

Economic Impacts of FMD on North America and Australia

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Overview

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Motivation

- **Invasive species in livestock pose a serious threat to agriculture, human health, and the economy.**
 - **The UK livestock industry has suffered large losses due to **FMD** outbreaks (most recent cases in 2007).**
 - **A single **mad cow** (BSE) found in Alberta in 2003 cost Canada \$25 million per day (FSB News, 2003).**
 - **In 2003, the U.S. lost about \$3-5 billion in exports because a single incident of **mad cow** disease in Washington State.**

Motivation

- **Invasive species policies and impacts differ across the world given cultural, socio-economic, political and spatial diversity. For example,**
 - **U.S. has contiguous neighbors (Canada & Mexico), large domestic population, feedlot driven beef production, exports about 7% of production.** 
 - **Australia is a large island country, domestic population about the size of New York, 80% grass fed, exports about 65% of production, also large exporter of live cattle.** 

Motivation

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- **Canada, smaller domestic population, feedlot driven beef production, exports about 44% of production.**



- **Mexico, larger domestic population, lower income, 65% grass fed, 35% feedlot production (northern part of the country), some live exports.**



Objectives

- ***Project:*** Provide estimates of welfare measures focusing on a invasive species (hypothetical FMD) outbreaks in livestock sectors for North America (U.S., Canada & Mexico) and Australia.
- **Compare FMD outbreaks for beef cattle across countries**
 - **Decentralized model for each country**



