# US Swine Health Improvement Plan (US SHIP)



#### What it is –

- US SHIP is a USDA Veterinary Services sponsored pilot project being pursued with support of state and industry partners.
- US SHIP has received endorsements of support by the United States Animal Health Association, American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, National Pork Board, National Pork Producers Council, and the North American Meat Institute.

## Objectives –

- The principal objectives are to develop and implement an African Swine Fever (ASF)-Classical Swine Fever (CSF) Monitored Certification Program modelled after the basic tenets of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) H5/H7 Avian Influenza Monitored certification held by greater than 99% of US Commercial Poultry Operations.
- The US SHIP ASF-CSF Monitored certification aims to mitigate risks of disease introduction and provide a practical means for demonstrating evidence of freedom of disease (outside of foreign animal disease control areas) in support of ongoing interstate commerce and a pathway towards the resumption of international trade over the course of a trade impacting disease response and recovery period.

# **Official State Agency**

 The SD Animal Industry board is administering the US SHIP in South Dakota. Please contact Marc Hammrich, DVM, <u>marc.hammrich@state.sd.us</u> or 605.773.3321 for more information.

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# **US SHIP Program Standards:**

- Informed by a congress of US pork industry participants
- Applicable across the broad spectrum of various types of pork production operations
- Center on Biosecurity, Traceability, and Sampling and Testing

### **US SHIP Certification:**

- Certificates are held by producers and packers
- Intended for all types of pork producers i.e. large, small, exhibition/youth)

#### Goals –

- In total, US SHIP will establish a national program of technical standards and associated certification recognized across participating states that centers on disease prevention and demonstration of freedom of disease outside of control areas in support of animal health, commerce, and trade.
- US SHIP is being developed in such manner that the experiences gained and operations established through the pilot build the foundation for a sustainable and officially recognized platform for safeguarding, certifying and bettering the health of US swine and longer-term competitiveness of the US pork industry.

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