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Zoonoses-Understanding the Animal Agriculture & Human Health Connection

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NWRC Locations



Apply scientific expertise to resolve human-wildlife conflicts while maintaining the quality of the environment shared with wildlife

Agriculture & Resource Protection

- -Aviation Safety
- -Feedlots & Dairies
- -Sunflower & Rice
- -Timber & Horticulture
- -Pacific Rim Biosecurity
- -Livestock

Technology Development

- -Contraceptives
- -Chemistry
- -Genetics
- -Toxicology

Wildlife Diseases

- -Cattle Fever Tick
- -Pseudorabies
- -Rabies
- -bovine TB
- -Influenzas
- -Bacteria
- -CWD

Invasive Species

















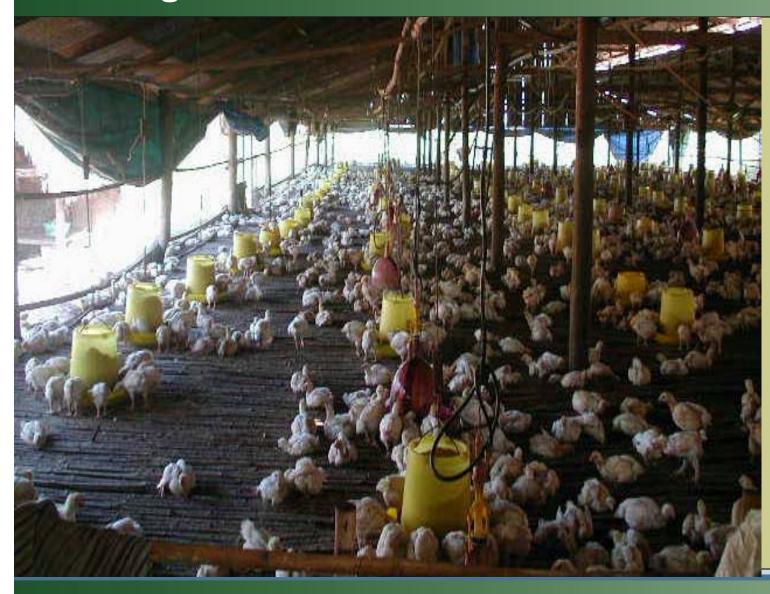














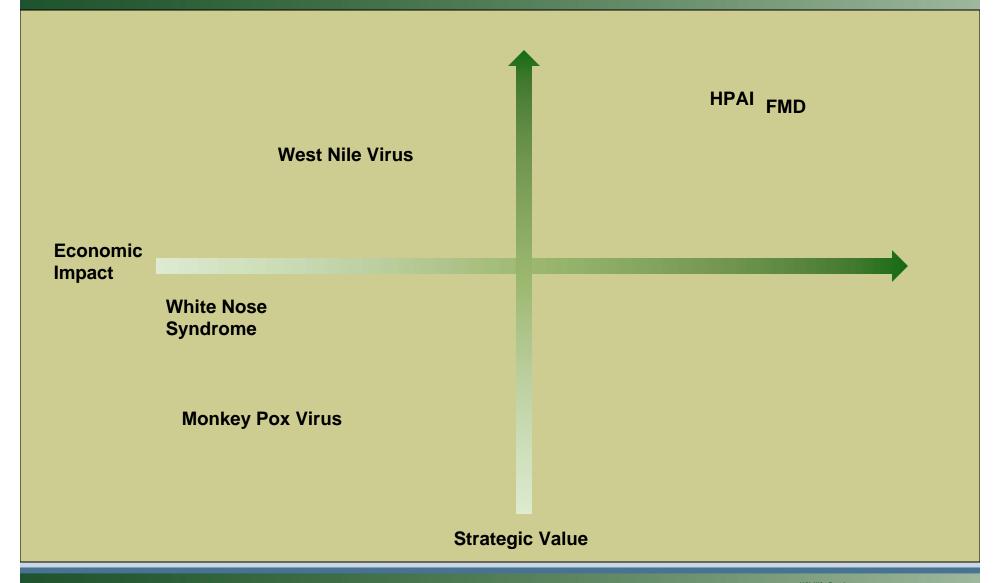








Challenge: Are all diseases created equal?



