

Secure Sheep and Wool Supply (SSWS) Plan: Producer Outreach Efforts

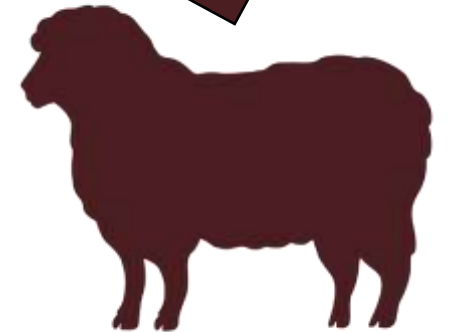
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A screenshot of the SSWS website homepage. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'About Us' and 'Questions?'. Below this is the SSWS logo and a horizontal menu with categories: 'SSWS PLAN', 'PRODUCERS', 'VETERINARIANS', 'PACKERS/PROCESSORS', 'REGULATORY OFFICIALS', and 'TRAINING MATERIALS'. The main banner features a map with sheep silhouettes and a pushpin, with the text 'Get Your PIN' and a 'LEARN MORE' button. Below the banner is a section titled 'SSWS Plan for Continuity of Business' with introductory text and a bulleted list of measures. At the bottom, there are three columns of links for 'Read the SSWS Plan!', 'Watch!', and 'Learn about FMD!'.



SSWS Implementation

- “Build capacity for broad outreach and education about FMD preparedness and the SSWS Plan to sheep industry stakeholders”
 - USDA NADPRP
May 2023–May 2025
- Tours, videos
 - Implementing enhanced biosecurity
- Training sessions
 - Funding for workshops



“Show Me”



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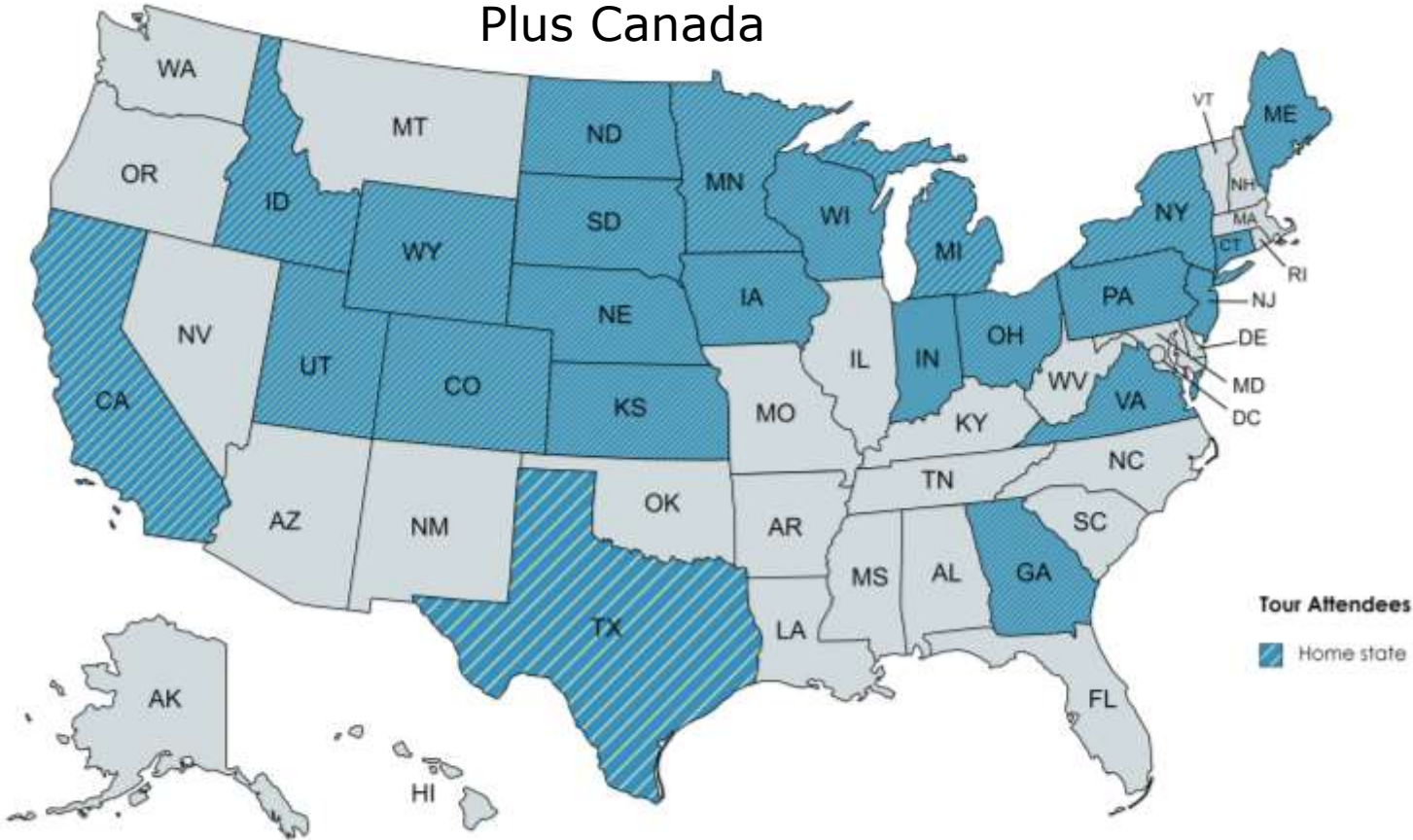
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10 mins

Tour: January 10, 2024

Plus Canada



47+ 2 attendees

- Superior Farms
- Harper Feeders
- Demonstrate their SSWS Plan implementation



SSWS PLAN

PRODUCERS

VETERINARIANS

PACKERS/PROCESSORS

REGULATORY OFFICIALS

TRAINING MATERIALS

Training Materials

Biosecurity

Disease Monitoring

Forms

Outreach

Enhanced Biosecurity Training

The enhanced biosecurity plan can only work if EVERYONE on the operation follows it ALL of the time, which requires training. The following videos and resources provide caretakers with some of the information they need to be a part of the flock health protection team. Do not forget to document all training (visit [Forms page](#)).

