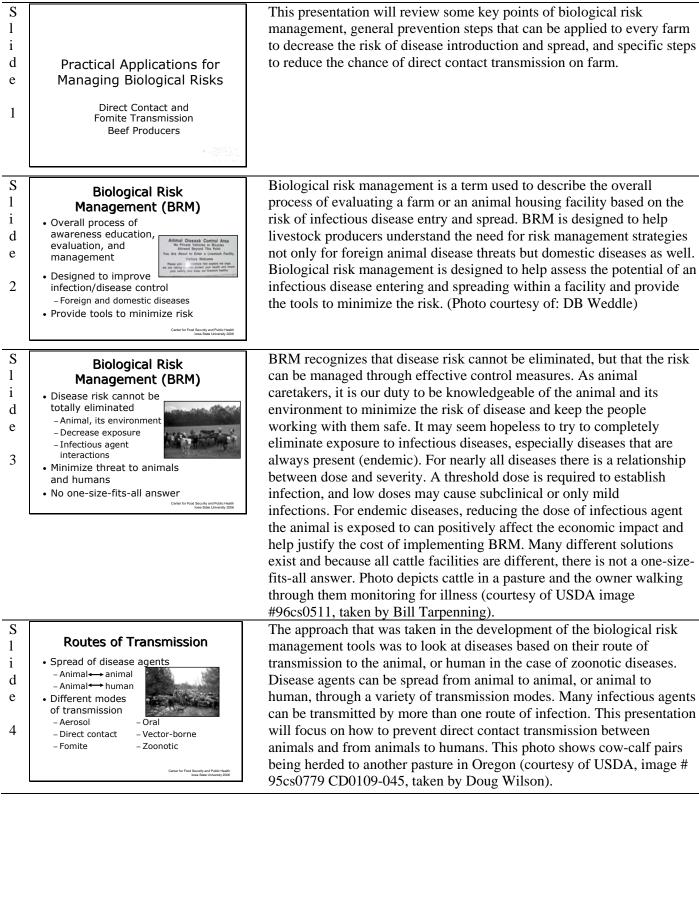
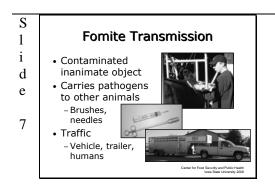
Direct Contact Fomite Transmission-Beef





| S 1 | Selected Diseases Spread by Direct Contact | |
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| i d e 6 | Foot and mouth disease Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia Malignant catarrhal fever Rinderpest Vesicular stomatitis | asent in U.S. anthrax Grucellosis AVD BR eptospirosis Mastitis 2 Fever Labies |
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S Routes of Transmission i - Apply to all infectious agents d - Animal must be exposed to develop disease e - Understand different routes of transmission = Gain control 8 - Risk areas must be identified - Design protocols to minimize exposure

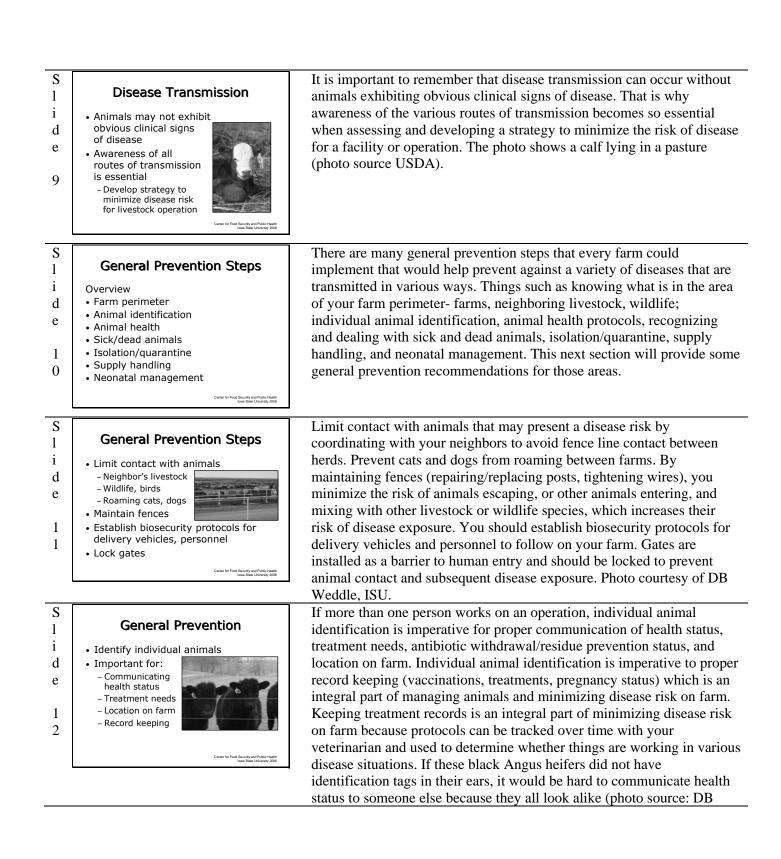
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Transmission by **direct contact** requires the presence of an agent or organism in the environment or within an infected animal. A susceptible animal becomes exposed when the agent directly touches open wounds, mucous membranes, or the skin through blood, saliva, nose to nose contact, rubbing or biting as could occur when a newborn calf is being licked off by its mother (photo courtesy of USDA). It is important to note that depending on the disease agent, it is possible for direct contact transmission to occur between animals of different species as well as to humans. For the purposes of the BRM information, reproductive transmission will encompass those diseases spread through venereal and in-utero routes. **Reproductive transmission**, a type of direct contact, is 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).

