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i d e	Enfermedades exóticas • Akabane • Lengua azul • Hidropericardio/ Cowdriosis	Existentes en EE.UU. • Anaplasmosis • Ántrax • Mastitis contagiosa • Conjuntivitis (<i>Moraxella bovis</i>)
6	 Dermatosis nodular contagiosa Fiebre del Valle de Rift 	Estomatitis vesicular

Vías de transmisión

i	 Atañen a todos los agentes infecciosos
d	 El animal tiene que estar expuesto para contraer la enfermedad
e	 Comprender las distintas vías de transmisión = obtener el control

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· Es necesario identificar las áreas de riesgo - Diseñar protocolos para minimizar la exposición



There are many diseases transmitted by the vector 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 akabane, bluetongue, heartwater, lumpy skin disease, and Rift Valley fever. Examples of diseases that are already present in the US include anaplasmosis, anthrax, contagious mastitis, pink eye (Moraxella bovis) and vesicular stomatitis. 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 vector route, please refer to the Bovine Routes of Transmission Handout- Vector.

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, fomite, direct contact, 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.

It is important to remember that disease transmission can occur without animals exhibiting obvious signs of disease. That is why awareness of the various routes of transmission becomes so essential when assessing and developing a strategy to minimize the risk of disease for a facility or operation. The photo shows a calf lying in a wooden calf hutch (photo courtesy of: DB Weddle, ISU).

There are many general prevention steps that every farm could implement that would help prevent against a variety of diseases that are transmitted in various ways. Things such as knowing what is in the area of your farm perimeter- farms, neighboring livestock, wildlife; individual animal identification, animal health protocols, recognizing and dealing with sick and dead animals, isolation/quarantine, supply handling, and neonatal management. This next section will provide some general prevention recommendations for those areas.



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Limit contact with animals that may present a disease risk by coordinating with your neighbors to avoid fence line contact between herds. Prevent cats and dogs from roaming between farms. By maintaining fences (repairing/replacing posts, tightening wires), you minimize the risk of animals escaping, or other animals entering, and mixing with other livestock or wildlife species, which increases their risk of disease exposure. You should establish biosecurity protocols for delivery vehicles and personnel to follow on your farm. Gates are installed as a barrier to human entry and should be locked to prevent animal contact and subsequent disease exposure. Photo courtesy of

If more than one person works on an operation, individual animal identification is imperative for proper communication of health status, treatment needs, antibiotic withdrawal/residue prevention status, and location on farm. Individual animal identification is essential for proper record keeping (vaccinations, treatments, pregnancy status) which is an integral part of managing animals and minimizing disease risk on farm. Keeping treatment records on a dairy is an integral part of minimizing disease risk on farm because protocols can be tracked over time with your veterinarian and used to determine whether things are working in various disease situations. (photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU)

To monitor health status, it is imperative to keep health records on every animal. It is important to work with your veterinarian to review treatment and vaccination records so alterations can be made to the animal health protocols on farm; this will also help ensure what you think is happening is actually happening. Producers should work with their veterinarian to investigate those animals that present with unusual symptoms or are unresponsive to treatment, especially neurologic cases,

By establishing and educating all employees on what to look for regarding sick animals and having a reporting system so that those in charge can make treatment decisions or the veterinarian can be contacted, serious diseases can be identified early on and minimize the risk of disease spread. 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 in a timely manner so predators, wild birds, etc do not spread disease. By having a veterinarian necropsy animals that die of undetermined causes, a diagnosis may be obtained by sending samples into a diagnostic laboratory. Unusual diseases may not present in a manner you are used to, so involving a veterinarian may help identify a potentially infectious disease before it becomes widespread on your facility. Photo depicts an Ayrshire calf being necropsied and samples being collected for diagnostic testing (courtesy of UC Davis VMTRC).







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Cattle 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 guarantine 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. Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU.

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 on a dairy farm with a thermometer- purchased for less than \$3 at a large retail store (photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU).

Adequate ingestion of colostrum is the most important consideration for calf's resistance to disease and all calves should receive colostrum within 6 hours of birth. A calf's immune system depends on the antibodies in colostrum. After 6 hours of life, the calf's ability to absorb antibodies from colostrum diminishes. Once a calf is born, subsequent milk production in the cow will dilute colostrum and therefore require the calf to consume more for maximum antibody absorption and immune function. Another good practice is to prevent contact of the neonate with older animals and also contaminated environments. This will decrease the pathogen load to the newborn and give the colostrum the ability to provide protection. The photo depicts colostrum in a freezer that is stored in palpation sleeves, labeled with the cow ID number and dated. This allows for easy thawing and making sure the calf gets colostrum from one cow (photo courtesy of DB Weddle).

Now that we have discussed some general prevention steps, let us look specifically at vector transmission and control measures you can apply on your dairy farm to minimize disease spread.