Biosecurity Training Videos

1. Enhancing Biosecurity Against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)

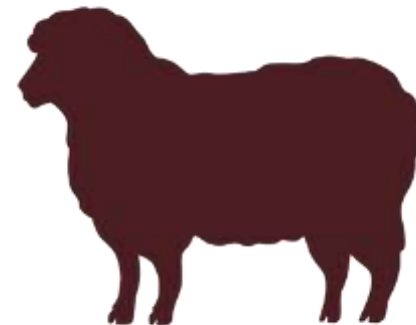
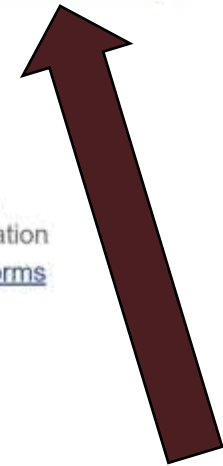
- Video (download): [English \(42mb\)](#) | [Spanish \(45mb\)](#)
- Video (watch): [English \(5:59 mins\)](#) | [Spanish \(6:27 mins\)](#)

2. Do Not Bring Disease: Keeping FMD Away From Sheep Flocks

- Video (download): [English \(49mb\)](#) | [Spanish \(48mb\)](#)
- Video (watch): [English \(8:47 mins\)](#) | [Spanish \(9:52 mins\)](#)

3. Enhanced Biosecurity Plans in Action

- At a lamb packing plant ([Download 180mb](#) | [Watch 6 mins](#))
- At a lamb & beef feedlot ([Download 296mb](#) | [Watch 10 mins](#))



Training Sessions

Initial Training Sessions (2)

- ✓ Nov 16, 2023
- ✓ Feb 28, 2024
- 3 hours, virtual
- Self-guided study prior
- Learn how to conduct workshops, one-on-one support

Advanced Training Sessions (2)

- ✓ Apr 16, 2024
- ✓ Nov 4, 2024
- 3 hours, virtual
- Case study format
- Different management styles, business movements

Financial Support to Adv. Trainers

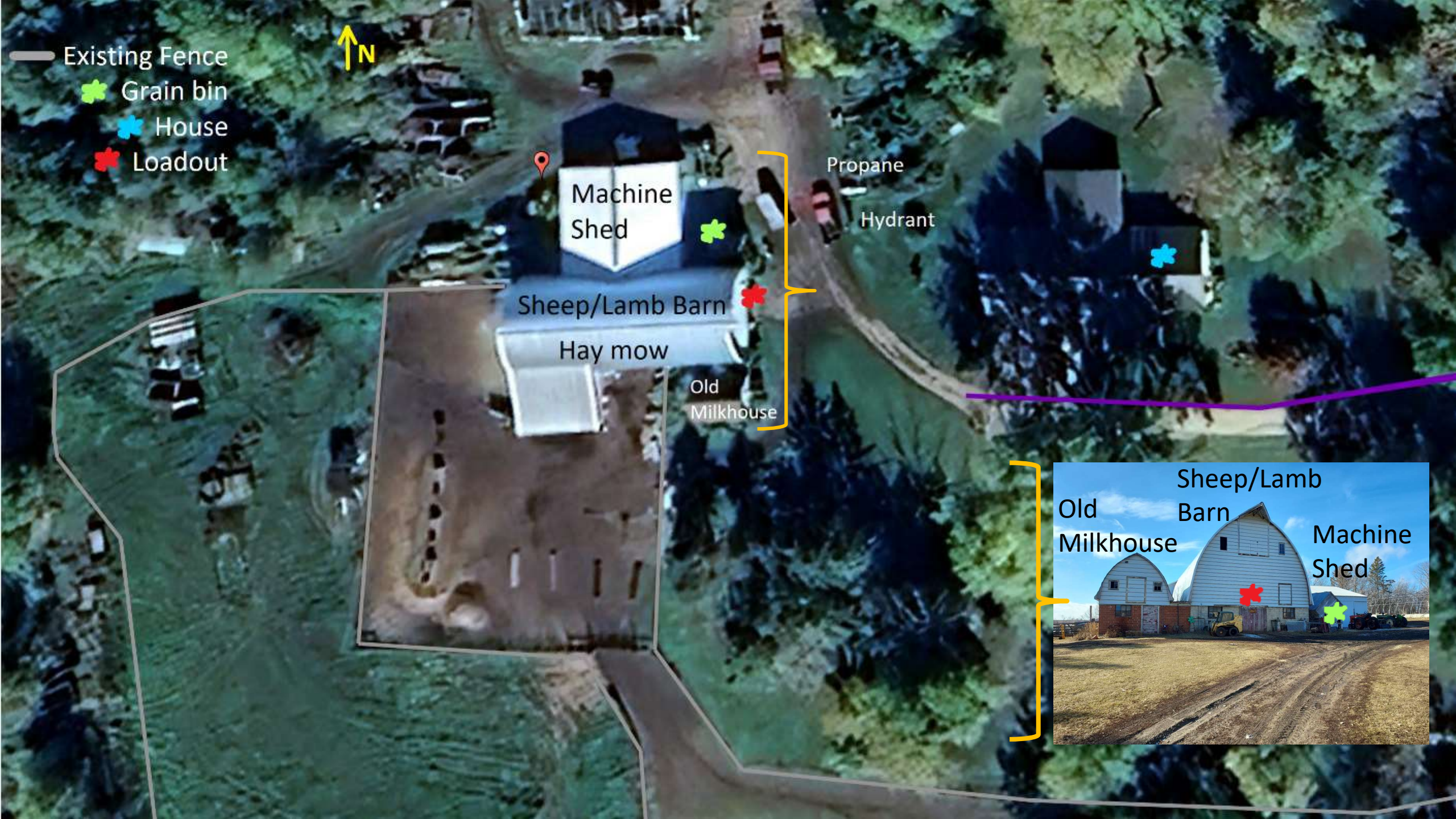
- Direct producer outreach (group meetings, one-on-one visits)
- 4 selected for on-site assistance
- Report on activities, accomplishments, lessons learned with other trainers





Sheep Farm

- Single entry, dead-end road
- 1 house (owner)
- Ewes (105 hd)
 - Barn, dry lot, pastures
 - 2 other locations (20, 35 miles away parts of the year)
- 1 pet dog, barn cats



