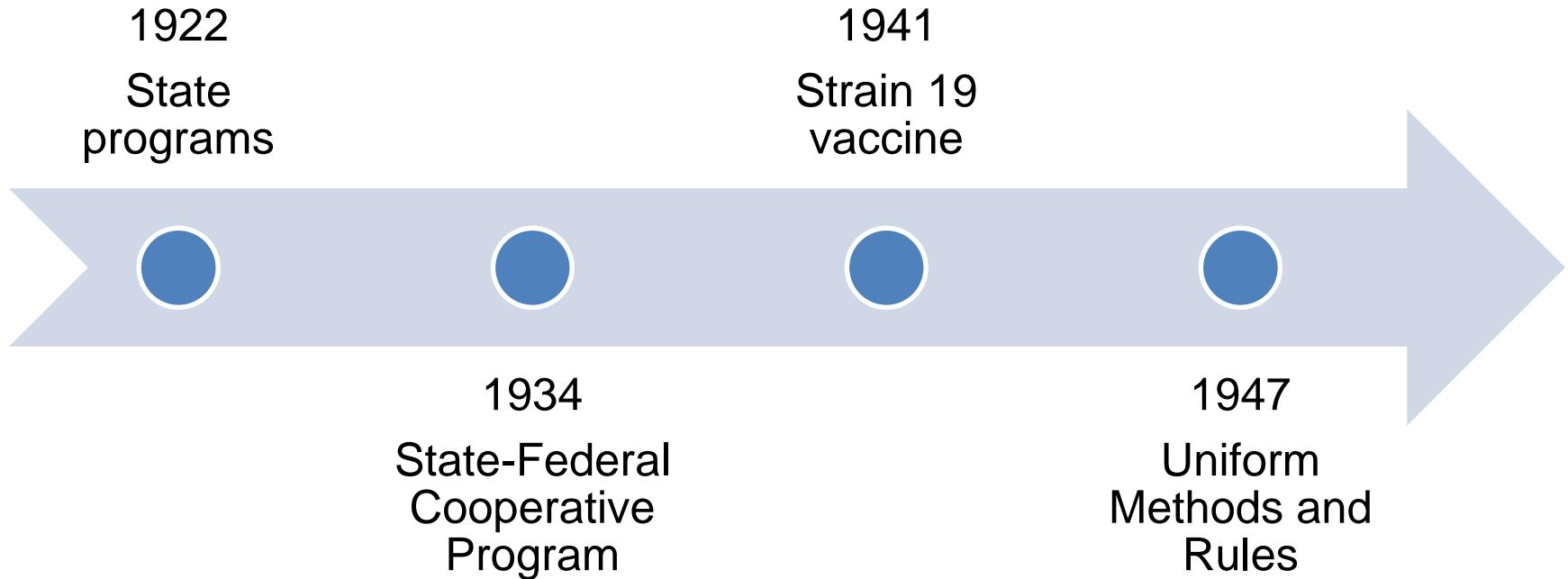
- *B. abortus* aka ‘contagious abortion’, ‘Bang’s disease’, and ‘undulant fever’

Bovine Brucellosis



- Ingestion is the primary route of infection
- Predilection for reproductive organs
- Present in aborted fetuses, placenta, fetal fluids and milk
- Abortion storms
 - 30-80% cows abort

Brucellosis Eradication Program Timeline

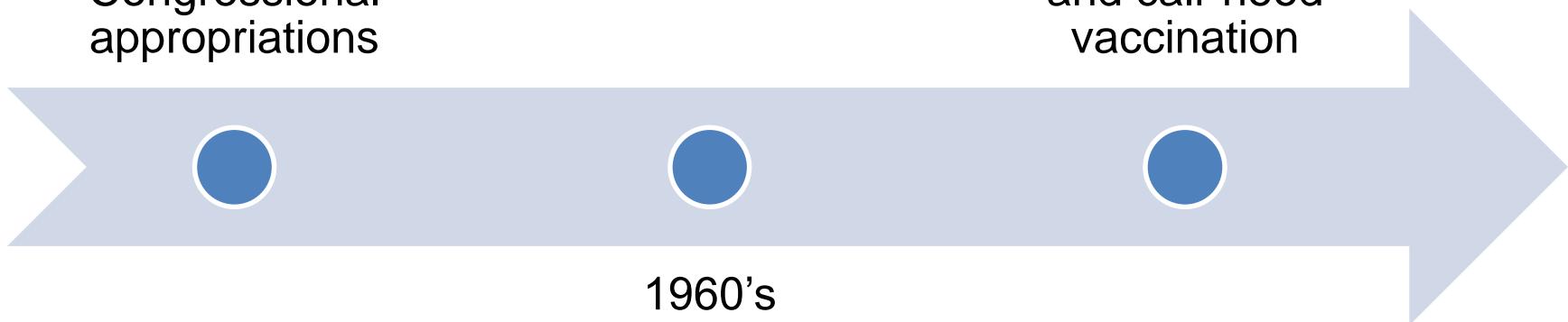


Brucellosis Eradication Program

Timeline (cont)

1950's Milk Ring
Test (BRT),
Congressional
appropriations

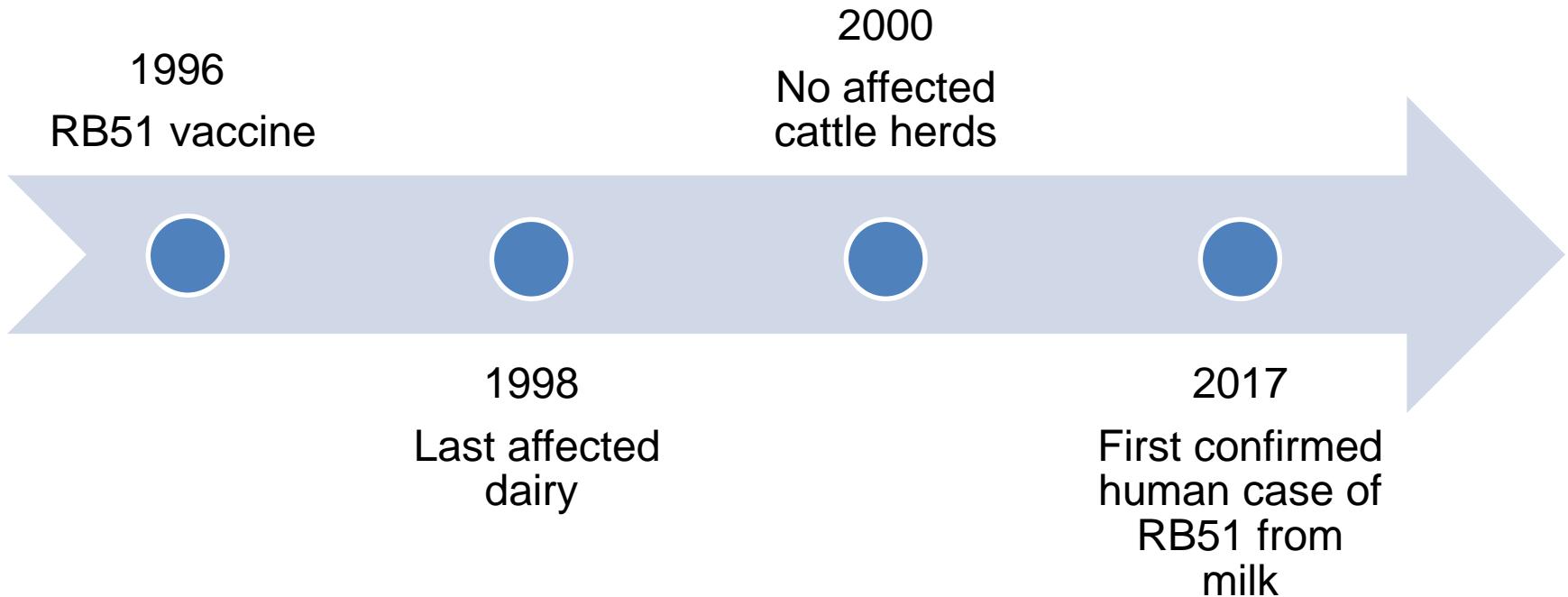
1970's Increased
emphasis on MCT
and calf-hood
vaccination



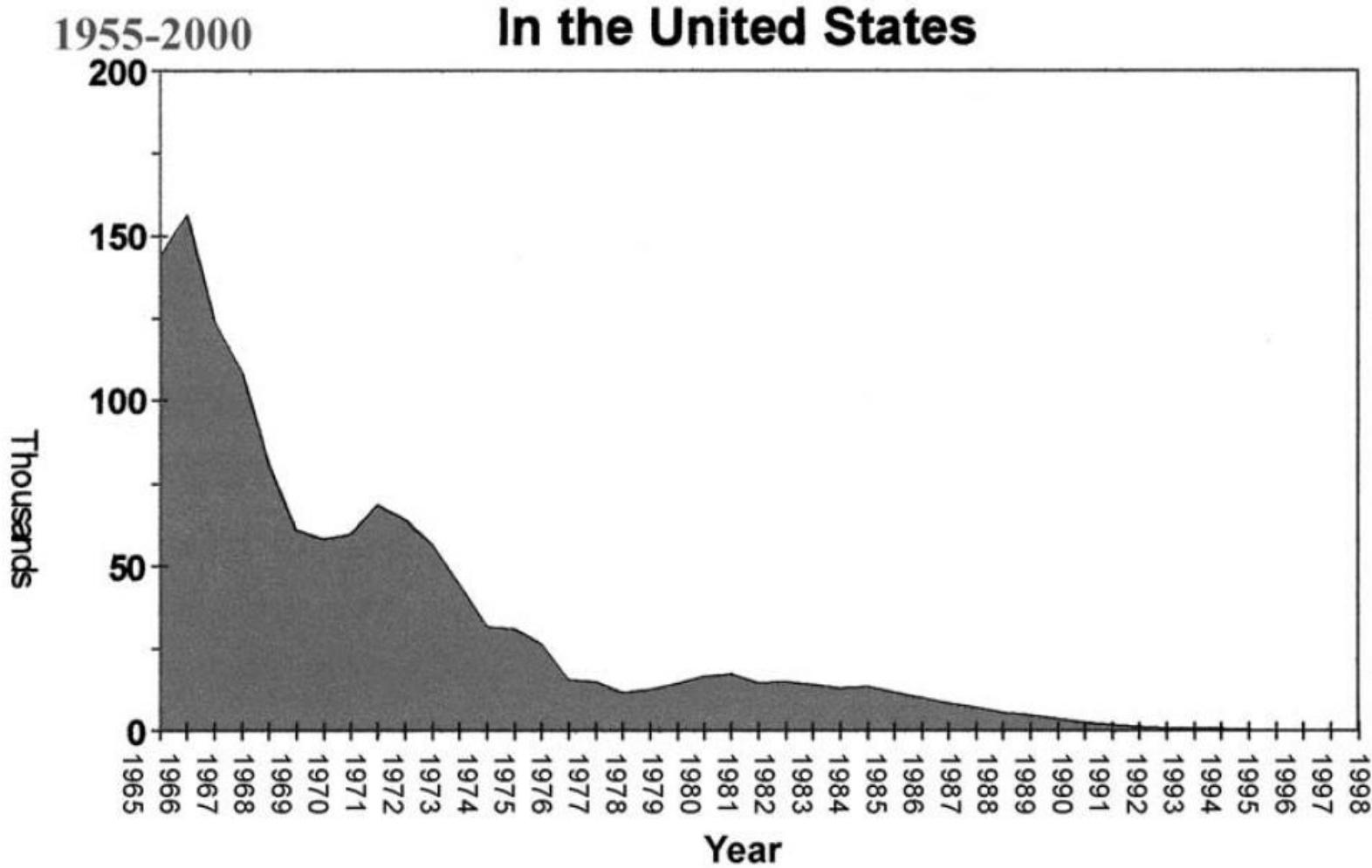
1960's
Market Cattle
Testing (MCT)
NH – 1st Free state

