

the spread of pathogenic agents from animal to animal through breeding. **In-utero** transmission, another type of direct contact, is the spread of pathogenic agents from dam to offspring during gestation. The bottom photo depicts a time when reproductive transmission could occurbreeding (courtesy of USDA, Image Number: 01cs0192 taken by: Bill Tarpenning).

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Vías de transmisión

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	– Diseñar protocolos para minimizar

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There are many diseases transmitted by the direct contact route, both diseases that are foreign animal diseases (FADs) and those that are present in the US (endemic). Some examples of foreign animal diseases include foot and mouth disease (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), malignant catarrhal fever (MCF), rinderpest and vesicular stomatitis. The diseases that are already present in the US include anthrax, brucellosis, bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR or red nose), leptospirosis, mastitis, Q fever, rabies and others. The main point to drive home is that they are all transmitted by the same route and prevention practices aimed at one will protect against others. For a complete listing of all diseases transmitted by the aerosol route, please refer to the Bovine Routes of Transmission Handout- Direct Contact.

A component of direct contact transmission are fomites. A **fomite** is an inanimate object that can carry pathogenic agents from one susceptible animal to another. Examples of fomites include contaminated brushes, clippers, needles, balling guns (middle picture; photo courtesy of DB Weddle) clothing, milking units, teat dip cups, feed or water buckets, and shovels. These items must be managed as fomites but they will transmit disease when they have direct contact with a susceptible animal. The top photo depicts a situation in which disease transmission may occur via a fomite, grooming equipment; photo source USDA. **Traffic transmission** is a type of fomite transmission in which a vehicle, trailer, or human spreads organic material to another location, like the pickup and trailer pictured here (courtesy of Bryan Buss, ISU).

Every disease has to enter into an animal by some route, so looking at disease prevention through the routes of transmission makes sense. One advantage to this approach is that it will also help protect against new or unexpected infectious diseases. This classification system is effective and easy to understand without requiring knowledge about a wide range of diseases, like all those listed at the beginning of this presentation. While disease agents and the infections they produce vary, they all have one thing in common: the animal must be exposed to them to develop disease. Once it is understood that different diseases can be acquired by various routes of transmission (i.e. aerosol, oral, direct contact, fomite, vector), it is easier to gain control over them. From a management standpoint, it may be easier to identify risk areas, such as fomites, and then design protocols to minimize exposure.





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e	 Pongan en cuarentena a los animales de reciente introducción Compras nuevas, animales que regresan
1	 El lapso de tiempo se determina junto con el médico veterinario
6	 Realicen pruebas para detectar enfermedades clave antes de colocarlos con el resto del hato
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antibióticos que no requieren refrigeración fuera de la luz de sol ya que ésta podría desactivarlos • Monitoreen mensualmente



- la temperatura de refrigeración – Temperatura ideal 36-460F • Restrinian el acceso a las medicinas
- debidamente capacitado

Educate all employees on how to recognize sick animals and have a reporting system so that treatment decisions can be made or the veterinarian can be contacted. It is important to clean any equipment, boots, clothing that is used between groups of animals with differing health status. Animals that are not going to recover can serve as a reservoir for many disease organisms and should be euthanized humanely and in a timely manner. Dead animals can also serve as a reservoir for many disease organisms and should be promptly removed from the operation. Dead animals need to be rendered, composted or buried so predators, wild birds, etc do not spread disease. Unusual diseases may not present in a manner you are used to, so have a veterinarian necropsy those odd cases to help identify a potentially infectious disease before it becomes widespread on your facility. Photo depicts a steer being necropsied by veterinary students at a feed yard (courtesy of Dan Thomson, KSU).

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Cows that are identified as ill should be removed from the rest of the herd immediately and placed in an isolation area where ventilation, feed/water, and other equipment and is not shared and direct contact with other animals does not occur in order to minimize the risk of disease spread. Newly introduced animals, including show cattle/calves that have been away from the farm as pictured here, may be carrying diseases that your home herd is not immune to, so quarantine them for a period of time. Time spent in isolation and quarantine varies depending on the risk so this should be determined together with your herd veterinarian. Before taking animals out of isolation or quarantine, it is a good risk management plan to test them for key diseases (determined together with your herd veterinarian) and make sure they are not carrying diseases that could be introduced into the home herd.

Sunlight can deactivate vaccines resulting in inadequate protection; it can also reduce effective treatment by rendering antibiotics ineffective. When using these in your animals, make sure you read the label and store them properly. Vaccines and medicines that need to be refrigerated are susceptible to changes in temperature and may not be effective if they get too warm (greater than 46 degrees Fahrenheit) or too cold/frozen (less than 36 degrees Fahrenheit); monitoring your refrigerator at least monthly can help ensure the products are adequately stored. Work with your veterinarian to teach proper handling procedures to all people who routinely deal with vaccines and medicine and restrict access to only trained personnel. The photo depicts a refrigerator with a thermometer- purchased for less than \$3 at a large retail store (photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU).

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S 1 d e 1 9	Control de la transmisión por contacto directo y por fomites	Now that we have discussed some general prevention steps, let us look specifically at direct contact and fomite transmission and control measures you can apply on your cattle farm to minimize disease spread.
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access to your animals, feed, and equipment. (photo courtesy of: DB Weddle, ISU)







laboratory to identify the cause and best course of treatment. Photo depicts a liquid nitrogen tank used to store frozen semen. Calving cows/heifers individually and following proper hygiene procedures between animals, such as cleaning pens and putting in fresh bedding, will help minimize the risk of disease exposure. Photo courtesy of Bryan Buss, ISU.

introducing into the herd. Abortions can be caused by a variety of things so if more occur than expected (as determined together with your herd veterinarian), it may be worthwhile to submit samples to a diagnostic