- Existing Fence
- ✱ Grain bin
- ✱ House
- ✱ Loadout



Machine Shed



Propane

Hydrant

Sheep/Lamb Barn



Hay mow

Old Milkhouse

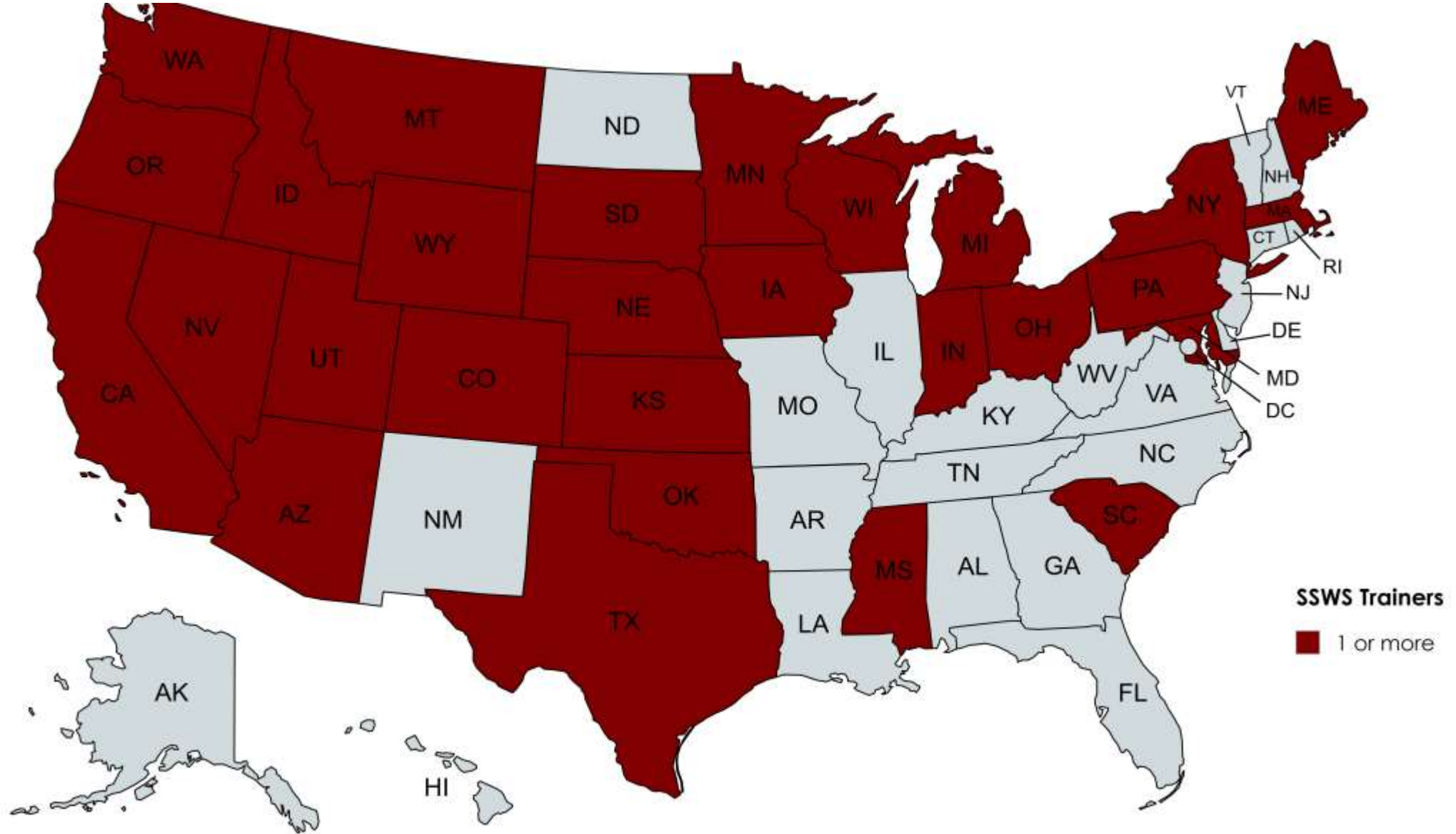


Inputs/Outputs

- Animals/Animal Products
 - Sheep (see timeline)
 - Dairy cow colostrum (2-3 buckets Mar/Apr)
 - Dead animals composted on site
 - Manure applied annually to surrounding land
- Feed, Bedding (all purchased)
 - Pellets (2-3 times/year to gravity box)
 - Whole shell corn (every 3 weeks summer/fall to gravity box)
 - Sweet corn silage (hauled daily Aug/Sep)
 - Straw (2-3 loads bales in Aug/Sep)
 - Hay (2 loads Dec to Feb)



74 SSWS Trainers in 30 States!



SSWS Trainer Resources & Communication

Name ↓ ▾

Videos & PPTs

Shared Resources from Trainers

Preparing Yourself

Initial Training Session Materials

For Producers Ranchers

Articles

Listserv and Mini-sessions

Bringing trainers together to learn from each other

- 3 one-hour sessions
- More planned based on interest!