Brucellosis Eradication Program

Timeline (cont)



Brucellosis Infected Cattle Herds In the United States



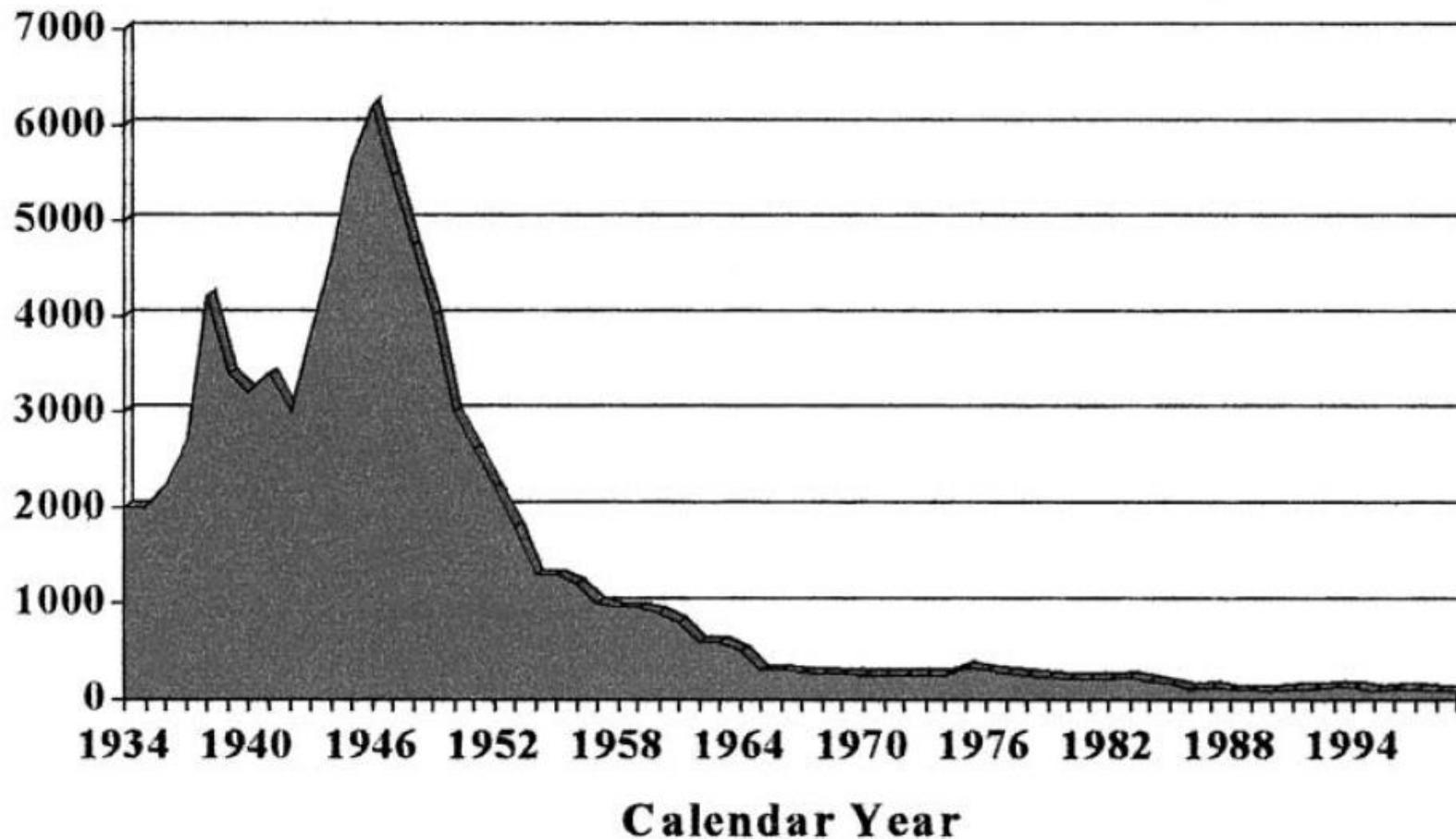
1955 -1969 - includes retest of infected herds