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.

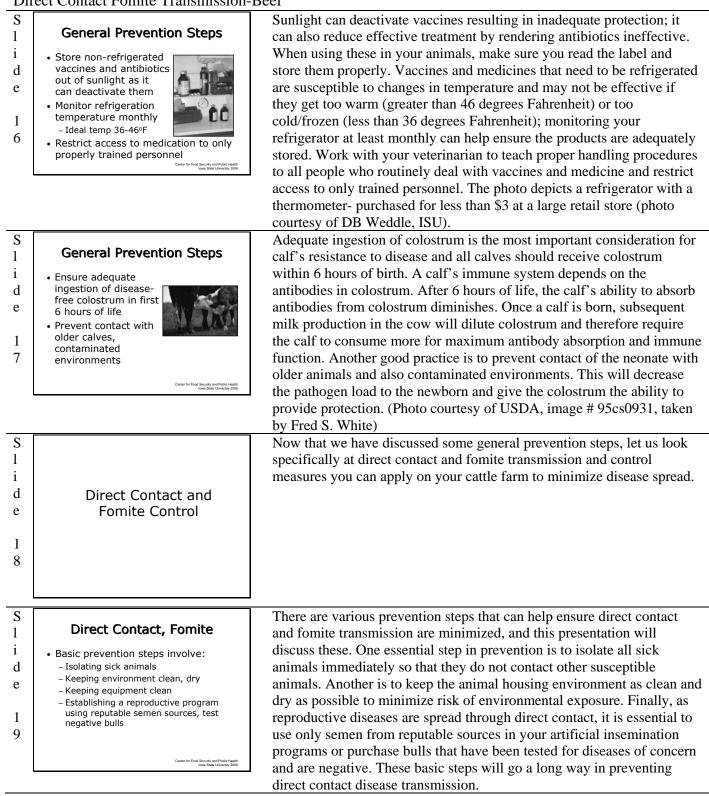
A component of direct contact transmission are fomites. A **fomite** is an inanimate object that can carry pathogenic agents from one susceptible animal to another. Examples of fomites include contaminated brushes, clippers, needles, balling guns (middle picture; photo courtesy of DB Weddle) clothing, 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, 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.