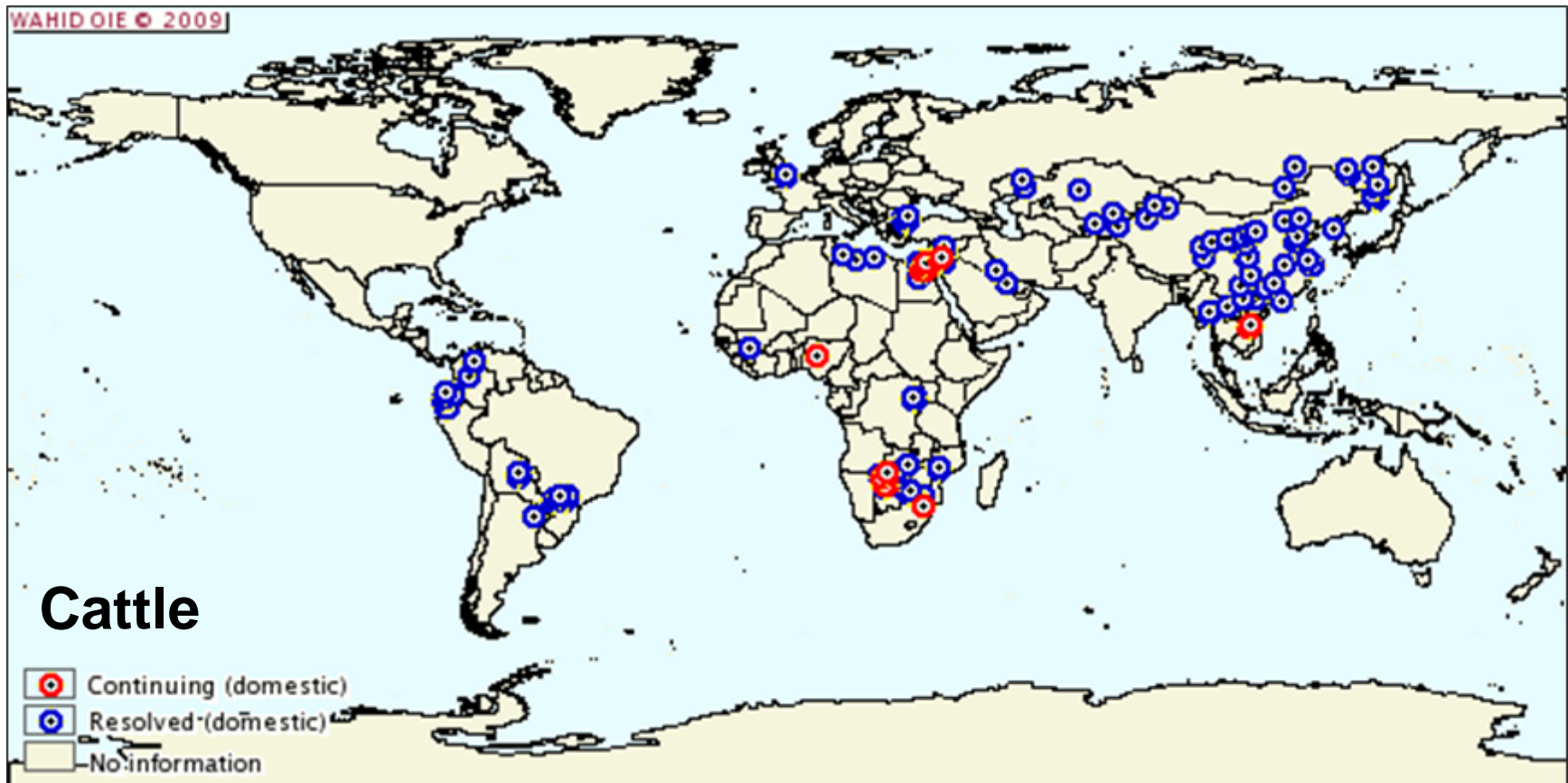
Summary Statistics

	Population (million)	Per Capita GDP US dollars	Beef and Veal Summary - 2000			
			Production	Exports	Imports	Per Capita Consumption
			(1000 metric tons)	(1000 metric tons)	(1000 metric tons)	(pounds)
Australia	19.2	20880	1988	1329	0	77.6
Canada	31.3	23621	1246	547	275	69.0
Mexico	100.3	5823	1900	3.5	420	50.8
United States	281.4	34280	12298	1141	1375	97.8
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Australia	21.3	47582	2159	1407	0	78.5
Canada	33.3	45033	1285	494	230	68.3
Mexico	107.7	10103	2225	0	408	53.0
United States	304.5	47427	12163	856	1151	90.2

Why FMD?

- **Highly contagious with severe productivity, food security, and trade implications**
- **Outbreaks reported in 52 countries since 2000**
- **70 countries recognized as FMD free (more than 100 countries not recognized as FMD free by OIE)**
- **Last reported FMD outbreak in study countries**
 - **Australia- 1872**
 - **Canada - 1952**
 - **Mexico - 1954**
 - **U.S. - 1929**

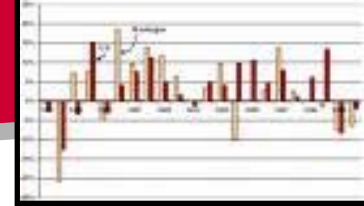
Reported FMD Outbreaks 2005 - 2009





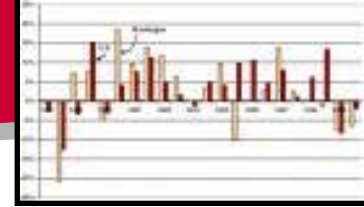
Theoretical Model

- **Assume a representative producer maximizes an infinite stream of discounted expected profits subject to age specific stock dynamics and other production constraints (Jarvis; Aadland).**
- **Representative producer chooses the number of cull cows, imports, exports to max expected profit.**
- **Linked to a partial equilibrium framework, and assuming perfectly competitive markets, products are sold on the domestic market, as well as imported and exported (Zhao, Wahl, and Marsh).**