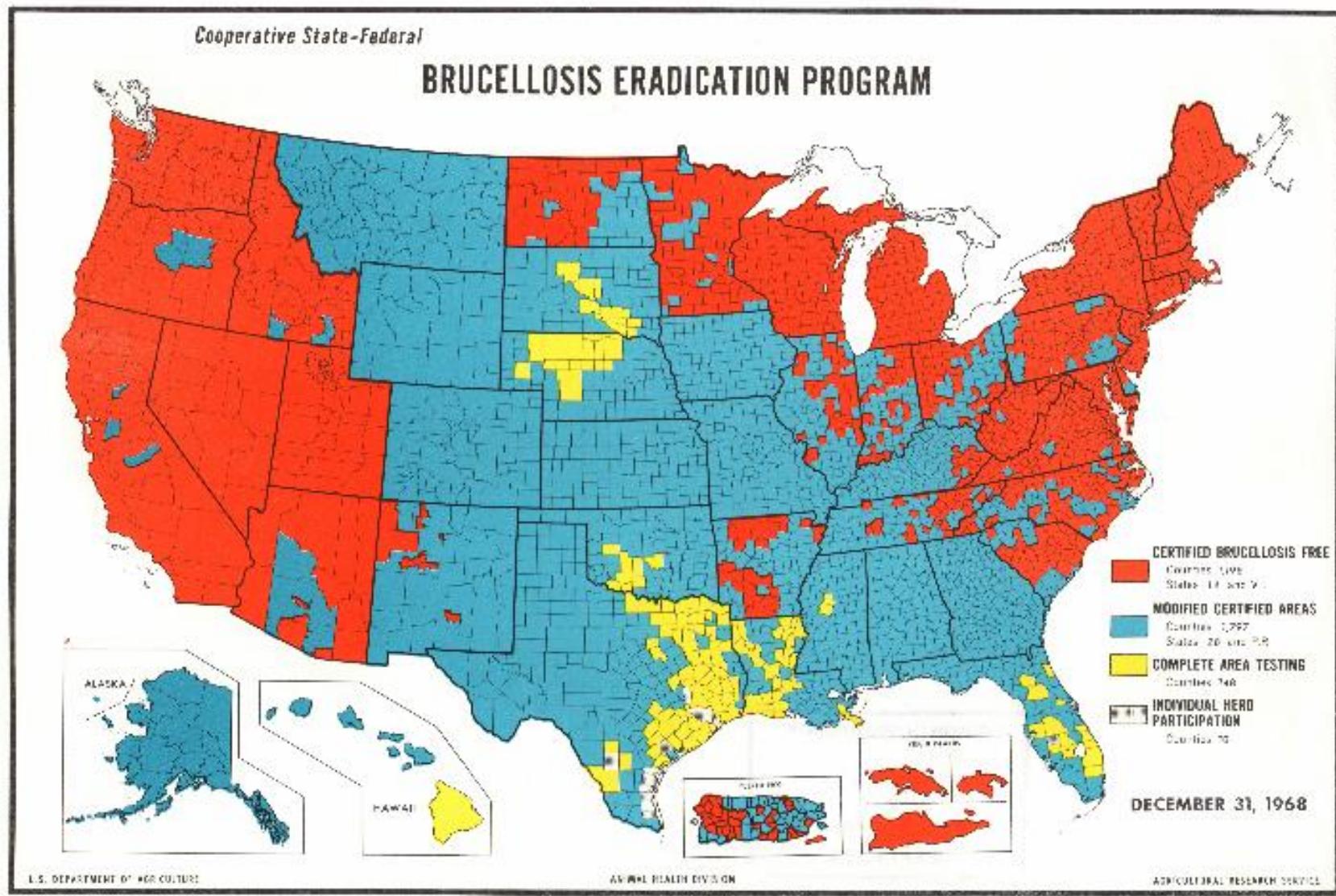
1970 -2000 - actual

1964 - data estimated

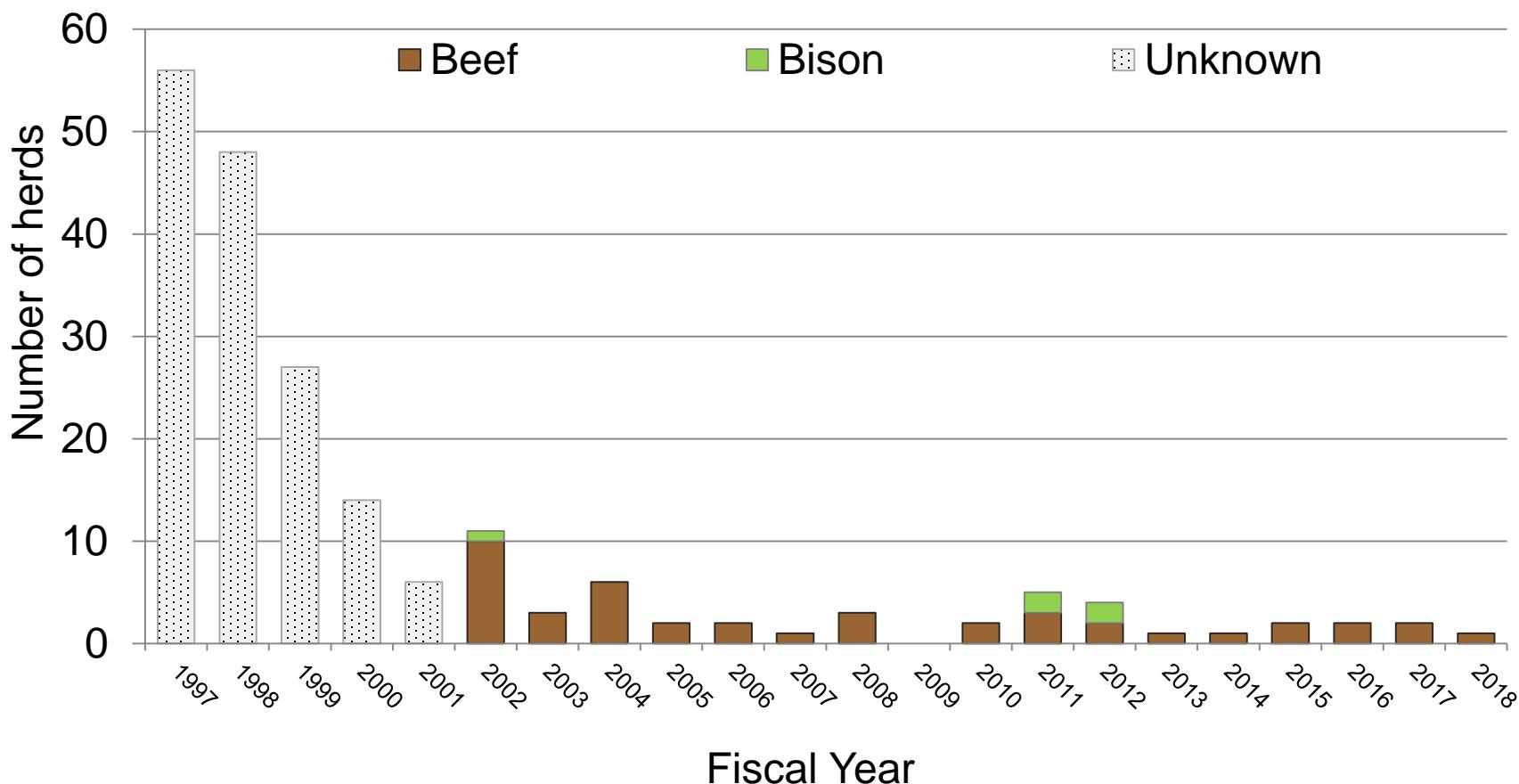
Human Brucellosis in the United States 1934 through 1999

Cases





Brucellosis Affected Cattle/Bison Herds, FY 1997-2018



Current Brucellosis Status

- Geographic disease – Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA)
 - Wildlife reservoir in elk and bison
- 2018 – 1 newly affected herd/913,000 total herds
- No affected dairies since 1998 and no affected herds outside GYA since 2011 and counting...
- All 50 states considered free

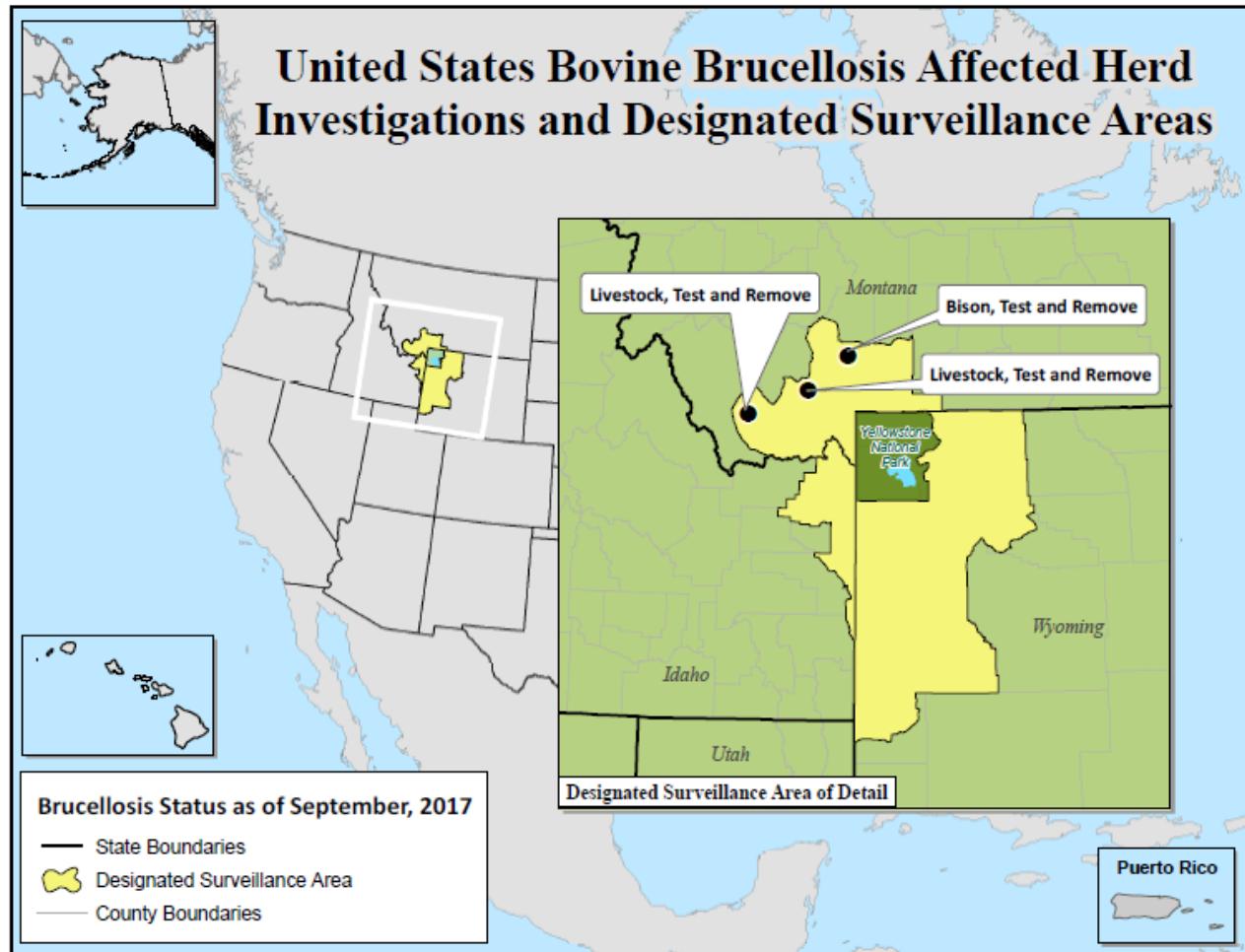


GYA Nidus

DSAs began -
2010

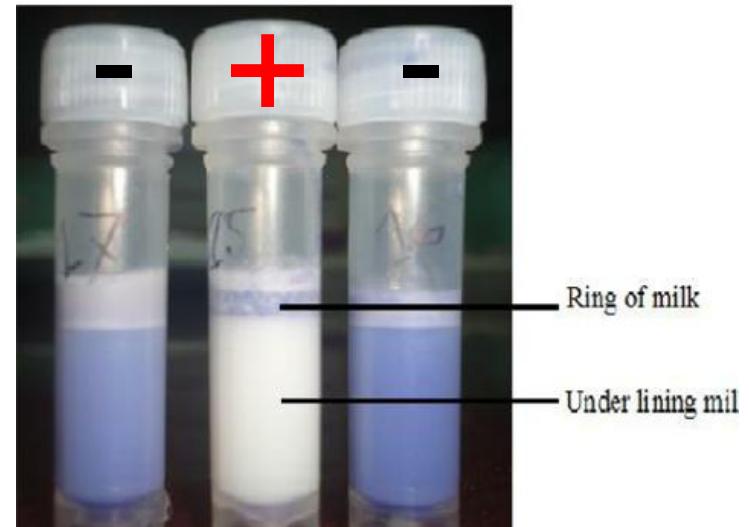
Enhanced
surveillance
in high risk
areas
State-
managed,
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oversight

