

the spread of pathogenic agents from dam to offspring during gestation. The top photo shows a group of calves together in a pen with ample opportunities for direct contact transmission (photo source DB Weddle, ISU). The bottom photo shows a young heifer licking her newborn calf (photo source USDA).

Algunas enfermedades que se propagan por contacto directo

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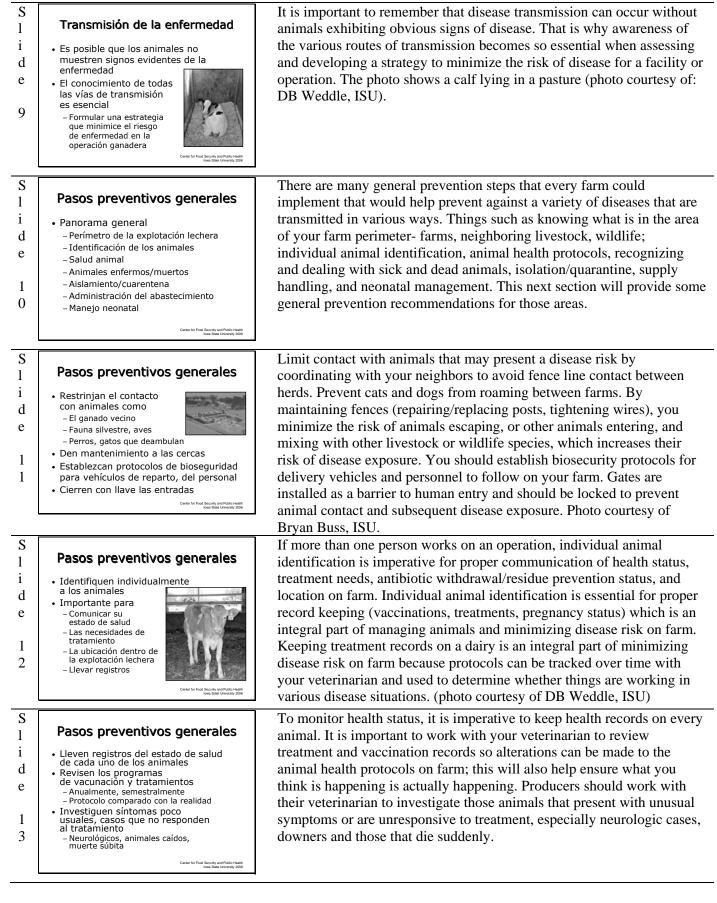
Vías de transmisión Atañen a todos los agentes infecciosos El animal tiene que estar expuesto para contraer la enfermedad Comprender las distintas vías de transmisión = obtener el control

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

Center for Food Security and Public Health Iowa State University 2006 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 disease agents from one susceptible animal to another. Examples of fomites include contaminated brushes, clippers, needles, balling guns (middle picture; photo source DB Weddle) clothing, milking units, teat dip cups, feed or water buckets, and shovels. The top photo depicts a situation in which disease transmission may occur via a fomite, milking equipment and teat dip cups; photo courtesy of DB Weddle. **Traffic transmission** is another special type of fomite transmission in which a vehicle, trailer, or human spreads organic material to another location. The bottom photos show the entrance to a dairy with a sign stating the premise's visitor restrictions, as well as a handy place for boot distribution and collection at the entrance to the farm (photos source DB Weddle).

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.





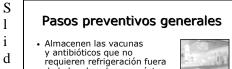


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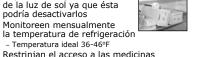
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para que solo lo tenga el personal debidamente capacitado Center for Food Security and Public Health Inwa State University 2006 By establishing and educating all employees on what to look for regarding sick animals and having a reporting system so 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).

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 guarantine 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).