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Reducción de fuentes

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Reducción de fuentes

- Larvicidas para moscas
- Aditivos en el alimento · A todos los animales de la explotación, 3 semanas antes de que inicie la época Las avispas parásitos se alimentan de pupas de mosca Los ácaros, escarabajos depredadores
- se alimentan de larvas

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Reducción de fuentes

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e	al contacto en lugares con concentraciones elevadas
•	 Substancias residuales para paredes, techos de corrales
2	– Cebos, trampas para moscas
1	junto con otros métodos

Control de adultos



Vector control begins with an understanding of the insect's life cycle. Insect life stages vary and so do the specific, effective control measures. For instance, the egg laying grounds for flies are different than that of mosquitoes and midges and one approach does not work for all. We will discuss options in future slides. Controlling adult insects, be it flies or mosquitoes, often involves the use of insecticides. This is often less effective, so more effort should be focused on controlling breeding areas. Finally, minimize the opportunities for insects to even interact with animals, such as ticks or midges. Treatment protocols for each of the areas will be discussed in the next slides.

Flies have a four stage life cycle. The adult female fly lays her eggs in organic matter, be it manure, feed or wet bedding. These eggs then develop into larva, which change to pupa and finally emerge as adult flies. This process can be as short as 10 days in warm weather. One way to decrease the prevalence of flies is to minimize areas where they can lay their eggs by disturbing the piles of organic matter weekly. Flies lay their eggs in organic matter, be it manure, feed or wet bedding. One way to decrease their prevalence is to minimize these areas by disturbing them weekly to prevent eggs from developing. Keep pastures rotated, drag dry lots to break up the fecal pats, clean up spilled feed, clean around feed bunks. The photo depicts an excellent area for flies to lay their eggs- old feed (courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU).

Feed additives (larvicides) have some effectiveness but the key is to get it in the feed at least 3 weeks before fly season, feed it to ALL animals on farm and maintain it in the feed until the end of fly season. This should be in addition to some of the other hygiene procedures of cleaning yards, barns and feeding areas. Parasitic wasps, predatory mites and beetles feed on pupae/larvae living in manure, bedding, vegetation. Certain insects can only be used in certain areas because they may feed on other beneficial insects, so check with your local extension specialist for recommendations.

Adulticides such as knockdowns that kill a fly on contact should be applied in areas of high fly concentrations because they do not last long in the environment (1-2 hours). Residual sprays can be applied to shaded surfaces (barn walls, ceilings) where flies rest to kill them through contact. To avoid insecticide resistance, it is a good idea to alternate between area and residual sprays. Baits and fly traps work against house flies but should be part of an integrated pest management system for best efficacy.

Target key areas on farm, such as calf hutches and barns, with insecticides to minimize cost. Milking parlors should be treated with approved chemicals only. Sprays approved for animals are another cost effective way to spend money on insecticides. Bottom photo depicts a heifer barn and feeding area that was recently sprayed for flies unlike the calf hutch in the top photo (courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU).





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Confinen a los animales

Center for Food Security and Public Health Iowa State University 2006 Source reduction consists of eliminating larval habitats or making them unsuitable for larval development. Tree holes can be good breeding grounds for some mosquitoes, so those should be filled. Containers that hold water, like stock tanks or water troughs, should be emptied weekly or agitated weekly them to keep mosquitoes from laying eggs there. By minimizing standing water through circulating lagoons or water tanks, a lot can be done to minimize their breeding areas. Another problem on farms are old tires used for silage piles, as pictured on the bottom (courtesy of DB Weddle). Not only do mosquitoes transmit disease to animals, but to humans too and a farm walk through to identify and eliminate trash containers is good prevention.

Larvicides are used when immature mosquito populations become larger than source reduction can manage or biological control can handle. They are often more effective and target-specific than adulticides, making them less controversial. They can be applied to smaller geographic areas than adulticides because larvae are often concentrated in specific locations, such as standing water.

Insecticides are often the least efficient control program and often require multiple applications. Effective adult mosquito control with adulticides requires small droplets that drift through mosquito areas and come in contact with adults to kill them as pictured here. Insecticides are applied in a concentrated form at very low volumes such as 1 oz (29.6 mL) per acre. Excessive wind and updrafts reduce control, but light wind is necessary for drifting spray droplets.

While source reduction will help decrease numbers of insects in the area, often times it is necessary to minimize the interaction with animals. This could involve environmental management such as mowing pastures, as the top picture depicts, to reduce tick habitats to chemical treatments with acaracides (tick killing chemicals) every 2-4 weeks during tick season. Other ways to minimize interaction is to confine the animals to an insect proof structure. In the case of vesicular stomatitis outbreaks or bluetongue, it is necessary to confine the animals in a stall as the bottom photo illustrates, until the insect season has passed. This can be difficult to do depending on the farm or types of animals raised. But if it is the only way to prevent disease, temporary structures could be put up. Both photos were found at: http://www.equestrianservicesllc.com/gallery.cfm

There are many different species of ticks and some are capable of spreading diseases such as anaplasmosis, babesiosis, dermatophilus (rain rot- pictured here), heartwater and Q fever. Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU.

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S 1 i d e 3 4	 Objetivos clave de aprendizaje El manejo de riesgos biológicos es importante Todas las enfermedades se transmiten a través de unas cuantas vías comunes Los riesgos de enfermedad pueden manejarse La concientización es esencial iUstedes desempeñan una función esencial! 	Throughout this presentation, we have stressed that biological risk management is important. All diseases are transmitted by a few common routes and managing disease exposure will help decrease the level of disease. While disease risk cannot be completely eliminated, it can be managed. Awareness education is essential for effective disease control and each of YOU play a critical role!
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