17 affected
herds in the 3
GYA states
since 2010



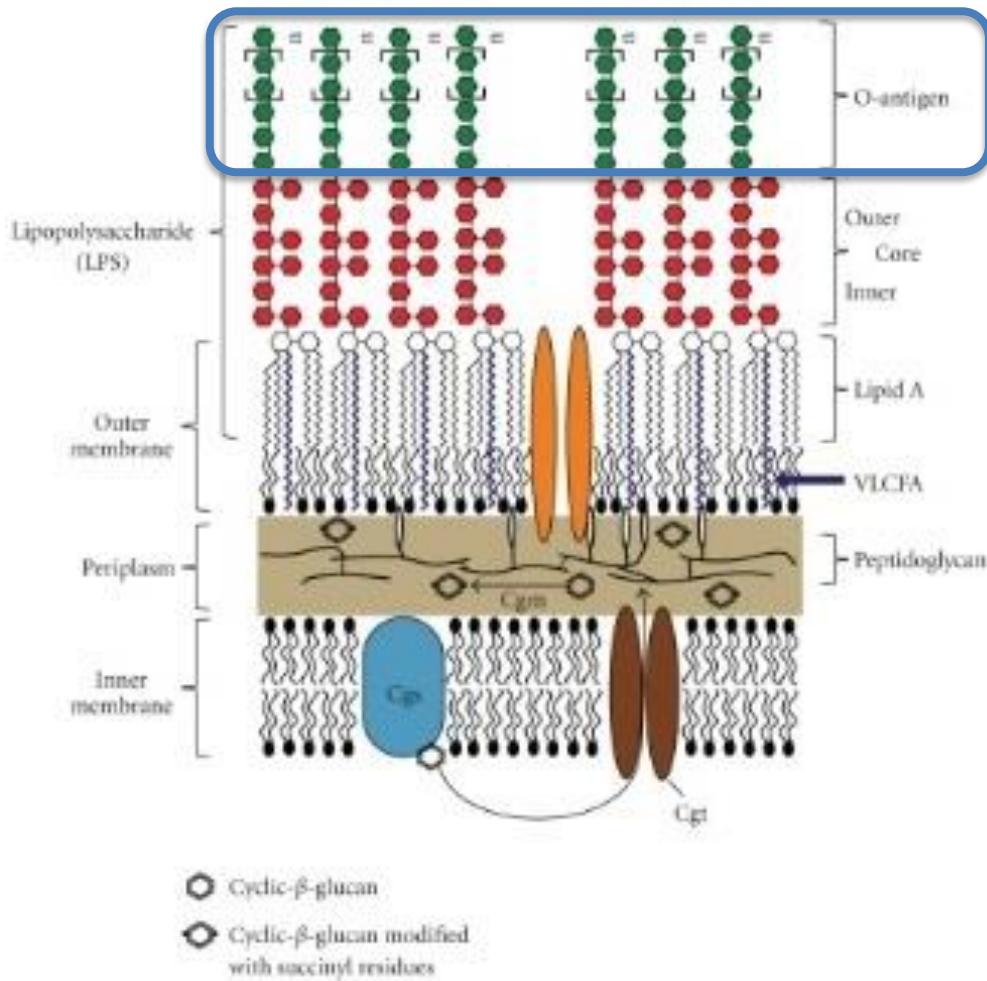
Brucellosis Eradication Program

- Identify infected cattle/herds
 - Surveillance
 - Testing (e.g., BRT)
 - Trace investigations
- Vaccination



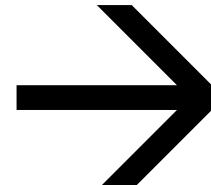
Brucella

- *B. abortus* wild type
 - O antigen
 - Smooth colonies
 - Antibodies produced
 - Serological tests detect
 - Susceptible to Rifampin



Brucella abortus RB-51

- Attenuated, live virus vaccine strain
 - developed by serial passage in media containing penicillin and rifampin and selecting rough colonies
- Implemented in 1996; replaced Strain 19
- Stimulates cell-mediated immunity
- Not recognized by routine serological tests



Brucella abortus RB-51

- Administered at 4-12 months of age
- Tattooed with 'R' and last digit of year
- ~ 4 million calves vaccinated annually
- ~32% of dairy operations¹
- ~42% of dairy cows¹
- ~24% of beef operations²
- ~38% of beef cows²



¹ NAHMS Dairy 2014

² NAHMS Beef cow-calf 2007-8

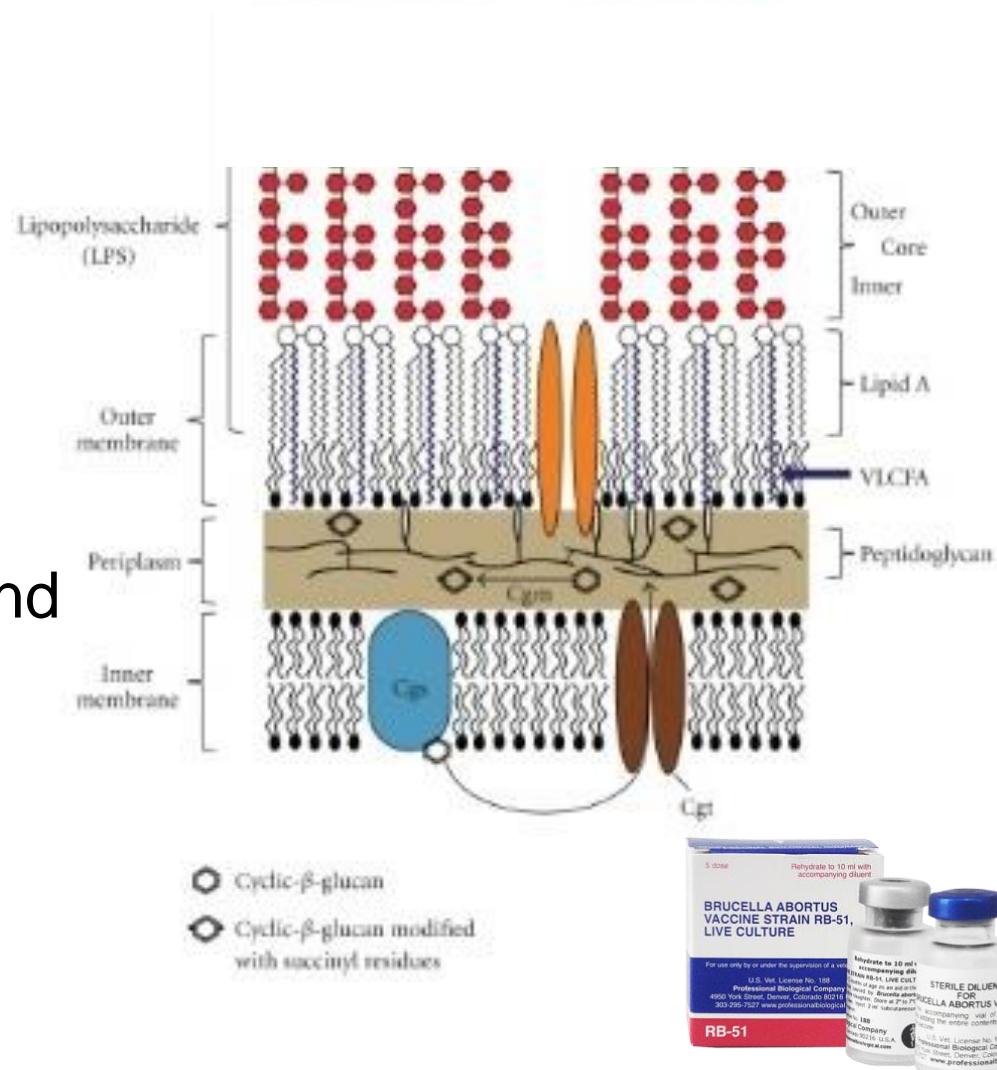
Brucella abortus RB-51

- Generally not pathogenic in cattle and other livestock
- Can cause persistent infection in cattle
- Pathogenic in humans
 - Pregnant
 - Immunocompromised



Brucella

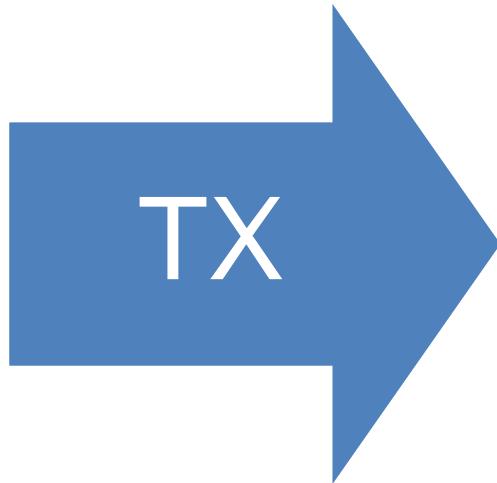
- *B. abortus* strain RB51
 - No O antigen
 - Undetectable with serologic tests
 - Organism identification tests – Culture, PCR
 - Resistant to Rifampin and Penicillin





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Human Case

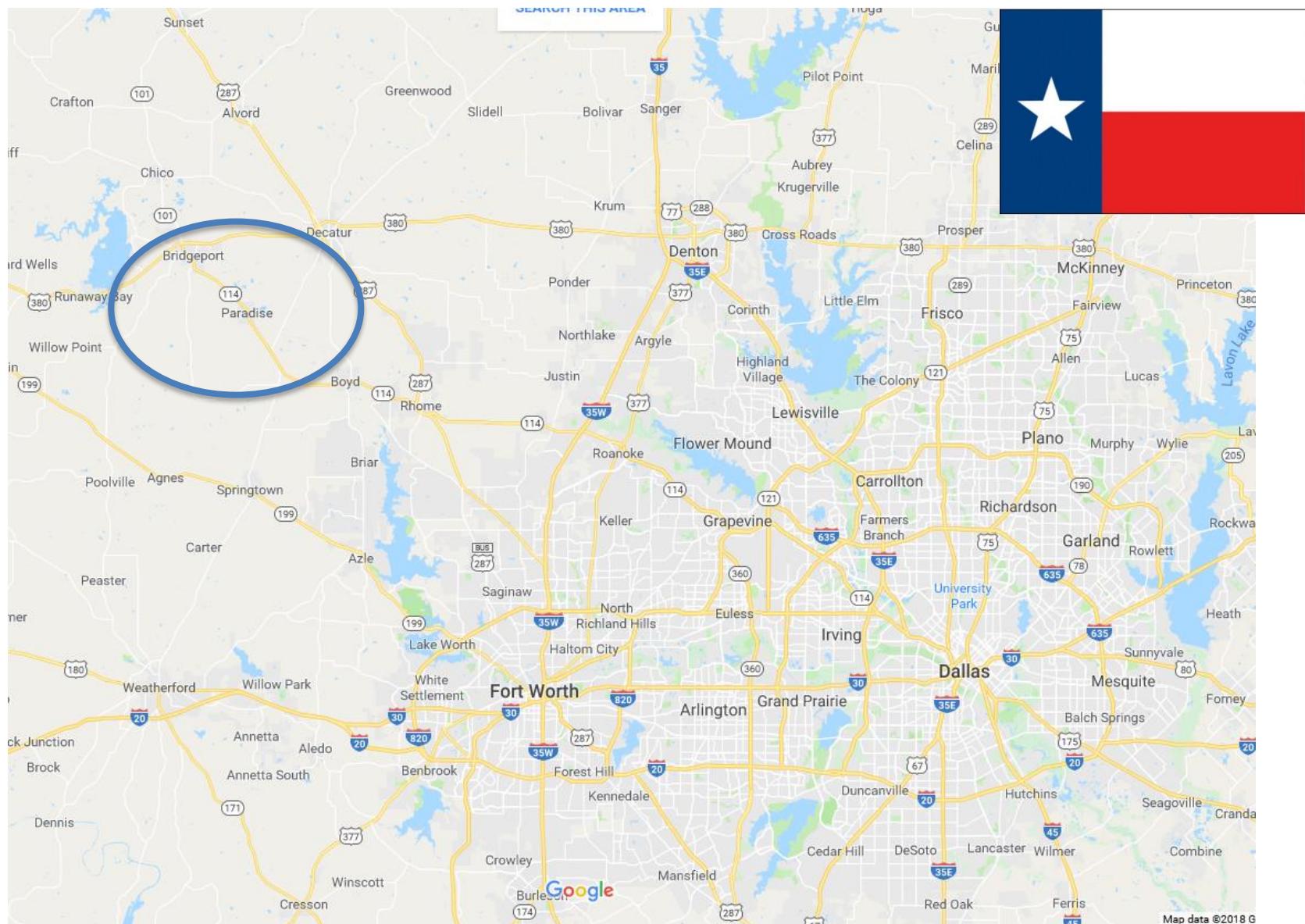
July 26, 2017

- Pregnant woman
- Febrile
- RB51 infection confirmed August 7, 2017
- Lived in Texas
- Consumed raw milk from K-Bar Dairy