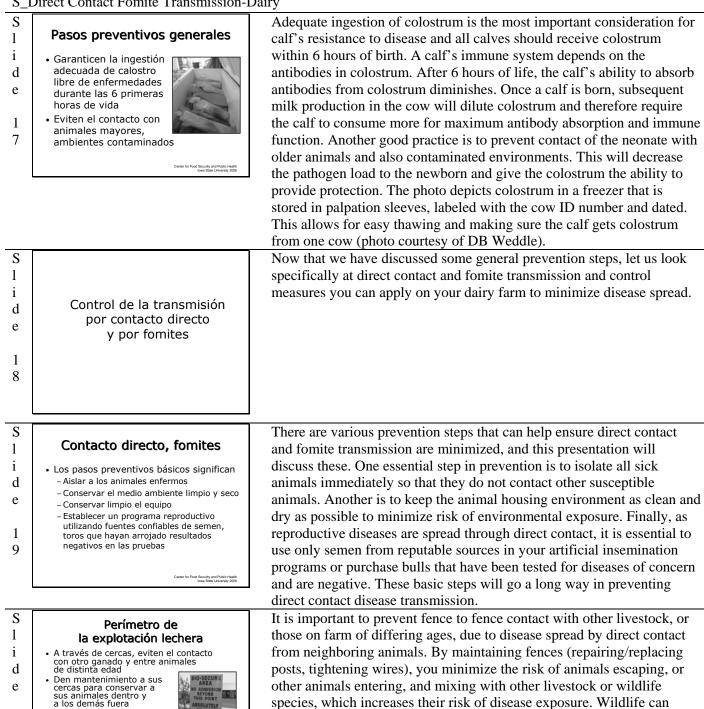
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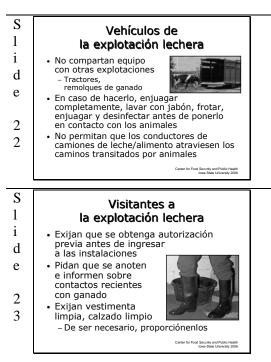
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those on farm of differing ages, due to disease spread by direct contact from neighboring animals. By maintaining fences (repairing/replacing posts, tightening wires), you minimize the risk of animals escaping, or other animals entering, and mixing with other livestock or wildlife species, which increases their risk of disease exposure. Wildlife can transmit many diseases to cattle (e.g. external parasites, leptospirosis, brucellosis in some areas) and contact should be minimized. Posting signs with clear instructions, like the one pictured here, 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)







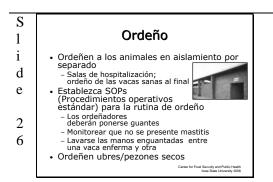
By having a designated parking area away from animal traffic areas with posted signs, visitors and employees have no reason to drive personal vehicles onto the farm and introduce disease agents on their tires. Minimize vehicular traffic on farm by loading/unloading animals and keeping rendering piles 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 milk or feed truck drivers from driving in areas where animals will cross the tire path or come into contact with the truck. Photo courtesy of: DB Weddle, 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.





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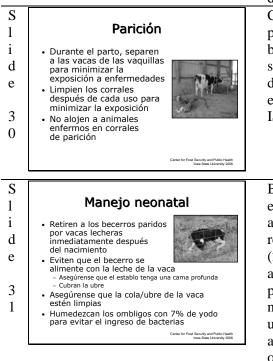
It is important to provide a dry place for animals to lay down when outside so that their udders do not become covered with mud/feces as this can lead to infections/mastitis. Mounds should be included in pens where there is a tendency for water buildup after a rain to give animals a high and dry place 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. Manure can carry disease organisms and should not be allowed to build up in areas where cattle travel as it can splash up on the udder or into the feedbunk; alley ways should be scrapped or flushed at least once daily (as pictured here) to minimize disease exposure. Cows need a clean, dry place to lay down so stalls should be monitored at least daily, preferably at every milking, for manure contamination and manure promptly removed to decrease disease exposure to the udder and reproductive tract. Ensure enough bedding is available and refill to encourage stall usage and promote cleanliness of the udder. Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU.

Milk animals that are housed in isolation either in a separate hospital parlor (as pictured) or last and separate from the rest of the herd. Completely wash and sanitize all equipment afterwards (before milking any other animals) to minimize the risk of disease exposure. Milking should be a routine, and if more than one person has this responsibility on farm, writing down the standard operating procedure (SOP) lets everyone know specifically how it is to be done, ultimately minimizing the risk of disease (mastitis). Cows with mastitis shed thousands, even millions of organisms in their milk and to prevent exposure to other cows, milkers should wear gloves, and wash their hands after milking, treating, or handling the udder of infected cows. Cows should have clean udders/teats before attaching the milking unit otherwise the organisms can enter into the teat end through injection and predispose cows to mastitis. Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU.