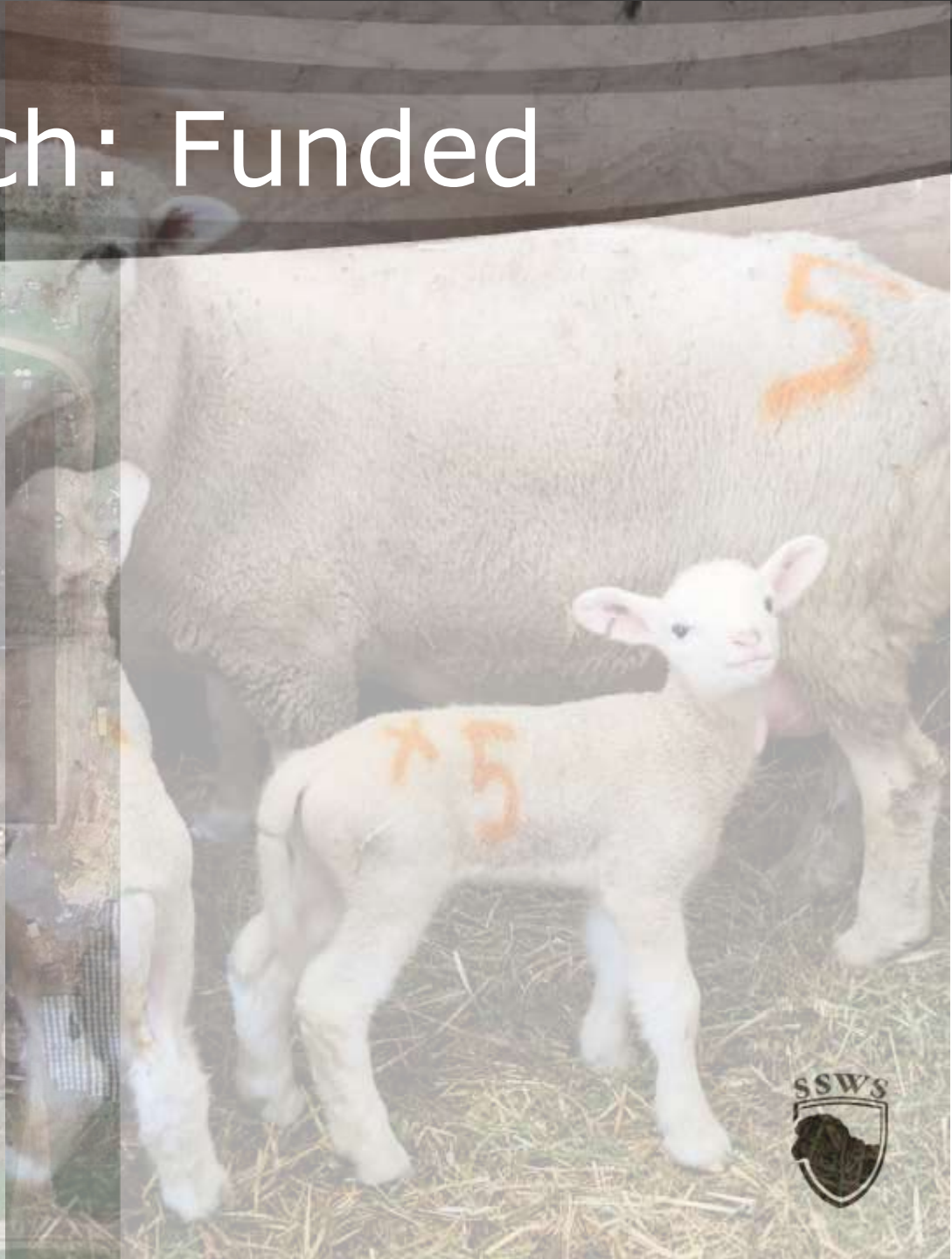
Agenda for 16 April (all times Central)

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 10:00am | Welcome and Introductions |
| 10:15am | Brief overview of SSWS, FMD resources for outreach |
| 30 min
10:30am | Feedlot example – video, group work |
| 45 min
11:15am | Private land grazing example – group work |
| 11:45pm | Public land grazing resources, differences, example, group work |
| 12:30pm | Group discussion, brainstorming outreach opportunities |
| 12:45pm | Applying for financial support |
| 1:00pm | Adjourn |

This training was made possible, in part, by a USDA NADPRP Grant to ASI. The training was conducted by Dr. Danelle Bickett-Wedde, veterinary consultant with Preventalyst in contract with ASI. The views expressed are her own and serve as guidance.

Producer Outreach: Funded

- **California**
 - 1 workshop
- **Colorado**
 - 2 workshops
- **Maryland**
 - 2 workshops
- **Oregon**
 - 1 done, 3 more workshops
- **South Dakota**
 - 2 workshops
- **Upcoming:**
 - Iowa
 - Michigan
 - Nebraska
 - Nevada
 - New York
 - Wyoming









Producer Workshop

- South Dakota Sheep Operation
- October 2024
- 21 attendees, 3 states

Workshop Resources

Guide to the Secure Sheep and Wool Supply (SSWS) Plan



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The Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan was made possible through funding from the American Sheep Industry (ASI) Association and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Wool Handling During a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreak

Virus Survival

How long can FMD virus survive in wool?

- FMD virus (FMDV) is viable under a range of conditions in sheep wool for up to 10 days in air-dried wool and when protected from sunlight.
- Reported survival from an approximately 100 woolly at 10°C (50°F) for up to 10 days.
- There are no FMDV reports from the wool of FMD in South Africa.

Traceability

Why is traceability of wool bales important?

- Wool bales should be clearly identified and the woolmark used to ensure traceability.
- Accurate, complete records of movements are critical to manage an FMD outbreak.
- It is essential that FMD control measures be able to trace and identify wool bales used before the wool is shipped.

The Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan is Possible



Foot and Mouth Disease

Also referred to as "Hoof and Mouth Disease"

What is Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)?

FMD is a highly contagious viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals, including sheep, pigs, and cattle. It is caused by the Foot and Mouth Disease Virus (FMDV). The disease is characterized by fever, blisters, and sores in the mouth and on the feet. It is highly contagious and can spread rapidly between animals.

How is FMD spread?

FMD is spread by direct contact with infected animals, by contact with contaminated surfaces, and by contact with infected people. It can also be spread by insects and wind-blown secretions.

What are the signs of FMD?

The signs of FMD include fever, blisters, and sores in the mouth and on the feet. The disease is highly contagious and can spread rapidly between animals.

How can FMD be prevented?

FMD can be prevented by strict biosecurity measures, including isolation of infected animals, disinfection of contaminated surfaces, and control of movement of people and animals.

Fiebre aftosa

Síndrome viral de la "boca y pata"

¿Qué es la fiebre aftosa (FA)?

La fiebre aftosa (FA) es una enfermedad viral altamente contagiosa que afecta a los animales de cuernos divididos, como las ovejas, los cerdos y el ganado vacuno. Se caracteriza por fiebre, úlceras y ampollas en la boca y en las patas. Es muy contagiosa y puede propagarse rápidamente entre animales.

¿Cómo se transmite la FA?

La FA se transmite por contacto directo con animales infectados, por contacto con superficies contaminadas y por contacto con personas infectadas. También puede transmitirse por insectos y secreciones voladas por el viento.

¿Cuáles son los signos de la FA?

Los signos de la FA incluyen fiebre, úlceras y ampollas en la boca y en las patas. La enfermedad es altamente contagiosa y puede propagarse rápidamente entre animales.

¿Cómo se puede prevenir la FA?

La FA puede prevenirse mediante estrictas medidas de bioseguridad, como el aislamiento de animales infectados, la desinfección de superficies contaminadas y el control del movimiento de personas y animales.

Plan de seguridad y continuidad de negocio

¿Por qué es importante tener un plan de continuidad de negocio?