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Texas Raw Milk Dairy: Regulations

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

- Regulates milk and milk products
 - Issues permits: “Grade A Raw for Retail”
 - Must sell direct to public, maintain records of sales
 - Inspection by registered sanitarian twice yearly
 - Requires bulk tank milk samples testing every 6 weeks for aflatoxin and pathogens (*Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*)
 - Requires annual brucellosis and TB herd test

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC)

- Regulates animal health and administers milk ring test required by DSHS



Texas Raw Milk Dairy: History

- K- Bar Dairy
 - “Raw to Retail” licensed since October 2013
 - Family owned and operated
 - 43 Jersey cows, replacements both raised and purchased
 - Most heifers vaccinated with RB51
 - Last routine bulk milk test 5/25/2017 - 1 tube BRT positive, HIRT negative





Texas Raw Milk Dairy: Investigation

- 7/27/2017
 - Herd tested by private DVM
 - Negative on serological tests
- 8/10/2017
 - Individual milk samples collected by TAHC
 - Culture, PCR, BRT, ELISA
 - Culture yielded *B. abortus* strain RB51 in 2 cows

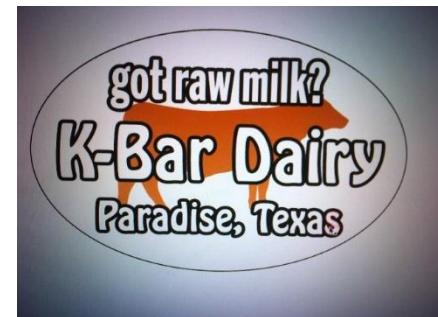
Texas Raw Milk Dairy: Investigation

- *B. abortus* strain RB51-positive cows
 - Both born on dairy in 2014
 - Both second lactation, recently fresh
 - Both vaccinated as heifers with RB51
 - Both Jersey breed



Texas Raw Milk Dairy: Investigation

- Cow 120
 - Calved August 2017, retagged, not on vaccination chart but presumed vaccinated with birth cohorts
- Cow 124
 - Calved June 2017, vaccinated at 5 months of age



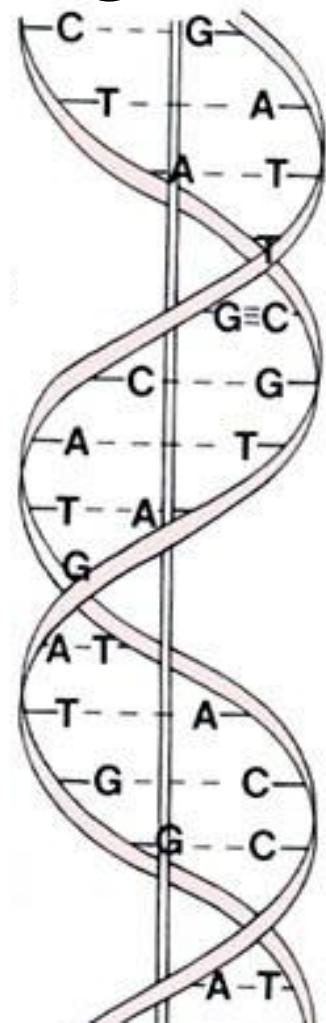
Texas Raw Milk Dairy: Investigation

- 9/11/2017
 - Cow 120 and 124 necropsied and tissues collected
 - 120 – *B. abortus* strain RB51
 - 3/20 tissue samples culture positive
 - Milk – 10 CFU/mL
 - 124 – *B. abortus* strain RB51
 - 15/20 tissue samples culture positive
 - Milk – 37,000 CFU/mL
 - Whole genome sequencing was performed



Whole Genome Sequencing

- Provides a method of comparing bacterial or viral strains
- Based on reference strain with nucleotides at specific locations
 - Thymine, Cytosine, Adenine, and Guanine
- Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)
 - Change in a nucleotide from reference strain or other known strains
 - Displayed in a SNP Table



SNP Table

reference position within the genome (9-941)

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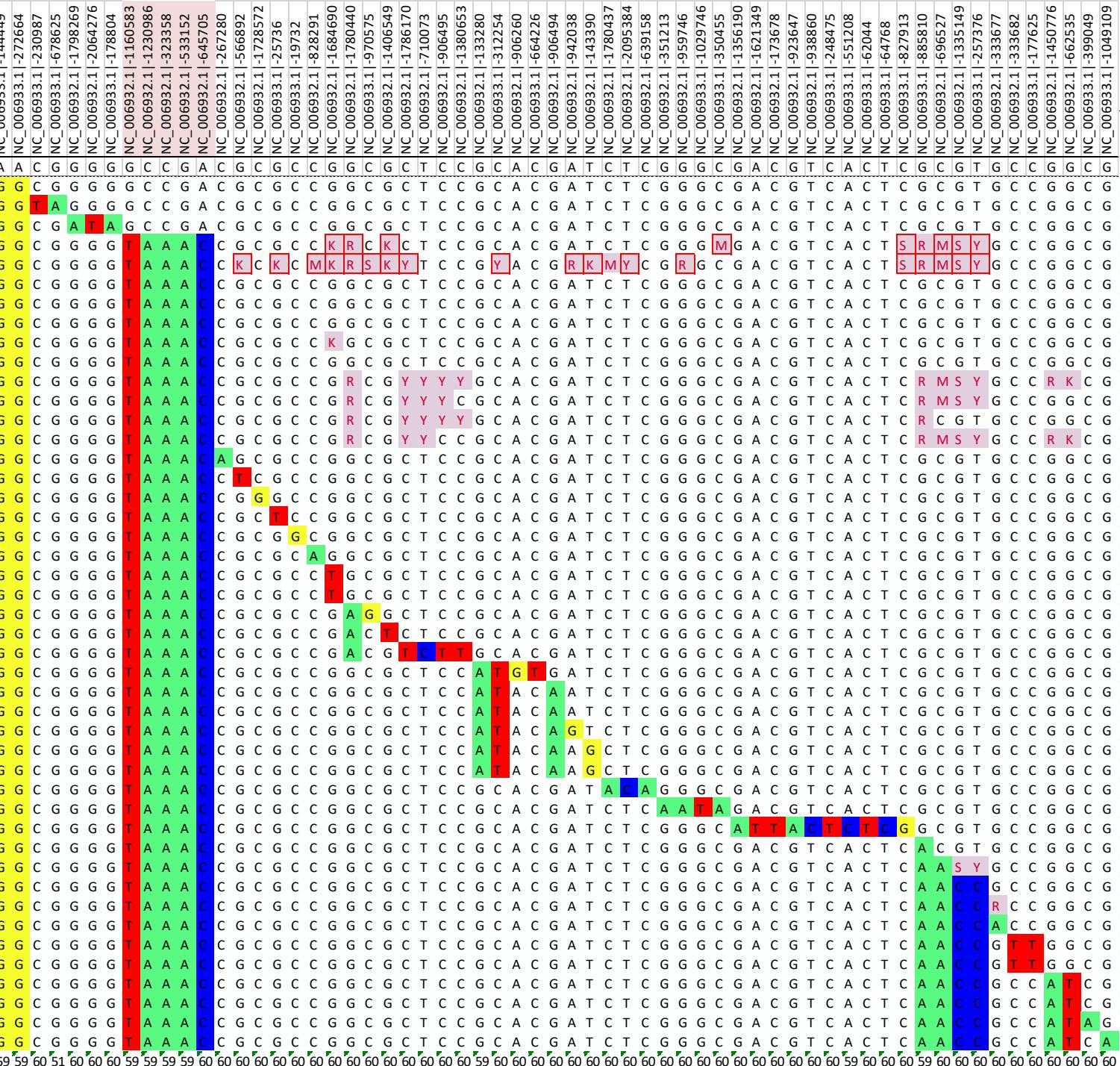
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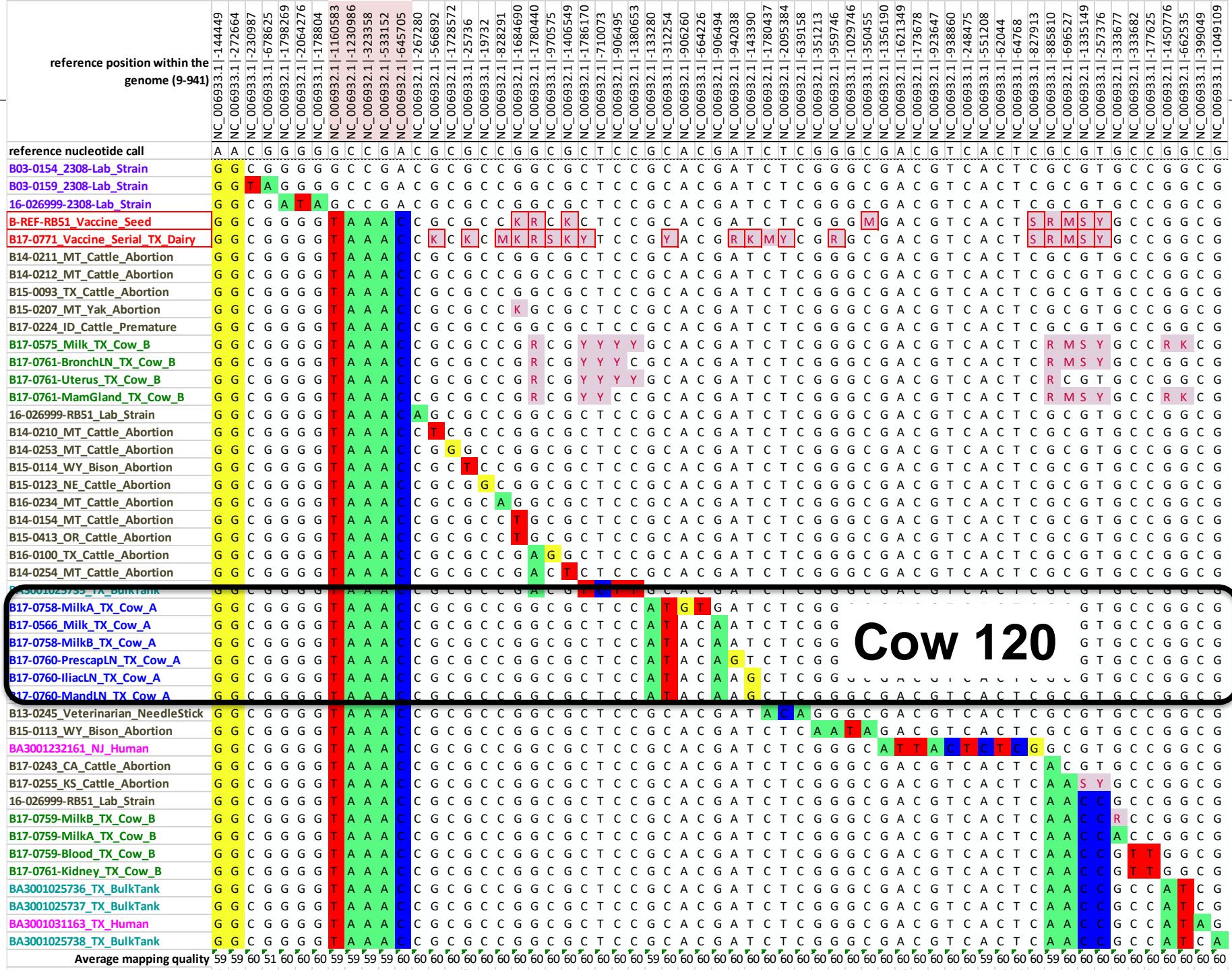
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Cow 120