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S To monitor health status, it is imperative to keep health records on every **General Prevention Steps** animal. There are many computer programs out there that can simplify 1 this for producers as the photo depicts (courtesy of Dale Moore, UC i · Keep health records on every animal Davis VMTRC). It is important to work with your clients to review d Review vaccination and treatment programs treatment and vaccination records so alterations can be made to the e - Annually, bi-annually animal health protocols on farm; this will also help ensure what you - Protocol versus actual think is happening is actually happening. Producers should work with 1 Investigate unusual signs, unresponsive cases their veterinarian to investigate those animals that present with unusual 3 - Neurologic, downers, sudden death symptoms or are unresponsive to treatment, especially neurologic cases, Center for Food Security and Public Health downers and those that die suddenly. S Educate all employees on how to recognize sick animals and have a **General Prevention Steps** 1 reporting system so that treatment decisions can be made or the veterinarian can be contacted. It is important to clean any equipment, i · Train farm personnel to report sick animals Inspect animals daily d boots, clothing that is used between groups of animals with differing Clean equipment, health status. Animals that are not going to recover can serve as a e boots, clothing Euthanize terminally reservoir for many disease organisms and should be euthanized ill animals promptly 1 and appropriately humanely and in a timely manner. Dead animals can also serve as a - Removed or rendered reservoir for many disease organisms and should be promptly removed 4 · Perform necropsy on animals that died from unknown causes from the operation. Dead animals need to be rendered, composted or Center for Food Security and Public Healt 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). S Cattle that are identified as ill should be removed from the rest of the **General Prevention Steps** 1 herd immediately and placed in an isolation area where ventilation, feed/water, and other equipment are shared and direct contact with other i · Isolate ill animals immediately animals does not occur in order to minimize the risk of disease spread. d - No shared ventilation, direct contact with other animals Newly introduced animals, including show cattle/calves that have been e · Quarantine newly introduced animals away from the farm, may be carrying diseases that your home herd is not - New purchases, returning animals • Time determined with veterinarian 1 immune to, so quarantine them for a period of time. Time spent in • Test for key diseases before placing isolation and guarantine varies depending on the risk so this should be 5 with rest of herd determined together with your herd veterinarian. Before taking animals Center for Food Security and Public Health Iowa State University 2006 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.





Farm Vehicles

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Designate a vehicle parking area

Away from primary animal traffic

Minimize vehicle traffic on farm

Load/unload, rendering at perimeter
Have separate vehicles for "on-farm" and "off-farm" use

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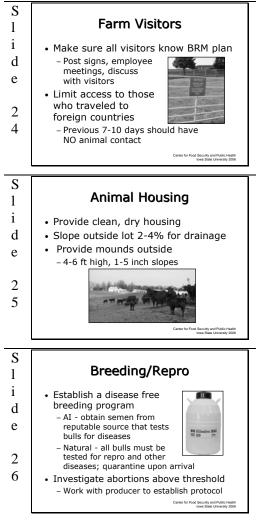
| S 1 | Farm Vehicles | |
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| i d e 2 2 | Tractors, livestock trailers If shared, completely rinse, wash with soap, scrub, rinse and disinfect before contacting animals | |
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| S 1 i d e 2 3 | Farm Visitors Require prior authorization before entering the premises Sign in and disclose recent cattle contact Require clean clothes, clean footwear Provide if necessary | |

It is important to prevent fence to fence contact with other livestock or those on farm of differing ages due to the increased risk of disease spread by direct contact from neighboring animals. Young stock are generally more susceptible to disease, especially those from neighboring farms that might be carrying diseases this population has no immunity against. 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. Wildlife can transmit many diseases to cattle (e.g. leptosporosis, salmonellosis, brucellosis in some areas) and contact should be minimized. Posting signs with clear instructions regarding your farm policy for visitors and locking gates will help limit unauthorized access to your animals, feed, and equipment. (Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU)

By having a designated parking area away from animal traffic areas with posted signs, visitors and employees have no reason to drive personal vehicles onto the farm and introduce disease agents on their tires, wheel wells. Minimize vehicular traffic on farm by loading/unloading animals and keeping rendering piles only at the perimeter of the operation. Rendering trucks can visit several farms in one day picking up animals that may have died from contagious diseases. By having the dead pile at the perimeter of the operation, the risk of disease introduction is minimized. Another way to minimize the disease introduction is to designate certain vehicles for use on-farm only and other vehicles for off-farm only. If this is not possible, vehicles used off-farm should be cleaned and disinfected appropriately before coming into contact with animals or their travel paths on farm. In warmer climates, golf carts make excellent on-farm vehicles to minimize disease spread (photo courtesy of: DB Weddle, ISU).

Do not share equipment with other farms, such as tractors for cleaning barns or livestock trailers, because the risk for disease introduction increases. If equipment is shared, it should be inspected for cleanliness and cleaned appropriately (washed down, soap washed, rinsed, disinfected and allowed to dry) before use. It is also good prevention to prevent feed truck drivers from driving in areas where animals will cross the tire path or come into contact with the truck. Photo courtesy of Bryan Buss, ISU.