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Key Challenges

- 1. Funding
- 2. Silos
- 3. Conflicting Authorities
- 4. Diffuse Effort
- 5. Lack of Coordinated Management Plans
- 6. Challenges to Available Tools
- 7. Knowledge



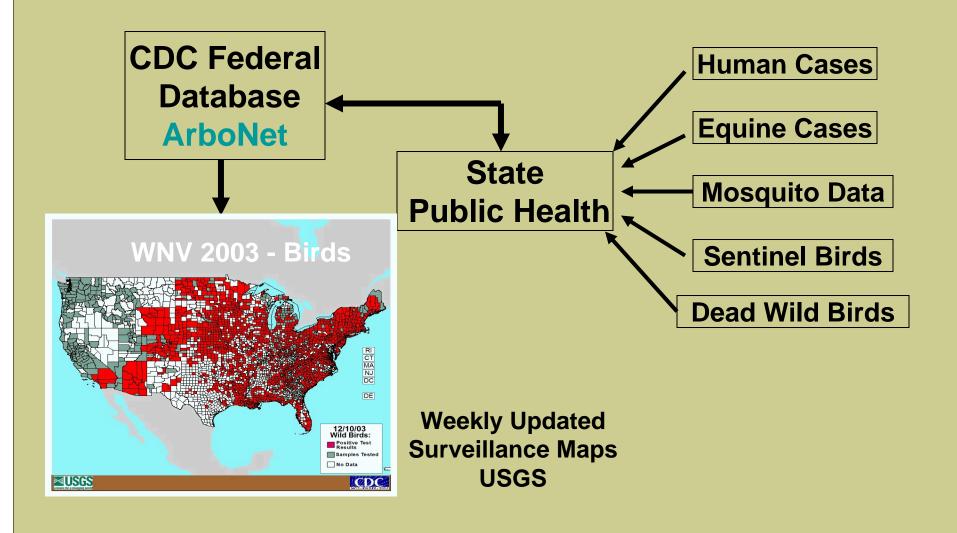
Approaches: Dynamical Models Epidemics



- 1. Estimate key parameters
- 2. Link data across scales
- 3. Identify & evaluate control measures