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Texas Raw Milk Dairy: Current status

- Dairy completed requirements of DSHS Control Order, including:
 - Removal of Brucellosis reactors
 - Sanitizing of equipment
 - Individual milk testing of herd by culture and PCR with negative results
- Reapproved to sell milk in October 2017, under monthly bulk tank BRT and PCR testing by DSHS.
- USDA/ APHIS/ VS is proposing additional testing plan of individual cows.



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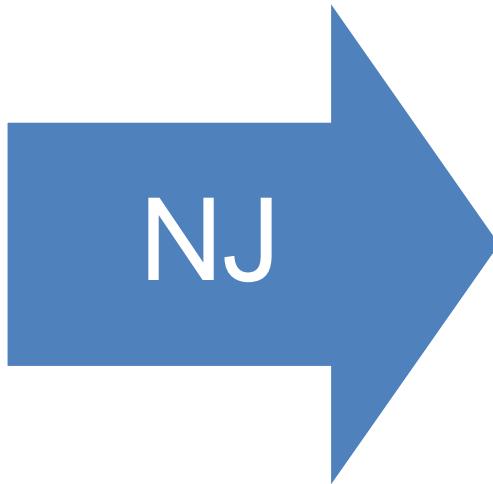
quickly as five days after exposure, but can also take up to six months to develop in some people.

"Initially, people with brucellosis experience fever, sweats, aches and fatigue," according to the CDC's most recent update on the situation.



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Human Case

September 18, 2017

- Female
- Neck pain and headache of 3 days duration
- RB51 infection confirmed October 23, 2017
- Lived in New Jersey
- Consumed raw milk from Udder Milk



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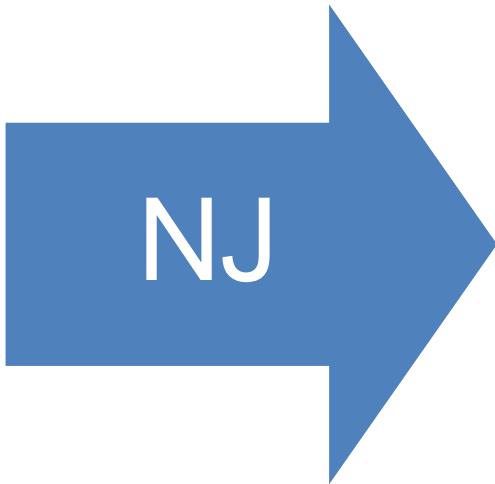
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All sales are Private by nature and not subject to any Public scrutiny. It is also understood that at the time of Transaction it is agreed that the inspection of the food from any participating farm has been satisfied and the responsibility for the food safety firmly falls to recipient from the time of transaction.



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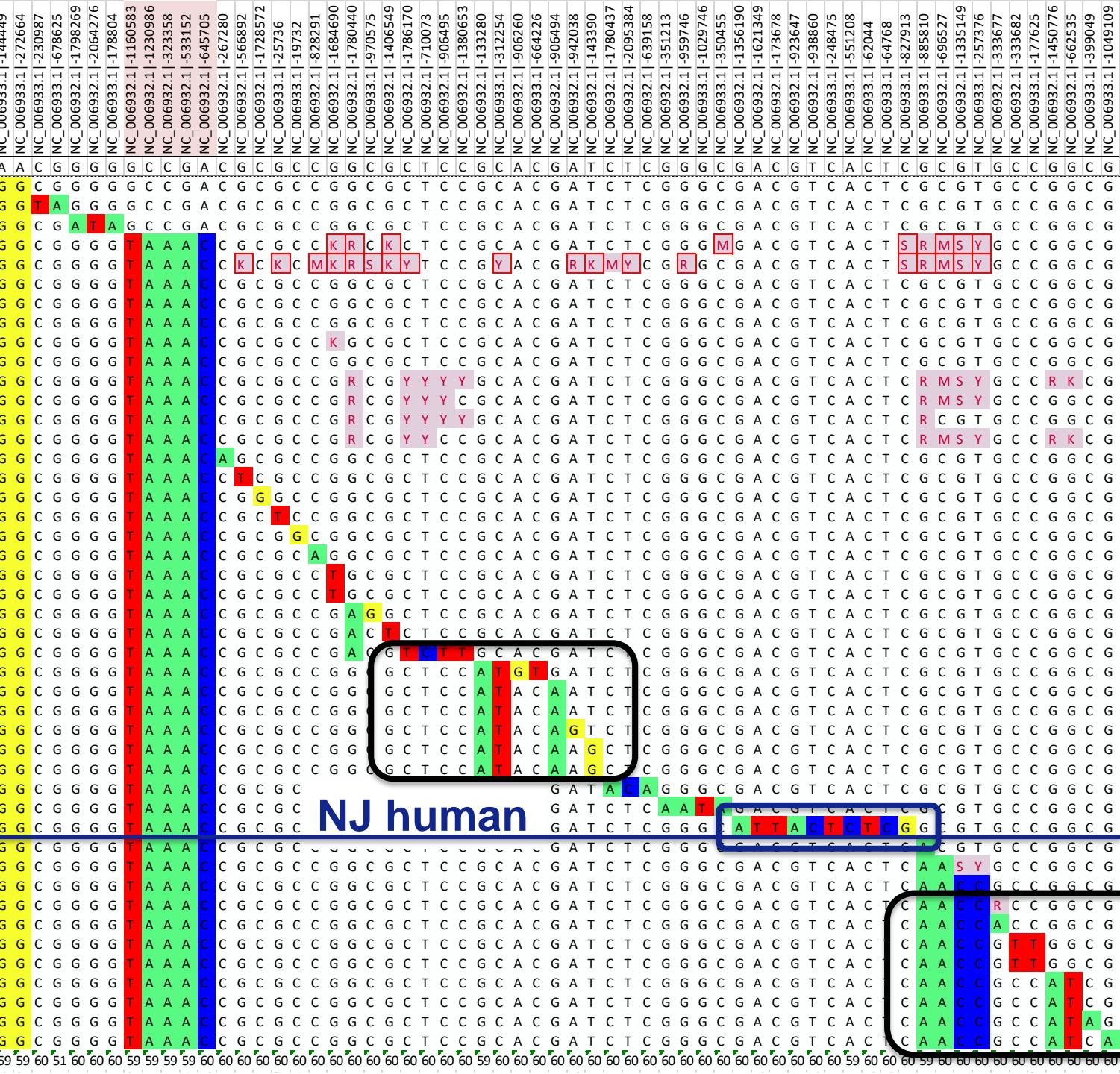
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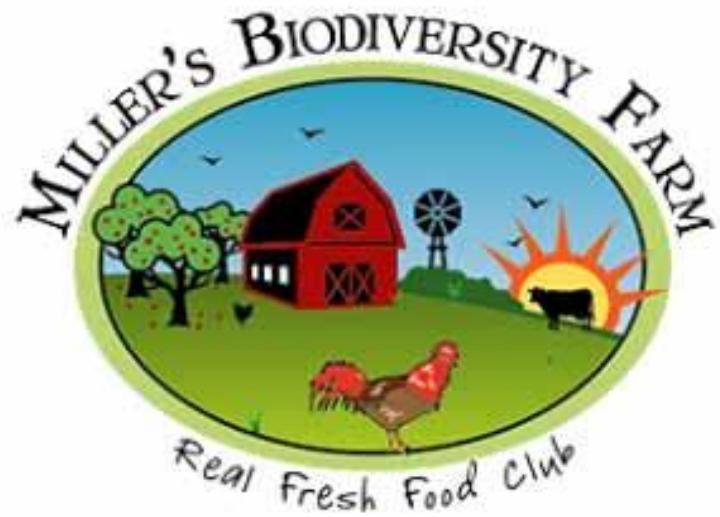
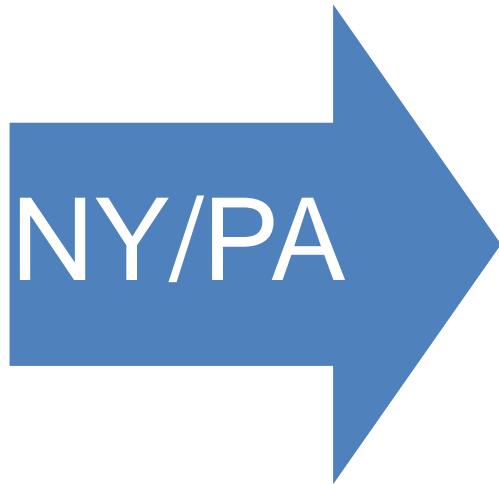
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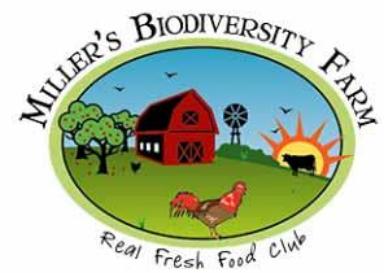
Investigation of Bovine Cases