Un plan de continuidad de negocio (PCN) es un documento que describe cómo una organización puede responder y recuperarse de una crisis o desastre. Es importante tener un PCN para garantizar la continuidad de las operaciones y la seguridad de los empleados y clientes.

¿Qué elementos debe incluir un PCN?

Un PCN debe incluir una evaluación de riesgos, un plan de comunicación, un plan de recuperación de desastres y un plan de continuidad de operaciones.

¿Cómo se puede desarrollar un PCN?

El desarrollo de un PCN requiere una evaluación de riesgos y la participación de todos los departamentos de la organización. Es importante tener un PCN actualizado y revisado regularmente.

Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan

In the Face of a Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak

What is the Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan?

The Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan is a comprehensive plan that provides guidance on how to manage a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in the sheep and wool supply chain. It covers topics such as biosecurity, traceability, and business continuity.

Why is the Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan important?

The Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan is important because it provides a clear and concise plan for how to manage an FMD outbreak. It helps to ensure the continuity of the sheep and wool supply chain and the safety of the people and animals involved.

How can you get involved in the Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan?

You can get involved in the Secure Sheep and Wool Supply Plan by contacting your local sheep and wool industry organization or the American Sheep Industry Association.










Enhanced Biosecurity Item #7

Animal Products: Milk



- Time and temp needed to inactivate FMD virus
 - Replacer products must meet requirements

INFORMATION MANUAL FOR
ENHANCED BIOSECURITY FOR
FMD PREVENTION:
SHEEP ON PASTURE/RANGELAND



SSWS Permit Guidance



Permitting Guidance* for Movement of Sheep/Semen/Embryos	Condition Met?
1. Traceability information is available (PIN, GPS Coordinates, and information on type and number of animals/quantity of semen/embryos to be moved)	Yes
2. Biosecurity measures listed in the Biosecurity Checklist are in place and acceptable to Responsible Regulatory Officials	Yes
3. Trace-back/forward information is acceptable; premises is NOT Infected, Contact, Suspect	Yes
4. Destination premises and state are willing to accept the sheep/semen/embryos	Yes
5. No evidence of infection based on disease monitoring (surveillance)	Yes

Permit guidance to move sheep/semen/embryos if all above responses are “Yes”

Consider Issuing MOVEMENT PERMIT

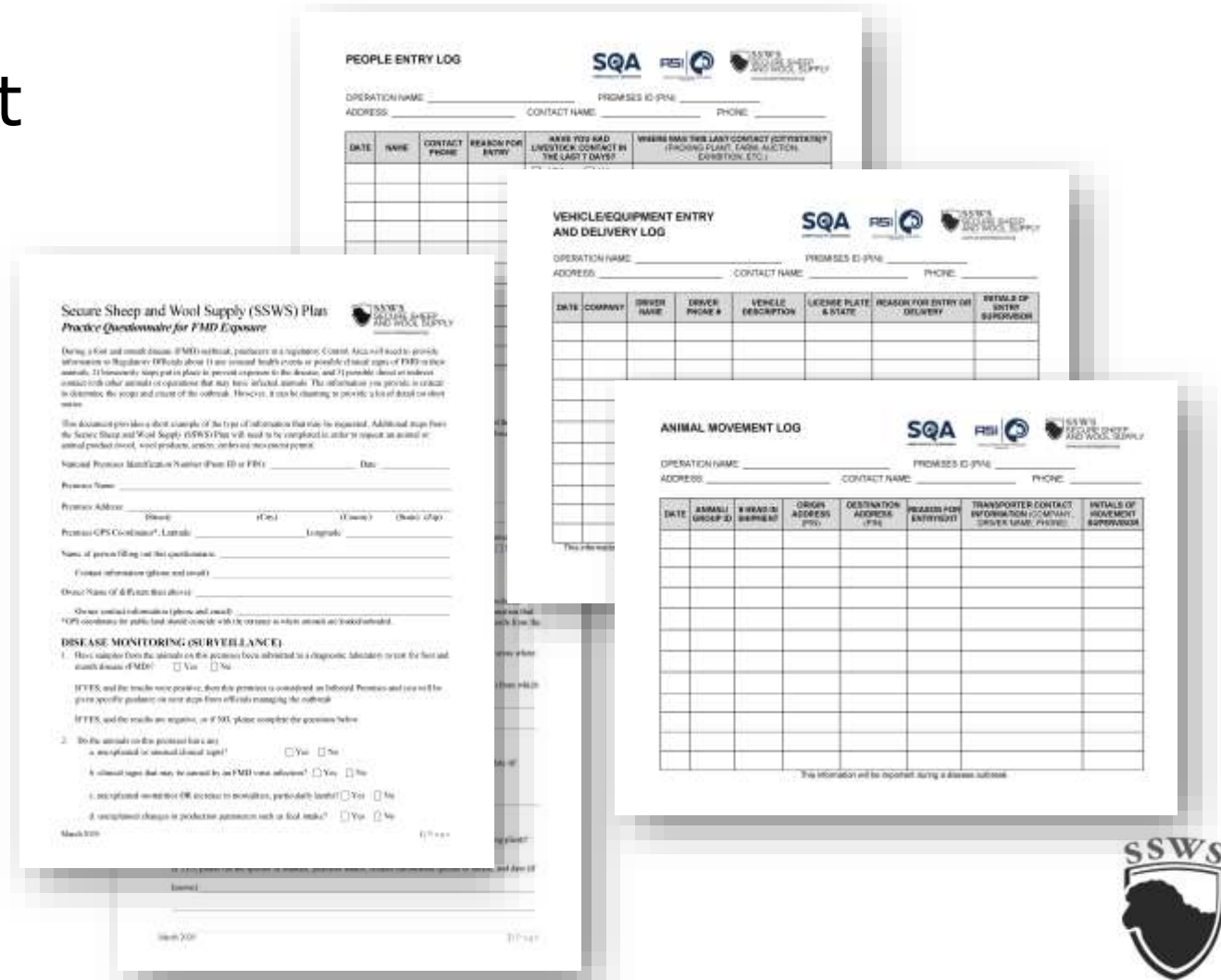
*For information on issuing permits for wool movement out of a Control Area, as well as FMD virus survivability in wool, inactivation recommendations, and traceability refer to the *SSWS Wool Handling during an FMD Outbreak* document available at: https://seuresheepwool.org/Assets/SSWS_Wool-Handling-During-FMD-Outbreak.pdf.