Use pre-dips to reduce bacterial numbers on teats by applying full coverage to all teats and allow contact for at least 15-20 seconds; up to 30 seconds when environmental mastitis challenges exist (as pictured with the foaming iodine teat dip). Milking units should be attached to dry teats to prevent slippage, which causes milk to inject back into the teat, potentially causing mastitis if disease organisms exist. If not shut off prior, vacuum pressure can damage the teat end upon milking unit removal which can increase the risk of disease organisms entering the teat because the natural barrier is damaged. Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU.

Post-milking teat dips should be applied to the lower third of all teats to minimize the risk of contagious organisms entering the teat canal and causing mastitis. In cold weather (less than 10°F or with wind chill), post-milking teat dips should be applied, allowed to have contact for 30 seconds and the excess removed with a single use towel to prevent frost bite, subsequent teat end damage, and decrease mastitis risk. Teat ends remain open for 30-45 minutes after milking before the keratin plug forms; cows should be kept on their feet (offer fresh feed, keep water troughs available) during this time to minimize the risk of disease organisms entering the teat canal and causing an infection. Milk companies make somatic cell counts available for every load of milk picked up, so it should be routinely monitored on farm as it is an indicator of udder health and can provide a measuring tool for proper





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. Calving pens should be designated for this purpose and not used to house sick animals due to the risk of disease organisms being shed into the environment and exposing stressed animals at calving. Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU.

By removing calves immediately after birth, prior to nursing, disease exposure is minimized and colostrum can be harvested more sanitarily and consumption can be monitored. If calves cannot be immediately removed, keep calves from nursing the cow, by deeply bedding the stall (2-3 feet of straw/fodder) so that it cannot easily stand and suckle, or put an udder support/bra on the cow so if it does stand to nurse, it is prevented; the cows legs and tail should be clean so that the calf does not nurse on them and absorb a mouthful of bacteria-laden manure. Wet umbilical cords are excellent avenues for bacteria to enter the calf's body and should be clean and aided in their drying process by using a tincture of iodine (commonly 7%) dipped or sprayed onto the cord shortly after birth. Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU.



Resumen

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 Los pasos preventivos que hemos descrito aguí pueden ayudar minimizar sus riesgos

Objetivos clave de aprendizaje

· Todas las enfermedades se transmiten a

· iUstedes desempeñan una función esencial!

través de unas cuantas vías comunes

· El manejo de riesgos biológicos

Los riesgos de enfermedad

· La concientización es esencial

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 La transmisión por contacto directo, a través de fomites ocurre diariamente en

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A calf's immune system depends on the amount of antibodies (protein) in colostrum and 3/4 to 1 gallon of the best quality (as tested by a colostrometer) should be fed within the first 6 hours of life. To maximize the amount of antibodies (protein) absorbed by a newborn calf, a second feeding of 1/2 to 3/4 of a gallon should be fed 12 hours after the first feeding (3/4 to 1 gallon). Newborn calves are highly susceptible to disease, so to minimize this, keep calves separated from direct contact with each other until at least 5 weeks of age to allow for their immune system to develop. Individual calf hutches, when placed on clean ground, shaded from heat, and bedded well in the winter time, help protect the calf from environmental exposure to disease pathogens, prevent calf to calf contact if correctly placed, and decrease the amount of respiratory pathogens if located in an area with good air flow as pictured here. Photo courtesy of DB Weddle, ISU.

Direct contact transmission does occur on farms with everyday diseases like mastitis, leptospirosis, and Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD. Should a foreign animal disease occur in the US, such as Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Malignant Catarrhal Fever (MCF), or Rinderpest they too can be spread through direct contact transmission. Taking some of the basic prevention steps as described in this presentation can help you decrease your risk of disease introduction and spread on your farm.

Throughout this presentation, we have stressed that biological risk management is important. All diseases are transmitted by a few common routes and by managing disease exposure, the level of disease will decrease. 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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