Empirical Model

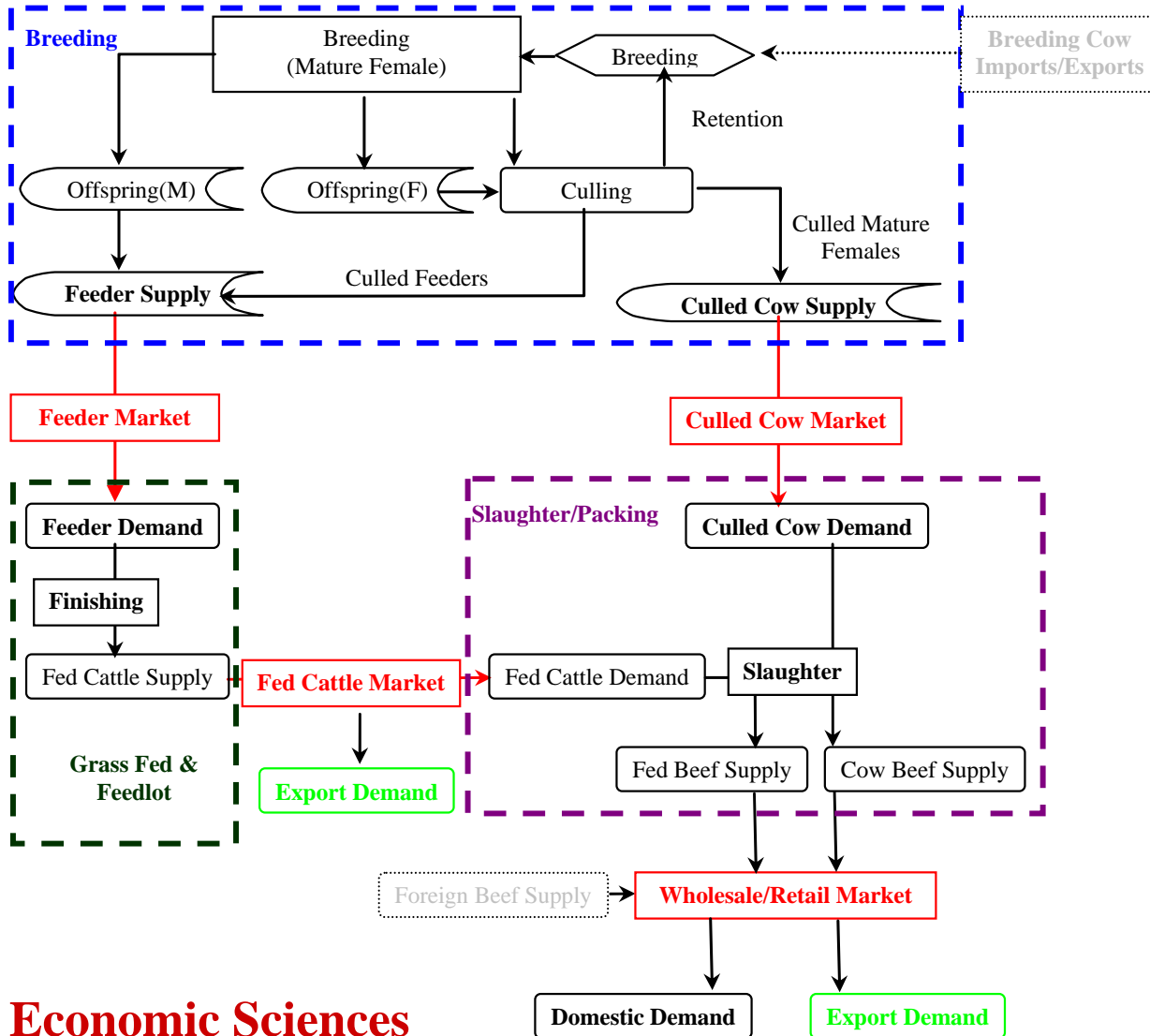
- **Specified as a deterministic, discrete time optimal control model to account for intertemporal nature of livestock inventories and invasive species.**
- **Allows nested time steps: production/marketing decisions (annual) and FMD spread (weekly).**
- **Systematically link economic decisions on breeding inventories to live or feeder cattle, retail, and import & export markets.**
- **Calculate welfare impacts from hypothetical FMD outbreak.**

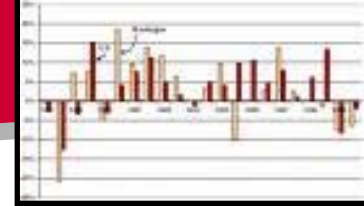


Empirical Models

- **Extensions from previous work**
 - **Price expectations**
 - **Disposal and indemnification costs**
 - **Live cattle trade**
 - **Feedlot and/or pasture systems**
- **Programmed in GAMS**

Example Model





Model Data & Assumptions

- **Historical production, feeding & slaughter parameters, and data from respective government agencies, published research, or estimated values.**
- **Consider a FMD outbreak with export market bans imposed for 3 yrs and decrease 5% domestic demand.**
- **Calibrated the U.S., Canadian, Mexican, & Australian models to 2000 inventories, market prices/quantities, etc.**



FMD Assumptions

- **Standard S-I-R type model**
 - **States**
 - **susceptible**
 - **latent infectious (first week), second week infectious, third week infectious**
 - **immune (recovered or vaccinated)**
 - **removed (dead or depopulated)**
- **Parameters from Schoenbaum and Disney (2003) and others.**

Country Specific Characteristics

- **Australia**
 - **80% fed cattle on pasture**
 - **20% in feedlot**
 - **Price grid constructed for WA**
 - **Live cattle exports**
 - **No cattle imports**