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Record Keeping: Contacts

- Records demonstrate not a Contact Premises
 - Movement logs
 - Practice questionnaire
- Applies to private lands, base property



Public Lands: Contacts

Differences in risk,
ability to manage

Guidance result of
NADPRP-funded
project to ASI, NCBA

Just-in-Time Biosecurity and Exposure Questionnaire for FMD *Livestock Grazing Public Lands*



This template is designed for producers with livestock grazing public lands in a foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) Control Area to provide information to Regulatory Officials about 1) the location and type of animals on current allotments/pastures, 2) any unusual health events or possible clinical signs of FMD in their animals; 3) just-in-time biosecurity steps they can put in place to prevent FMD exposure; and 4) any potential direct or indirect exposure to animals that may be infected. More details may be needed in an actual outbreak.

CONTACT INFORMATION DATE: _____

Name of person filling out this questionnaire: _____

Contact information: _____
(Phone) _____ (Email) _____

Owner Name (if different than above): _____

Owner contact information: _____
(Phone) _____ (Email) _____

Base property address: _____
(Street) _____ (City) _____ (County) _____ (State) (Zip) _____

Base property GPS Coordinates¹ Latitude: _____
Longitude: _____

Base property National Premises Identification Number (Prem ID or PIN): _____

SCOPE OF ALLOTMENT/PASTURE

Allotment #, Pasture #, or Name: _____

NOTE: Attach a copy of the allotment/pasture with the boundaries outlined

Size (acres/sections): _____

GPS Coordinates¹ Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Land Management Agency: _____

Line Officer Name: _____ Phone: _____

Arrival Date*: _____ Grazing Permit Off Date**: _____

*If arrival was less than 28 days ago, were livestock previously on:

- Public lands. List Agency, Allotment #, Pasture #, or Name: _____
- Base property
- Other owned/leased private land. List GPS Coordinates¹
Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

¹ GPS coordinates for the entrance where animals enter/leave the property/allotment/pasture.
January 2024

Public Lands Rancher

- ~1,000 head sheep, some cattle, horses
 - Base property
- Graze private and public lands (North, South, East)
 - ~125,000 acres
 - 2 separate 30,000-acre allotments on Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
 - Truck and trail to rangeland



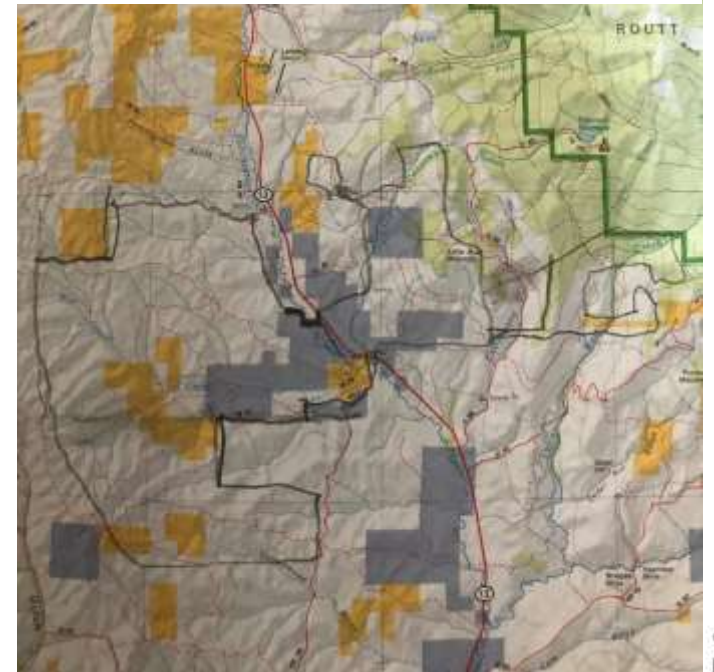
Summer Grazing

Legend:

White – private land

Gray – state land

Yellow – federal land



Google Earth Pro

USDA NADPRP Grant

- “Developing movement decision criteria and exercising movement plans for livestock grazing public land allotments in and around FAD control areas through collaboration with industry, state, and federal partners”
 - Feb 2022 – June 2024
 - American Sheep Industry Association
 - National Cattlemen’s Beef Association
 - Consultant: Danelle Bickett-Weddle, Preventalytics

Movement Decision Criteria for Industry and Regulatory Officials Managing Cattle and Sheep Grazing Federal Public Lands during a Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreak

February 2024

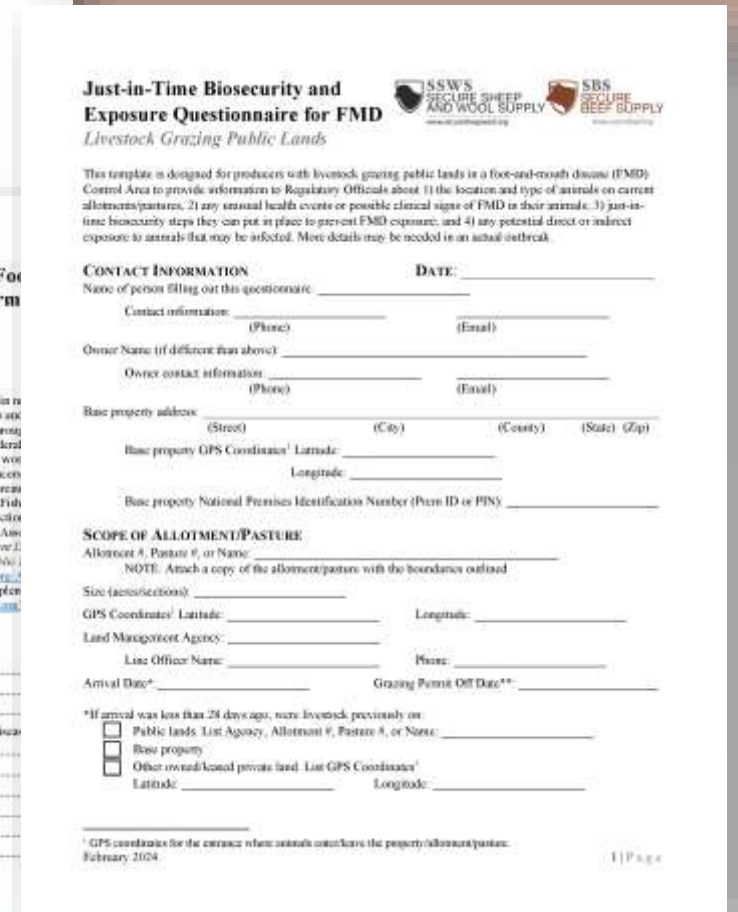
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Resource Creation