Human Case

November 2018

- Child
- Febrile and respiratory signs
- Lived in New York
- Dog became ill and veterinarian convinced owners to report raw milk source
- Consumed raw milk from Miller's Biodiversity Farm in PA





United States Department of Agriculture





Miller's Biodiversity Farm

- Lancaster, PA
- Organic and raw milk
- 48 cattle, 46 Jersey and 2 Dutch Belted
- No infertility or abortions
- Did not brucellosis vaccinate calves
- Purchased 14 Jersey cattle since 2015
 - Some had evidence of vaccination



Miller's Biodiversity Farm

- Started testing 14 purchased cattle
- All were lactating
- Collected milk from individual quarters
- All cattle tested by culture and/or serology

Miller's Biodiversity Farm

- “Felicity” #122 had RB51 detected in all 4 quarters at high levels



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HOLY COW!

RAW MILK OUTBREAKS ARE ON THE RISE IN THE U.S.



150x ↗

The risk of an outbreak caused by raw milk is at least 150 times higher than the risk of an outbreak caused by pasteurized milk.



4x ↗

The average number of outbreaks linked to raw milk was 4 times higher from 2007-2012 compared to 1993-2006.



81

In all, 81 outbreaks in 26 states were linked to raw milk from 2007-2012.

Raw Milk May Pose Health Risk



What's a building block in the food pyramid that's important for building and maintaining bone mass? It's milk.

Whether it's from cows, goats, sheep,

2000

Raw milk available in 27 states



2017

Raw milk available in 43 states

(thanks to the efforts of A Campaign for Real Milk)

Our Goal

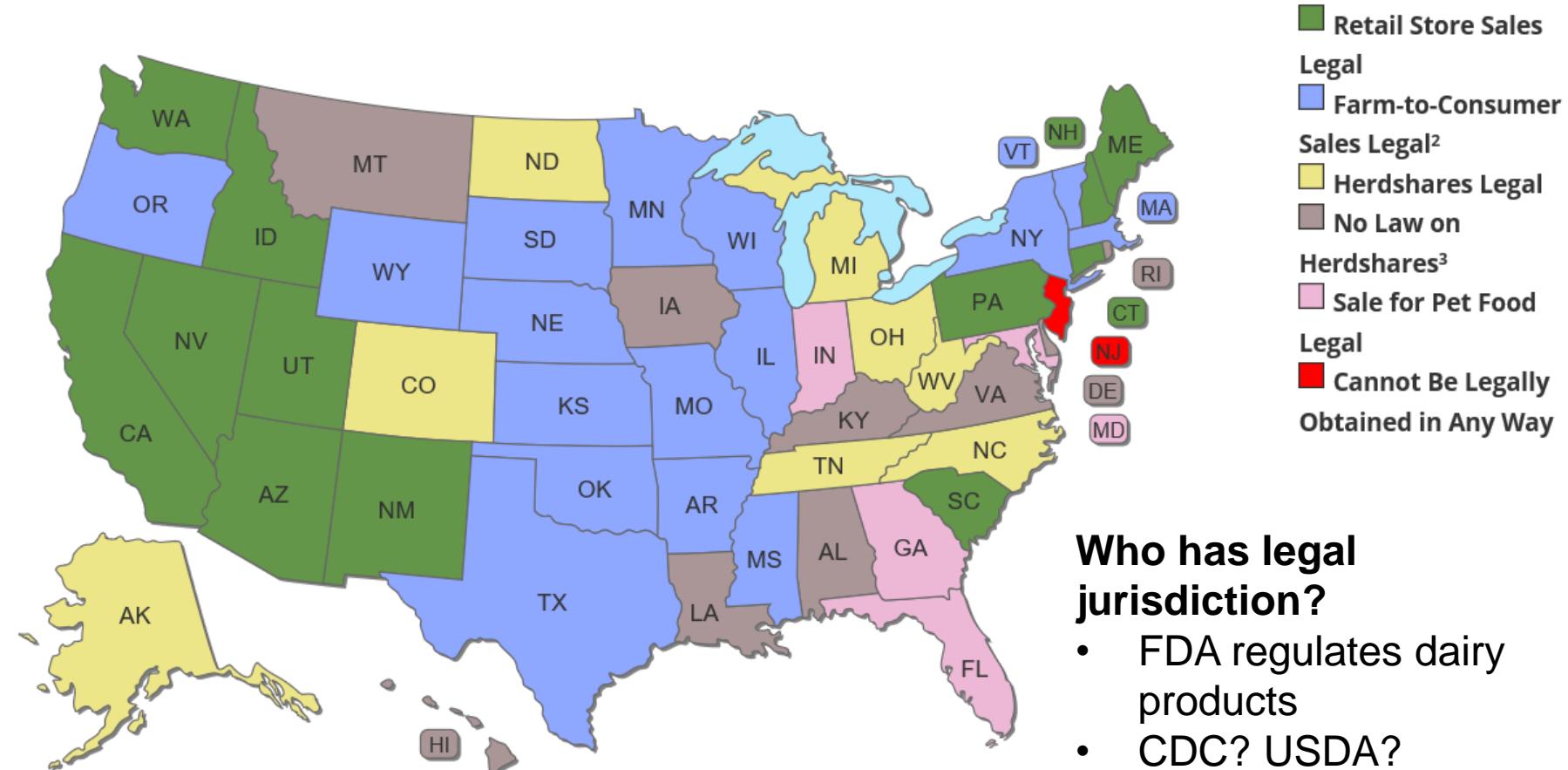
Raw milk available in all 50 states by 2020!

Help us make raw milk sales legal in the remaining 7 states:



Raw Milk Nation - Interactive Map

State-by-State¹ Review of Raw Milk Laws



Who has legal jurisdiction?

- FDA regulates dairy products
- CDC? USDA?
- Local and state health departments



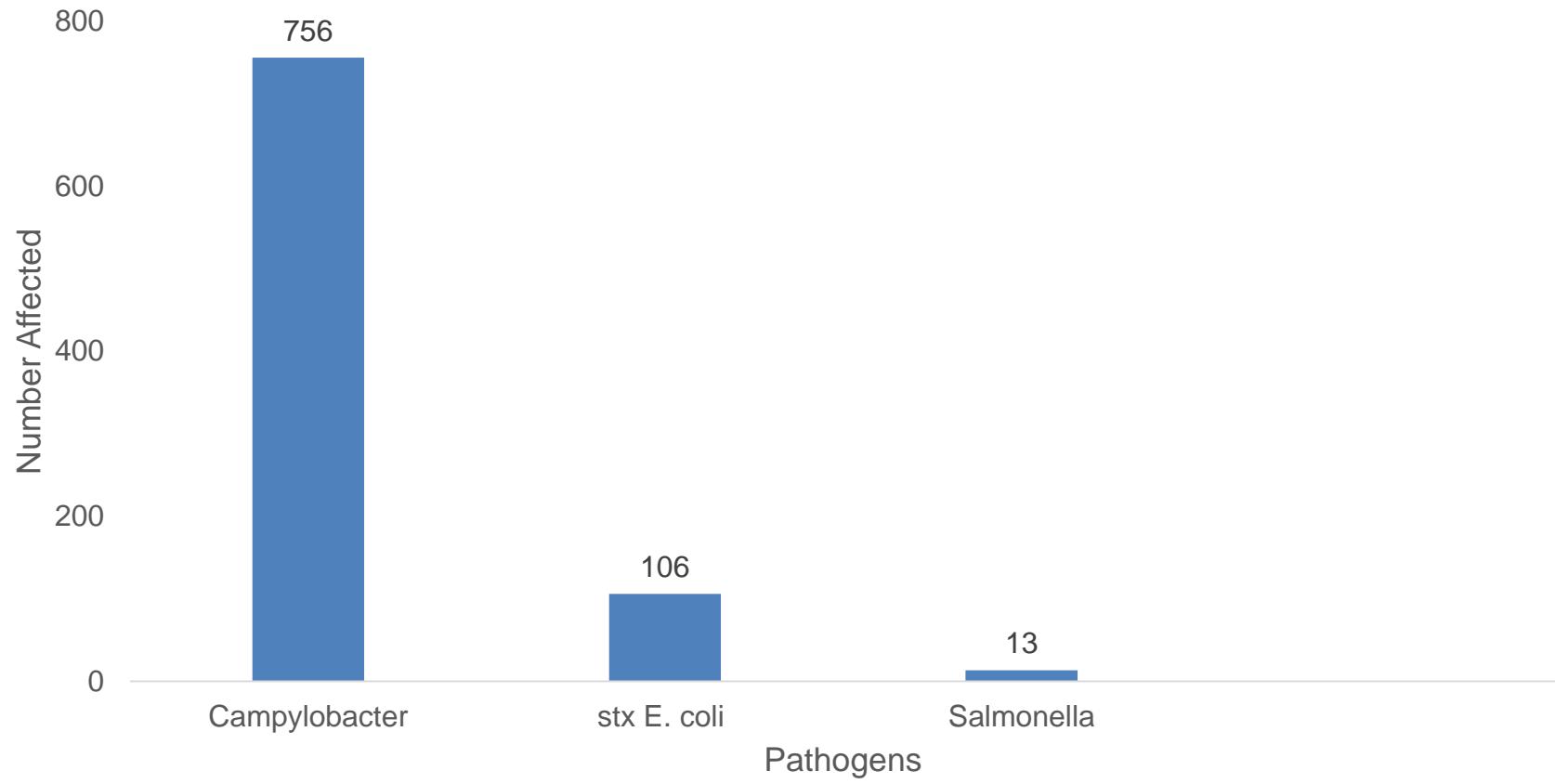
Increased Outbreaks Associated with Nonpasteurized Milk, United States, 2007–2012

**Elisabeth A. Mungai, Casey Barton Behravesh,
and L. Hannah Gould**

The number of US outbreaks caused by nonpasteurized milk increased from 30 during 2007–2009 to 51 during 2010–2012. Most outbreaks were caused by *Campylobacter* spp. (77%) and by nonpasteurized milk purchased from states in which nonpasteurized milk sale was legal (81%). Regulations to prevent distribution of nonpasteurized milk should be enforced.