Country Specific Characteristics

- **For Mexico**
 - **65% fed cattle on pasture (south)**
 - **35% in feedlot (north)**
 - **Live cattle exports**

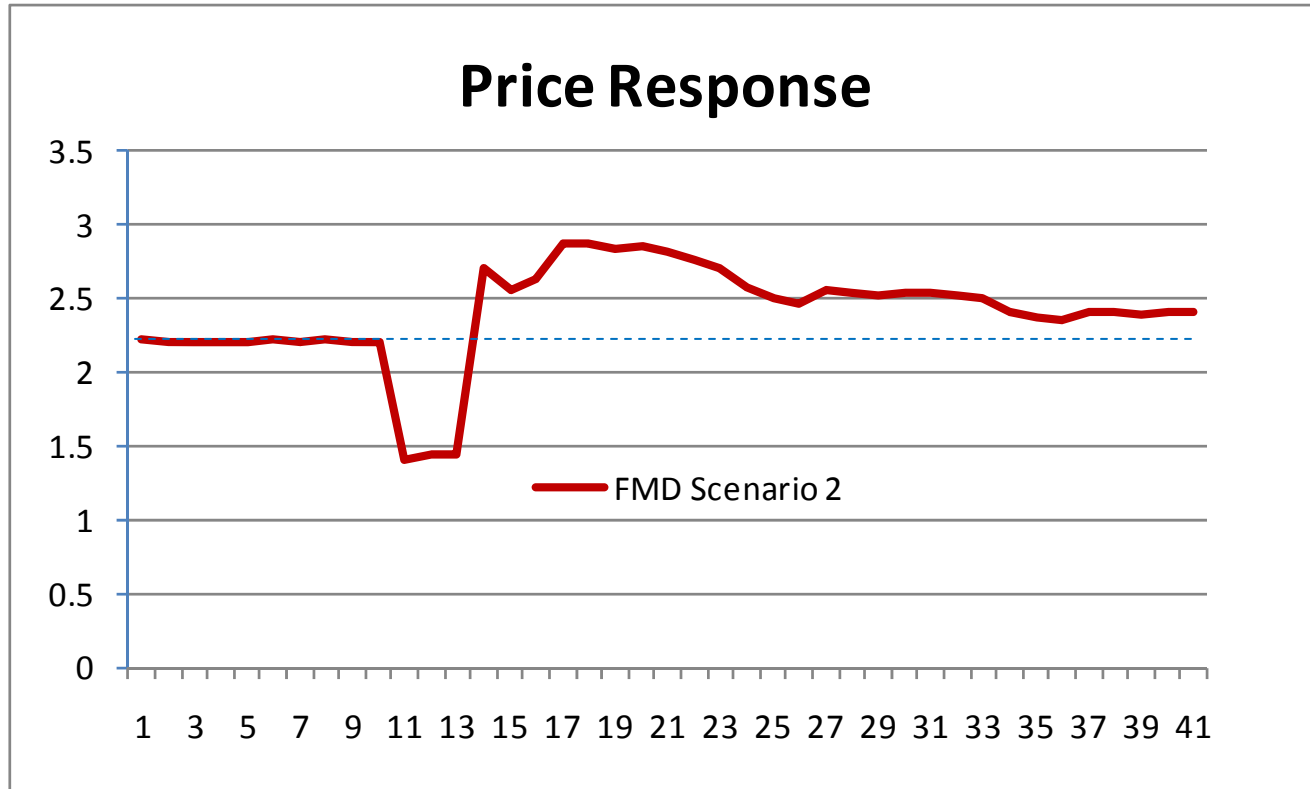


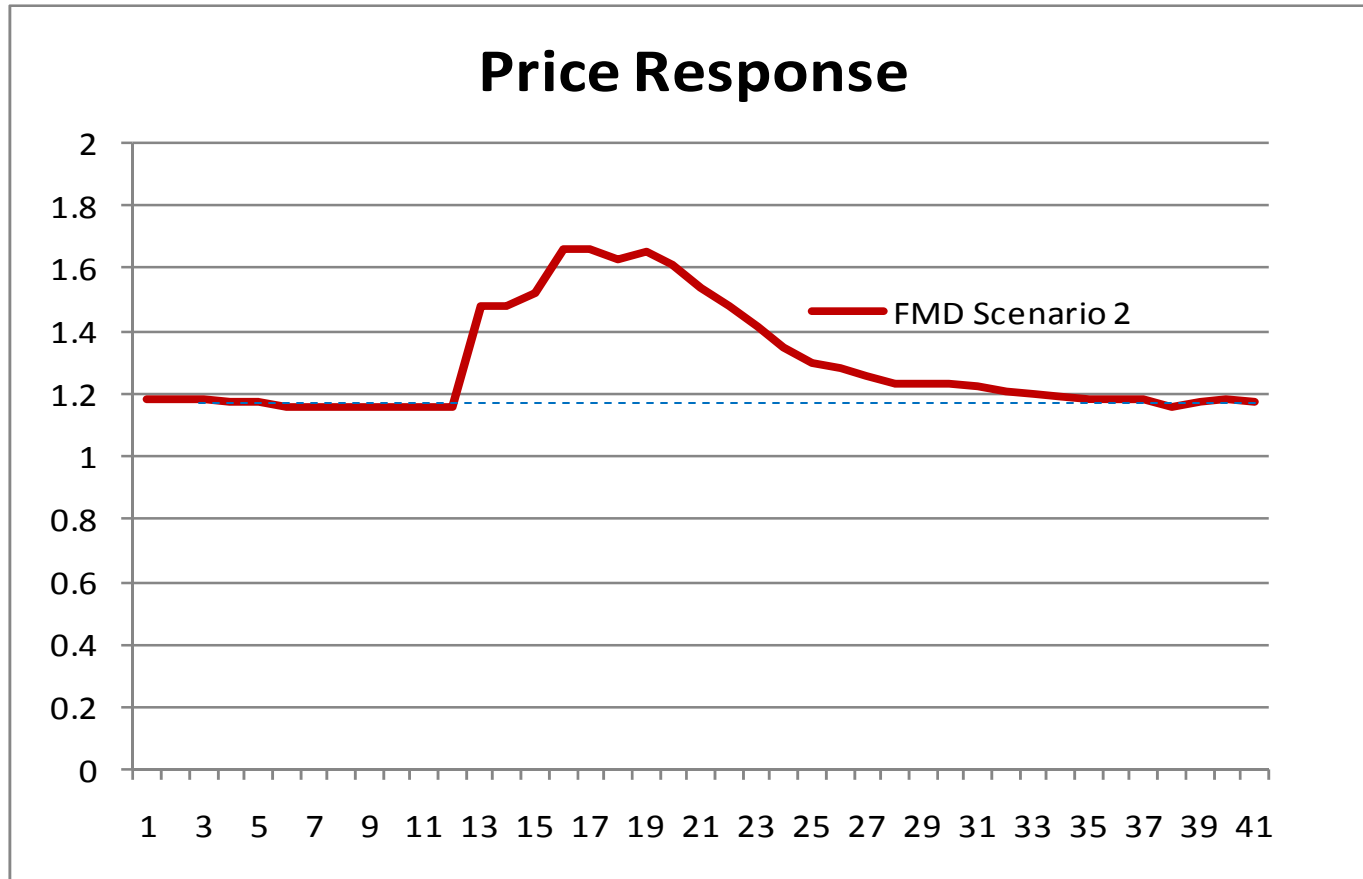
Depopulation Scenarios

		Change in Total Surplus (\$US Billion)*				
Scenarios	Depop Rate	Australia	Canada	Mexico	United States	
1	50%	-7.37	-14.48	-16.79	-91.89	
2	60%	-5.12	-12.20	-8.95	-59.54	
3	70%	-3.32	-9.88	-5.91	-40.75	
4	80%	-1.88	-8.16	-4.24	-29.12	
5	90%	-0.75	-6.43	-3.30	-21.53	
* Preliminary estimates based on depopulating latent infected stock.						



Australia







Discussion Points

- **Economic impacts vary by country**
 - **Mexico, U.S.**
 - **Australia, Canada**
- **Alternative Tactics**
 - **Depopulation**
 - **Vaccination**
 - **Joint**



Discussion Points

- **Model runs dependent upon historical parameters and assumptions.**
- **Circumstances may require region specific adjustment to production management and technologies (birth, calving, weaning rates).**



Future Research

- **Role of compensation costs and payments in model.**
- **More regionalization and cooperative policies.**
- **Multiple species, as well as wild life.**
- **Impacts on lower income countries (food security, draft animal productivity).**

Working Papers

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