- Management Practices/
FMD Exposure Risks
- Roles of Agencies
 - BLM, USFS, USDA APHIS, States, Wildlife
- Just-in-Time Biosecurity/
FMD Exposure Questionnaire



USDA NADPRP Funding to ASI 2022-2024



Movement Decision Criteria for Industry and Regulatory Officials Managing Cattle and Sheep Grazing Federal Public Lands during a Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreak

May 2024

Executive Summary

In the United States, a national movement standstill must be implemented for at least the first 72-hours of an outbreak. Control Area movement restrictions will be implemented. Movement restrictions will be based on risk. When Control Areas encompass multiple states, there are unique challenges for sheep and cattle producers, the Public Land Council, three federal agencies (DOI, BLM, and USFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), and the American Cattleman's Beef Association (ACBA). This summary document, *Movement Decision Criteria for Industry and Regulatory Officials Managing Cattle and Sheep Grazing Federal Public Lands during a Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreak*, provides guidance to regulatory officials to consider when managing cattle and sheep grazing on federal public lands in a Control Area that is implemented during an outbreak. The document was sponsored by USDA National Animal Disease Center (NADC) and National Animal Health Research Center (NAHRC) through collaborative discussions between the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), and National Animal Health Research Center (NAHRC) and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), USDA Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and Secure Beef Supply (SBS) Plans for Control Areas. In an actual outbreak, decisions will be made based on the unique characteristics of the outbreak.

When a Control Area is implemented, the following movement restrictions (herds/flocks) include:

- Control Area movement restrictions are lifted.
- Control Area.
- Control Area to a biosecure location that can quarantine livestock.

Control Area needs and response goals are met include:

1. Assessing availability, suitability of adequate feed/water
2. Monitoring for disease (surveillance).
3. Mitigating interactions with wildlife.
4. Controlling public access to Control Areas.
5. Implementing just-in-time biosecurity.

Additional resources available on the SSWS and SBS websites include:

- [Roles of Agencies in Non-outbreak and FMD Outbreak Situations: Permitting Sheep and Cattle Grazing Public Lands](#)
- [Management Practices and FMD Exposure Risks for Sheep, Cattle Grazing Public Lands](#)
- [Just-in-Time Biosecurity and FMD Exposure Questionnaire](#)



Roles of Agencies in Non-outbreak and Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreak Situations: Permitting Sheep and Cattle Grazing Public Lands

February 2024

Purpose

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Management Practices and Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) Exposure Risks for Sheep and Cattle Grazing Federal Public Lands

February 2024

Purpose

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Scan and sheep interviews for interview history in the Grazing

additionally apply if

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Ultimate Goals

Better prepare sheep and cattle ranchers

Better prepare decision makers

- Resources posted in February 2024
- Video (5 mins) posted in May 2024



- Producers
- Steps to Move
- Premises ID Number
- Biosecurity
- Disease Monitoring
- Vaccination
- Movement Records
- Permit Guidance
- Forms and SOPs
- Signs and Posters
- Public Land Grazing**

Public Land Grazing

Managing livestock grazing public lands in an FMD outbreak poses unique challenges for ranchers. An effective response will require interagency collaboration with the federal land management agencies and the state and federal officials managing the outbreak. An Advisory Group of public land grazing stakeholders consisting of Western States sheep and cattle producers, the Public Lands Council (PLC), State Animal Health Officials (SAHO), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), USDA Wildlife Services (WS), USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) worked together to determine livestock management options and movement decision criteria guidance. An overview is provided in the [Executive Summary](#).

Guidance Documents

- [Movement Decision Criteria for Industry and Regulatory Officials Managing Cattle and Sheep Grazing Federal Public Lands during an FMD Outbreak](#)
- [Roles of Agencies in Non-outbreak and FMD Outbreak Situations: Permitting Sheep and Cattle Grazing Federal Public Lands](#)
- [Management Practices and FMD Exposure Risks for Sheep and Cattle Grazing Federal Public Lands](#)
- [Just-in-Time Biosecurity and Exposure Questionnaire for FMD: Livestock Grazing Public Lands \(TYPE info\) - Final PDF](#)
- [Just-in-Time Biosecurity and Exposure Questionnaire for FMD: Livestock Grazing Public Lands \(WRITE info\) - Word document](#)

Ranchers with livestock on their base property at any point in time are encouraged to develop an enhanced biosecurity plan for that premises. As a result of this project, a section on "Grazing Public Lands" has been included in the [Biosecurity Checklist](#) and [Information Manual](#) for Pasture/Rangeland and both Plan Templates ([Type](#) and [Write](#)). The Food of Biosecurity Checklist and Information Manuals remain unchanged.

Grazing Public Lands in an FMD Outbreak



Download the Grazing Public Lands in an FMD Outbreak video

These resources were created with funding from the USDA National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) to the American Sheep Industry Association (AW22VSSP0000012)

Self-Assessment Checklist for Enhanced Biosecurity for FMD Prevention: Sheep on Pasture/Rangeland



Recommendations for Biosecurity

Each self-assessment checklist item has three possible responses, described below. Implementation is essential to prevent virus entry and protect the health and well-being of the operation.

- **In place:** All items are addressed in the biosecurity plan and are, or are capable of being implemented on the operation as evidenced by visual inspection or by signed and dated documentation, as applicable.
- **In progress:** Some, but not all, of the items are addressed in the biosecurity plan capable of being implemented on the operation as evidenced by visual inspection and/or dated documentation, as applicable.
- **Not in place:** The items have not been addressed in the biosecurity plan or are not implemented on the operation.

3. Protecting the Flock

Line of Separation (LOS)

The biosecurity plan includes an LOS, which is established as an outer control boundary around, or within, the premises to limit movement of virus into areas where susceptible animals can be exposed. The LOS is clearly defined in the biosecurity plan and is clearly marked on the premises. Animals, vehicles, people, or items only cross the LOS through clearly marked and controlled LOS Access Point(s), following appropriate biosecurity measures. Sheep are prevented from nose-to-nose contact with livestock on adjacent premises. Sheep do not have access to streams, waterways, or run-off water that may have come from other premises with FMD-susceptible species.

