



# US Swine Health Improvement Plan

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

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## Overview message points:

1. US SHIP is modelled after the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), a collaborative effort involving industry, state, and federal officials providing standards for disease certification.
  - NPIP was established in 1935 and while voluntary, has nearly universal participation.
  - NPIP started certifying for one disease initially and now certifies 7 diseases.
  - NPIP meets biennially to approve additions and revisions to certification requirements.
2. US SHIP will focus on African Swine Fever (ASF) and Classical Swine Fever (CSF) or Hog Cholera during the initial 2-year pilot program which began in 3Q2020.
  - The framework can be expanded in the future to include diseases endemic to the US.
3. US SHIP will establish a “national playbook” of technical standards to provide a uniform approach to disease prevention, response, and recovery by each of the participating states.
  - Each participating state will commit to implementation of the approved standards.
4. Participating producers and packers will be certified based upon achievement of technical standard requirements associated with biosecurity, traceability, and sampling/testing.
  - Certification will be based upon individual premises, both production and packing, located in a state that is participating in US SHIP.
5. The initial technical standards will be developed by industry technical experts and specific requirements will be proposed for vote at the inaugural House of Delegates (HOD) in 3Q2021.
  - Standards will leverage current industry initiatives such as Secure Pork Supply.
  - Technical committees began in 4Q2020 and will be expanded through 2Q2021.
6. Each participating state will provide delegates representative of their industry to the HOD.
  - The number of delegates will be determined once the participating states are identified.
7. Each participating state will be responsible for the oversight and compliance to the US SHIP requirements by establishing an Official State Agency (OSA).
  - The state animal health board and state pork associations will determine the OSA.

## Benefits from US SHIP:

8. Uniform approach to ASF/CSF prevention, response, and recovery across all participating states.
  - Improved preparedness for ASF/CSF by implementing biosecurity, traceability, and sampling/testing requirements implemented across thousands of certified sites.
  - Building the framework for expedited interstate movements and international trade recognition in the case of an ASF or CSF incursion in the US.
9. Reduce the impact of recurring endemic diseases of high consequences through the sustainable advancement of standards and practice that mitigate disease spread within and between farms.
  - Technical requirements established in the pilot US SHIP program have the potential to positively impact health and subsequent performance in participating herds.
10. Provide the US pork industry with “first-hand” experience in developing and participating in an “NPIP like” program customized to meet the needs of the US pork industry.
  - Create a forum for productive conversations and decision-making among producers, packers, state animal health and federal officials to establish a domestic and internationally recognized program.

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