

Foreign Animal and Emerging Diseases Awareness Course June 10-13, 2013



The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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One Health

The collaborative effort of multiple disciplines working locally, nationally, and globally to attain optimal health for people, animals and our environment.



Science Meets Practice Harvesting Science for Safer, More Plentiful Agriculture in Florida





Three Focus Areas

- 1. Develop Department AgResearch Plan
- 2. Maximize Collaborations
- 3. Amplify Science Information Flow

To actively fill the void of knowledge



1. Develop Department Research Plan

Priorities

- What are research needs of Florida agriculture industries?
- What are research needs of Department staff in order to work more effectively?
- What are research needs of the Department to effect improved policy?



1. Develop Department Research Plan

- Identify and track Department work in process, and by whom
- Determine best way to elicit feedback and manage expectations from the industry and from staff (brainstorming)
- Determine prioritization scheme
- Identify potential resources
- Identify method of information distribution and ongoing solicitation of feedback for future needs



2. Maximize Collaborations

- Invite participation in the development of research plan
 - Models in Aquaculture and AES, others
- Encourage contact between staff, academia and industry
- Enhance translational grant opportunities



3. Amplify Science Information Flow

- Highlight Department and Industry innovations
 - "AgScience Spotlight"
 - "FDACS Academy"
- Facilitate monthly AgriScience forum
 - Review and discuss peer-reviewed journal articles
 - Encourage dissemination of convention travel hot topics
 - Celebrate in-house publications
- Coordinate FDACS Academy
 - Identify opportunities for staff to disseminate knowledge within and outside of the department



EHV1





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Herpesviridae

- Alphaherpesvirinae (BHV-1, EHV-1,4, FelineHV, CanineHV)
 - Grow rapidly
 - Latency in sensory neurons
- Betaherpesvirinae
 - Cytomegaloviruses (large balloon-like cells)
 - Grow slowly
 - Latency in salivary glands, kidneys, lymphocytes
- Gammaherpesvirinae (malignant catarrhal fever virus)
 - Lymphoproliferative diseases
 - Latency in lymphoid cells



Equine alpha herpesviruses

Equine herpesvirus	Clinical
EHV-1	Respiratory, abortions, encephalomyelitis
EHV-3	Genital lesions (coital exanthema)
EHV-4	Respiratory
EHV-9	Asymptomatic in equids, severe disease in other species

5 other known herpesviruses



EHV-1 Transmission

Virus enters via upper respiratory system

- Direct Contact through nasal secretions
 - ≻Horse to Horse
 - ▶ Possible transmission up to 35 feet
- Spread Indirectly
 - Fomite
 - ➤ Equipment
 - ➤ Clothing
 - People
 - ➤ Hands





EHV-1

Respiratory disease

- Incubation period (1-10 days)
- Primary infection in young horses
- Biphasic fever
- Nasal discharge, cough
- Uncomplicated cases -> complete recovery 1-2 weeks

Abortions (3rd trimester but can also occur at other times)

Myeloencephalopathy (EHM)











Primary replication – Respiratory tract epithelial cells

 Infection of endothelial cells of vessels in nasal region, viremia associated with monocytes and lymphocytes

<u>Secondary replication</u> in endothelial cells of the uterus, CNS, testes, endocrine organs, infection of ganglion trigeminale

EHV-1 associated neurological disease - An emerging disease



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Myeloencephalopathy by EHV-1

- Often associated with respiratory disease
- Often several horses
- Sudden onset rapid progression, early stabilization
- Ataxia, paresis, urinary incontinence, cystitis
- Little evidence of viral replication in neural tissues (immune mediated?)
- Vasculitis, thrombosis, hemorrhages





Goodman et al. 2007. A point mutation in a herpesvirus polymerase determines neuropathogenecity. PLoS Pathogen. 3(11):e160.doi.1371

Viremia by neuropathogenic and non-neuropathogenic EHV-1





Allen and Breathnach 2006. Eq Vet Jn 38:252

Prevention of EHV-1 disease

Management

- vaccines
 - short-lived immunity (mares 5,7,9 months of gestation)
 - reduce severity but do not prevent
 - no vaccines licensed to prevent encephalomyelitis

Influenza



Prevention and Control







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Surveillance





Partnerships















Perspectives

Hot wash





Knowledge Gaps