- In place In progress Not in place

Grazing Public Lands (*wording subject to review/edits*)

The Biosecurity Manager and those overseeing sheep grazing public lands are aware of FMD exposure risks. They can describe just-in-time biosecurity steps (through records, interviews, or observations) for livestock grazing public lands when requested.

- In place In progress Not in place
 Does not apply (explanation included in the biosecurity plan)

Maximize Distance between Susceptible Livestock on Adjacent Premises

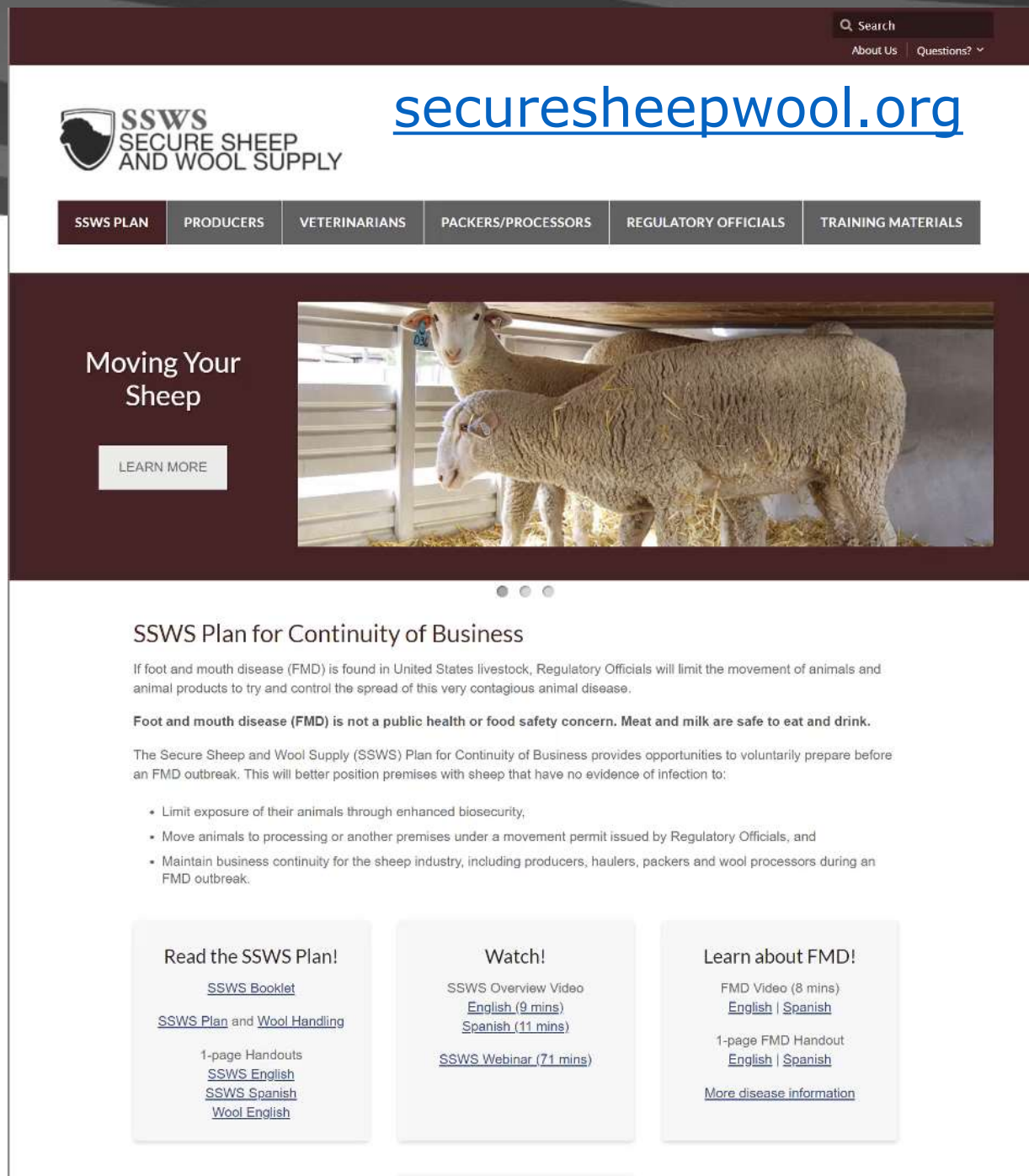
The distance is maximized between susceptible livestock on adjacent premises, and steps to do so have been coordinated with owners/operators of these premises.

- In place In progress Not in place

Updates to SSWS & SBS Resources

- Biosecurity Checklist: Pasture/Rangeland
- Information Manual: Pasture/Rangeland
- Biosecurity Template
- Continuity of Business Plan

Thank you
ASI!
Thank you
USDA!



The screenshot shows the SSWS website homepage. At the top right, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'About Us' and 'Questions?'. The main header features the SSWS logo (Secure Sheep and Wool Supply) and the website URL 'seuresheepwool.org'. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories: SSWS PLAN, PRODUCERS, VETERINARIANS, PACKERS/PROCESSORS, REGULATORY OFFICIALS, and TRAINING MATERIALS. The main content area has a dark background with a video player showing sheep in a barn. To the left of the video is the text 'Moving Your Sheep' and a 'LEARN MORE' button. Below the video is a section titled 'SSWS Plan for Continuity of Business' with a paragraph of text, a bolded statement about FMD, and a list of bullet points. At the bottom, there are three columns of links for 'Read the SSWS Plan!', 'Watch!', and 'Learn about FMD!'.

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SSWS Plan for Continuity of Business

If foot and mouth disease (FMD) is found in United States livestock, Regulatory Officials will limit the movement of animals and animal products to try and control the spread of this very contagious animal disease.

Foot and mouth disease (FMD) is not a public health or food safety concern. Meat and milk are safe to eat and drink.

The Secure Sheep and Wool Supply (SSWS) Plan for Continuity of Business provides opportunities to voluntarily prepare before an FMD outbreak. This will better position premises with sheep that have no evidence of infection to:

- Limit exposure of their animals through enhanced biosecurity;
- Move animals to processing or another premises under a movement permit issued by Regulatory Officials, and
- Maintain business continuity for the sheep industry, including producers, haulers, packers and wool processors during an FMD outbreak.

Read the SSWS Plan!

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