Since visitors and sales people have had unknown animal contact prior to visiting your farm, require them to make appointments or notify you prior to their visit. Have visitors sign in and disclose their last known cattle contact so you can decide what, if any, animal contact they should have on your farm. Collecting this information is also important with regard to disease tracking, should an outbreak occur on your farm or in your area. Clean clothes and footwear should be required of anyone entering your operation and if not, entry should be denied as the risk of disease introduction increases. By providing clean clothing (coveralls, tyvek suits) and clean boots (disposable or rubber) to all persons, including employees and herd veterinarians, you can help ensure they will not introduce disease organisms. Photo courtesy of: Dr. Sandy Amass, Purdue University.

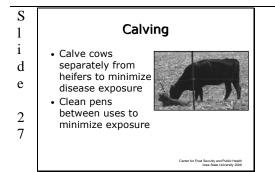


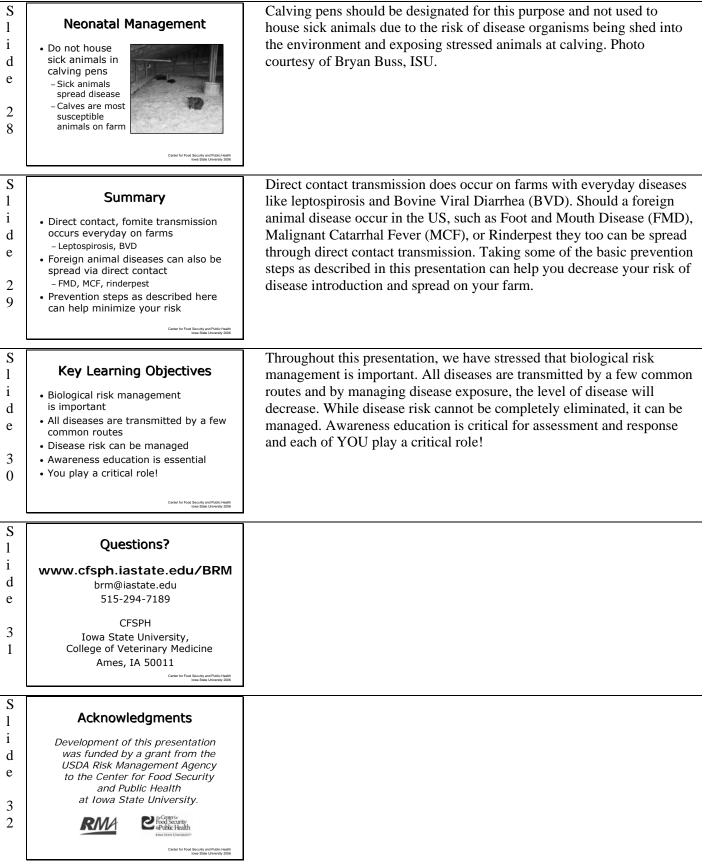
In order to have an effective Biological Risk Management plan, anyone who enters your farm should understand the protocols. This can be done through posting signs (as pictured here), employee meetings, sending letters to those people who frequent your facility, and verbalizing your protocols to anyone on your farm. Many foreign countries have diseases that animals in the United States have no immunity against. By limiting access of people who have recently (last 7-10 days) been to a foreign country, the risk of disease introduction is minimized; often times a devastating disease. Photo courtesy of: DB Weddle, ISU.

It is important to provide a dry place for animals to lay down when outside so that their udders do not become covered with mud/feces as this can lead to infections/mastitis. Mounds should be included in pens where there is a tendency for water buildup after a rain to give animals a high and dry place to lay. The slope of the entire pen should be 2-4% to allow for drainage with occasional low, flatter mounds (4-6 feet high, 1 to 5 inch slopes, 35 sqft per head) for animals to lay on and keep dry. (Photo courtesy of Bryan Buss, ISU)

Semen can carry disease causing organisms resulting in unbred cows, infected calves or cows, abortions, and other fertility problems so it is best to establish a disease free breeding program. Artificial insemination (AI) poses less of a disease spread risk than natural breeding if semen is obtained from a reputable source and good hygiene is practiced at the time of insemination (new, clean obstetrical sleeves, sanitary lubrication, clean pipette, and clean vulvar area). Reputable semen companies test their bulls for various infectious diseases and have minimum health requirements for their animals; this information should be provided to you upon request so as to ensure high quality, disease free semen is being brought onto your farm. If natural breeding is used, all bulls must be tested for reproductive diseases of concern and guarantined for a period of time (determined together with your veterinarian) before 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 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.





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