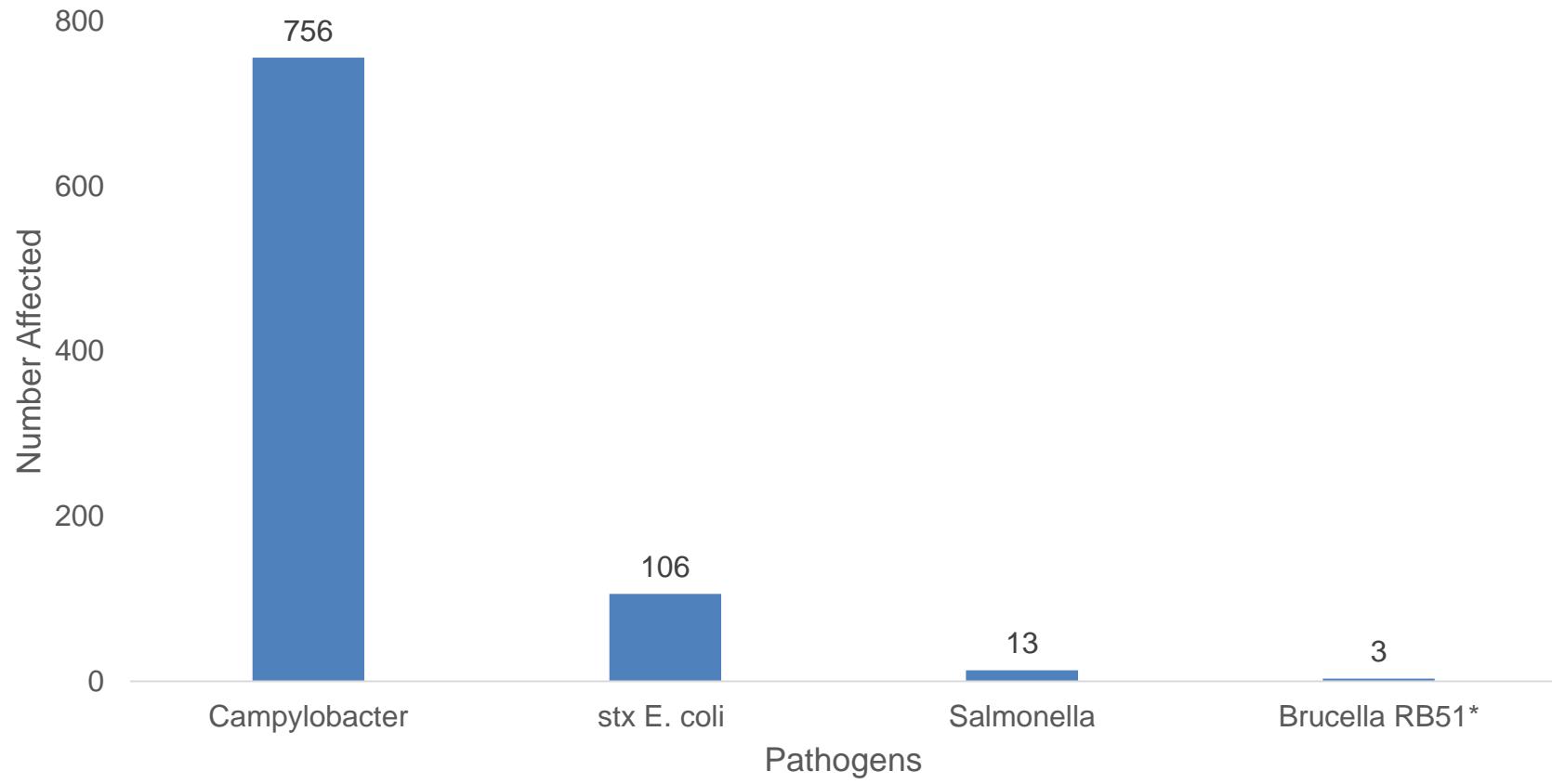
Human illness from non-pasteurized milk

2007-2012



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2007-2012



* Since 2017

Dairy Cattle Entry Requirements

California requires an [Interstate Livestock Entry Permit](#) for all dairy breed cattle (including steers and slaughter cattle).

To obtain an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit, please call the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at **(916) 900-5052**. Permits are valid for 15 days after being issued.

California requires a [Certificate of Veterinary Inspection](#)

Trichomonosis

California requires a negative individual trichomonosis test on bulls 18 months of age and over and non-virgin bulls less than 18 months of age, sampled 10 days after last contact with sexually mature cows, and within 60 days before movement into California. California requires the [CVI](#) to include the statement, "**Trichomonosis has not been diagnosed in the herd of origin within the past 24 months.**"

Brucellosis

California requires official brucellosis calfhood vaccination and a legible brucellosis tattoo for all female cattle over 4 months of age before movement into the state. If the tag is lost, a "silver brite" tag is acceptable with the tattoo.

Sexually intact cattle of any age moving from a **Designated Brucellosis Surveillance Area** require a negative brucellosis blood test obtained within 30 days before movement and a special entry permit.

- Registration tattoos if the animal health officials in the shipping and receiving state agree on their use

Note: Brand inspection requirements remain in effect.

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ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY SERVICES

Animal Health Branch

Headquarters - (916) 900-5002
Redding District - (530) 225-2140
Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
Tulare District - (559) 685-3500
Ontario District - (909) 947-4462

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

[Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or
[Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)

For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit: www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah





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Registration

HOME > ANIMALS > CATTLE > CATTLE DISEASE > *Brucellosis (Cattle)*

Cattle Brucellosis in Cattle

Am I required to vaccinate for brucellosis?

All intact female cattle and domestic bison **must** be vaccinated against brucellosis between the ages of 4 and 12 months unless being fed for slaughter in an Idaho approved feedlot. If your Idaho-origin animal is over 12 months and has not been vaccinated for brucellosis, contact Dr. Debra Lawrence at (208) 332-8540 for information on adult vaccination.



Current U.S. Strategies

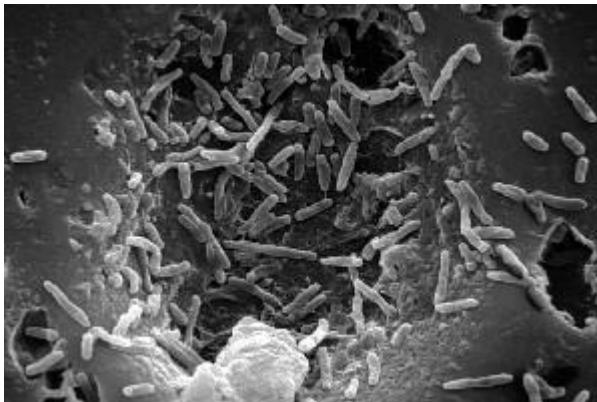
- Enhanced Surveillance where the disease is endemic in wildlife
 - Slaughter & On Farm
- Vaccinate populations at risk
 - GYA cattle
- Quarantine affected herds and Test & Remove
- Pasteurization of milk products



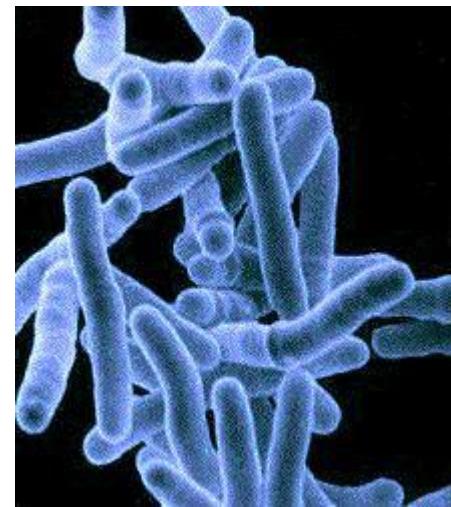
New VS Guidance

- RB51 vaccine should only be used in populations at risk
- Milk products from animals that are vaccinated with RB51 should be pasteurized

Human to Cattle TB



Mycobacterium bovis



Mycobacterium tuberculosis

North Dakota Dairy 2013

- Dairy worker infected and alerted to State by Public Health in October 2013
- Herd volunteered for testing in November 2013
 - \geq 6 months of age tested
 - 319 tested; 11 Caudal fold test (CFT) responders; 1 comparative cervical test (CCT) suspect
 - 1 CCT suspect - necropsy – mediastinal lymph node lesion – **POSITIVE**
 - 10 CFT responder – slaughter – 1 cow was PCR **POSITIVE**
 - WGS matched worker with some SNP changes suggesting cattle were more recently infected.



Texas dairy-cross heifer 2018

- Transported from NM at 1 day of age
- Regs required testing after 60 days in TX
- Raised at a heifer raising facility in TX
- CFT responder and CCT reactor → necropsy
 - *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
 - Doesn't normally occur in cattle, human exposure

Wisconsin Dairy – 2015-18

- Dairy worker infected and alerted to DATCP by DHS in April 2015
 - Herd volunteered for testing in May 2015
 - ~1500 tested; 31 CFT responders, 1 CCT suspect
 - CCT suspect – necropsy – NEGATIVE
 - ~1500 tested in September 2015; 28 CFT responders, 0 CCT suspects
- Slaughter plant – 2018
 - Lesion – POSITIVE
 - Traced back to WI dairy, testing repeated
 - ~2000 tested (≥ 2 mo old): 48 CFT responders; 10 CCT S/R
 - 7 CCT responders – slaughter - POSITIVE
 - Currently on Test and Remove Program



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A photograph of several Holstein cows standing in a dirt field. In the foreground, two cows are prominent: one facing left with a white ear tag labeled '1929' and another facing right with a white ear tag labeled '2336'. Behind them, more cows are visible, some with dark coats and others with white and black patterns. A long, light-colored building, possibly a barn or shelter, stretches across the background under a clear blue sky.

Questions?