## M. bovis situation in Minnesota



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## **US Bovine Tuberculosis Control Program**

#### Slaughter surveillance

- Observe carcass for visible
  lesions (granulomas) with
  traceback of positive cattle to
  herd of origin
- Minimum standard of 1
  granuloma per 2,000 adult
  cattle slaughtered per plant.







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## **US Bovine Tuberculosis Control Program**

#### Individual cattle testing

- Not routinely used currently in US, except for testing epidemiologically traced herds
- Accredited vets test cattle using Caudal Fold Tuberculin test
  - Suspect = any swelling or reaction
- State or federal vets test suspect cattle using Comparative Cervical Tuberculin (CCT) test
- Herds with CCT positive cows
  - All cattle removed to slaughter with indemnity OR
  - Reactor cattle removed and slaughtered and herd quarantined with repeat testing





#### Bovine TB identified at Wisconsin slaughter plant February 2005

5 year old cow traced to Minnesota beef herd using back tag applied prior to sale for slaughter



Glaser, 2016, Plos One



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## Bovine TB in Minnesota, 2005-2009

- Animals detected
  - 12 infected beef cattle herds
    - 37 lesioned cattle
  - 27 free-ranging deer
- Source of *M. bovis* 
  - *M. bovis* in cattle and deer linked to isolates from cattle in southwest US and Mexico







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## **Epidemiologic links between cattle herds in Minnesota Bovine TB outbreak,**



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### **Control of bovine tuberculosis in Minnesota**





- TB testing of epidemiologically linked herds with movement restrictions
- Annual testing of cattle and other ruminants in affected zone
- TB testing for fairs
- Statewide cattle surveillance
- Depopulation of positive cattle herds with indemnity payments
- Buy-out of cattle producers in Management Zone (45/60 farms)
- Hunter-kill deer surveillance
- Ban feeding of deer
- Reduce deer population



## **Cattle in United States**

#### Beef Cattle Inventory, by County, 2012



Source: USDA NASS, 2012 Census of Agriculture.

2014/2015:

Milk cow inventory, 2011



Source: Hoard's Dairyman 1 dot = 1500 cows

90 million cattle: 30 million beef cows, 9 million dairy cows 913,000 cattle farms: 728,000 beef farms, 64,000 dairy farms

About 1,000,000 cattle legally enter the US from Mexican each year



# **Risk-based Surveillance**

- Disease does not behave randomly
  - Underlying risk factors enhance or limit spread
    - Cattle movement primary risk factor for bovine TB
- How to target surveillance?
  - Focus on strata of the population more likely to have a disease cases as consequence of risk profile





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#### Cattle movements in Minnesota BTB zone Top 20% of farms





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