



# US Swine Health Improvement Plan Quarterly Report

*Piloting a proven platform for safeguarding, certifying, and bettering animal health*

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US SHIP Stakeholders,

We hope your 2022 is off to a great start! With this report we hope to give you a brief update on our three main areas of emphasis for 2022, specifically: 1) producer and packer enrollment with official state agencies (OSAs); 2) expanding technical standards through working groups and projects commissioned at the 2021 House of Delegates (HOD); and 3) collaborating with the USDA to formalize the program and securing USDA and National Pork Board (NPB) funding.

## **Enrollment and OSA Support**

US SHIP staff has been working closely with the 28 states that have expressed interest in the initial pilot program, including developing an enrollment packet consisting of:

1. Single Premises US SHIP Enrollment Form
  - US SHIP participants enrolling one site per state.
2. Multi-Premises US SHIP Enrollment Form
  - US SHIP participants enrolling multiple sites per state.
3. US SHIP Participant Checklist
  - This checklist lays out what a participant needs to do to become certified.
4. US SHIP Biosecurity Enrollment Survey
  - Link: [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6A5XQgynILXuLsO](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6A5XQgynILXuLsO)
5. US SHIP Program Standards
  - Abbreviated summary of the US SHIP program standards approved at HOD 2021.

The US SHIP OSAs will begin enrollment in Q1 2022. Please reach out to your state OSA for details. Contact information for each state OSA can be found on the US SHIP website.

## **Working Groups and Projects (as approved by the 2021 HOD)**

The current working groups/projects, their leaders, and source of funding are:

- Feed biosafety – Dr. Jordan Gebhardt (KSU) - \$63,550 NPB
- Traceability pilot demonstration using AgView – Dr. Jim Lowe (UI), Dr. Giovanni Trevisan (ISU) - \$150,000 NPB
- Live animal market channels – Dr. Bret Marsh (IN), Dr. Tyler Holck (ISU)
- Site biosecurity plans integrating Secure Pork Supply – Dr. Chris Rademacher (ISU), Dr. Montse Torremorell (UMN)
- Transportation sanitation – Dr. Rodger Main (ISU)
- Sampling & Testing projects – Dr. Jerry Torrison (UMN), Dr. Jeff Zimmerman (ISU), Dr. Jane Christopher-Hennings (SDSU)
  - Plans / approach for “peace-time” sampling requirements
  - Expand ASF/CSF PCR assays/sample types - \$150,000 USDA, \$112,500 NPB
  - Modeling of disease spread - \$108,500 NPB

A tiered approach will be implemented for most of the working groups to engage all those that have expressed interest in contributing to the projects. If you signed up for a working group at the 2021 HOD, please be on the lookout for invites that are expected to go out this spring (March-April).

### **USDA Planning/Funding**

USDA Veterinary Services has drafted a 5-year business plan to mature the current pilot project into a formal USDA program. This draft plan proposes two additional years of pilot efforts in FY 2023 and 2024 and culminating into a formal USDA program in FY 2025. Resolutions of support have been passed by USAHA/AAVLD (Oct 2021), NPPC board (Nov 2021), NPB board (Dec 2021) and will be considered by AASV at the upcoming annual meeting. Additional funding has already been approved by the NPB board for FY 2022 to include support for the previously described working groups/projects as well as additional education/outreach support.

### **2022 House of Delegates Meeting**

Finally, the US SHIP staff is excited to announce the 2022 US SHIP House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting is scheduled for September 7-8, 2022 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Bloomington, Minnesota. HOD packets are expected to go out to the states for review in June 2022.



Thank you for your engagement and interest in US SHIP. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

US SHIP Staff