US SHIP Quarterly Newsletter

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Enrollment update

36 participating states!

Since the last US SHIP quarterly report, two new states have joined US SHIP! We would like to extend a warm welcome to Florida and Louisiana! The Official State Agencies (OSAs) for Florida and Louisiana are the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, respectively. This brings the total number of states participating in US SHIP up to 36. Current program enrollment includes 73% of the U.S. breeding herd inventory and 63% of the U.S. growing pig inventory. There are 11,615 producers, packers, and live animal marketing sites enrolled in US SHIP! The enrollment process is straightforward and interested parties should reach out their OSA (contact information [here](#)) for more information.

June GCC Meeting Recap

The US SHIP General Conference Committee (GCC) met in person on June 7th, 2024, in Des Moines, Iowa. The US SHIP GCC includes nine members representing the six districts and three at-large positions elected by producers at the 2023 US SHIP House of Delegates (HOD).

General Conference Committee

The key activities from the meeting included:

- Reviewed proposed Standards and Resolutions for 2024 HOD meeting (additional information on proposed Standards and Resolutions below)
- Reviewed mock delegate allocation for the 2024 HOD meeting, based upon May enrollment data, and discussing potential delegate allocation strategies for 2025 HOD meeting
- Approved the draft agenda for the 2024 HOD meeting
- Reviewed key topics for the program's transition to USDA, based on the industry alignment meeting held with National Pork Board, National Pork Producers Council, and a subgroup of the GCC on June 6th
- Reviewed and discussed the OSA guidance document, support plan, and funding for 2024
- Reviewed and discussed the 2024 Traceability Pilot summary and next steps

2024 Proposed Standards and Resolutions

The US SHIP administrative team has received three proposed Standards and six proposed Resolutions for consideration at the 2024 HOD meeting. The proposed Standards and Resolutions will be provided to each participating state in their 2024 HOD review packet by July 15th. We encourage everyone to review the proposed Standards and Resolutions and discuss with their OSA and state delegations in advance of the meeting in September. Summaries of the proposed Standards and Resolutions are below.

U.S. Swine Health Improvement Plan

**4th House of Delegates Meeting
September 3 – 5, 2024**

Proposed Standards:

1. **Standard 2024 – 1**
   – Submitted by: US SHIP Sampling and Testing Working Group
   – Subject Matter: Inclusion of Site Name, Premises Identification Numbers (PIN),and State on US SHIP Qualifying Submissions to NAHLN Labs.
2. **Standard 2024 – 2**
   – Submitted by: US SHIP GCC
   – Subject Matter: US SHIP Official State Agencies (US SHIP OSA) requirement to report and keep the status of the US SHIP certifications held by the participating sites current in the US SHIP Site Status Verification Database.
3. **Standard 2024 – 3**
   – Submitted by: US SHIP GCC
   – Subject Matter: US SHIP House of Delegates voting delegate allocation of At-Large Breeding Herd and Growing Pig Delegates based upon certification (vs enrollment) beginning in 2025.

Proposed Resolutions

1. **Resolution 2024 – 1**
   – Submitted by: US SHIP Sampling and Testing Working Group
   – Subject Matter: Explore utility of aggregate samples as a complimentary surveillance tool to the individual sick sow testing in commercial scale breeding herds as part of the ASF/CSF Risk Level 2 and 3 testing requirements.

2. **Resolution 2024 – 2**
   – Submitted by: US SHIP Feed Biosafety Working Group
   – Subject Matter: Continuation of a broadly applicable Feed Ingredient Import Pilot program across a substantive subset of US pork industry participants and feed industry stakeholders.

3. **Resolution 2024 – 3**
   – Submitted by: US SHIP Site Biosecurity Feral Swine Mitigation Working Group
   – Subject Matter: Request the Secure Pork Supply Plan Working Group to consider recommendations from the US SHIP Site Biosecurity Working Group to ensure future revisions to Secure Pork Supply Plans consider the needs of US SHIP.

4. **Resolution 2024 – 4**
   – Submitted by: US SHIP Traceability Working Group
   – Subject Matter: Extend the US SHIP traceability pilot to support a national swine traceability approach by further developing the "US SHIP Compliant Repositories of Inter-Premises Swine Movement Records" for capturing movement records of swine being moved interstate for further growing,breeding, or exhibition in near real-time across a number of US States.

5. **Resolution 2024 – 5**
   – Submitted by: US SHIP Traceability Working Group
   – Subject Matter: Request US SHIP participant State Animal Health Officials (SAHOs) to commission a working group to define and propose an alternative approach to report movements that occur under Swine Production Health Plans (SPHPs) or Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) by US SHIP participants towards the usage of a centralized US SHIP compliant repository(ies).

6. **Resolution 2024 – 6**
   – Submitted by: Delegations from the state of Minnesota and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians
   – Subject Matter: Explore the potential for PEDV certification in US SHIP.

Traceability Pilot Project Update

The US SHIP traceability working group conducted a second pilot study this spring involving the collection of animal movement data by producers, reporting the movement data to one of two compliant repositories, and making that data available to US SHIP OSAs and State Animal Health Officials. The pilot concluded that establishing compliant repositories for animal movement data is feasible, albeit not easy. Detailed learnings from the pilot will be shared at the US SHIP HOD. Broad engagement in US SHIP provides a pathway to help producers get prepared for a national traceability system.

Important Update

USDA Updates: The US SHIP draft rule, which will be available for public comment and is part of the process to codify US SHIP into a formal USDA program, was recently redesignated by the Office of Management and Budget which may allow it to be published on a more aggressive timeline than originally projected.
Additionally, the hiring process for a permanent USDA US SHIP Senior Coordinator is underway – the position was posted on USAJobs in early June and candidate review is in process.

REMINDER! In an effort to improve program awareness and participation, please send the US SHIP administrative team suggestions for names of groups or organizations that might benefit from additional targeted outreach or meetings.

Important dates:

July 15: US SHIP House of Delegates registration opens (contact usship@iastate.edu if you have questions)
July 18th: Monthly OSA Call at 3:00 pm CST
August 9th: US SHIP House of Delegates hotel reservation block closes
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September 3rd – 5th: US SHIP House of Delegates Meeting (Bloomington, MN)