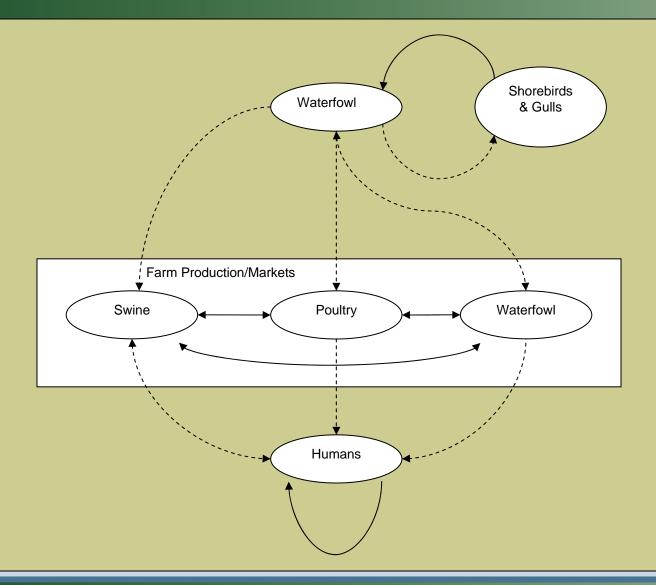


Lessons Learned: West Nile Virus





Conceptual Model of Risk Paths from Birds to Farms



Clark & Hall 2006

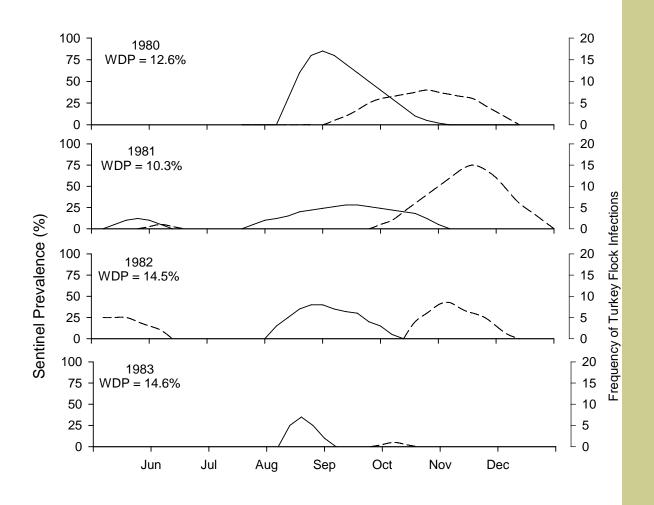


Parameterization: Which wildlife species are good models?

Functional Group/Species	No.	%AI positive	
Dabbling duck (12 species)	39198	12.6	
American green-winged teal	5802	11.6	
Blue-winged teal	3349	15.3	
Mallard	14041	16.4	
Northern pintail	3228	16.7	
Wood duck	3317	3.5	
Dark geese (4 species)	5795	2.5	
Canada goose	5183	2.6	
All Species (109 species)	56497	9.9	l



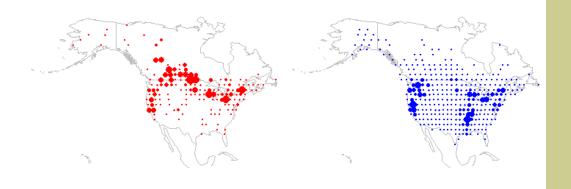
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Halvorson et al 1985



Animal Movement



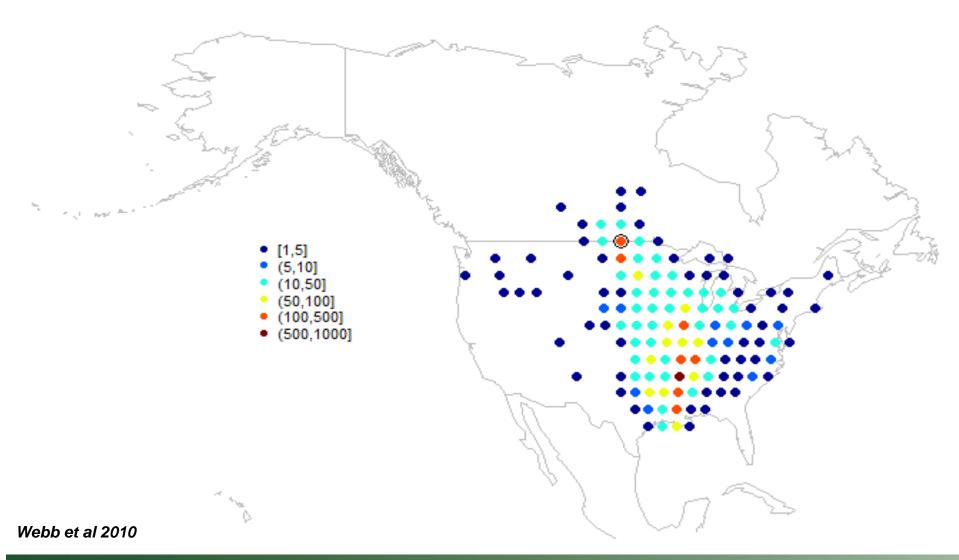
- Where are the populations?
- Where did they come from?
- Where are they likely to go?

How few places do we need to monitor? → Where do we put a detection network?

Webb et al 2010

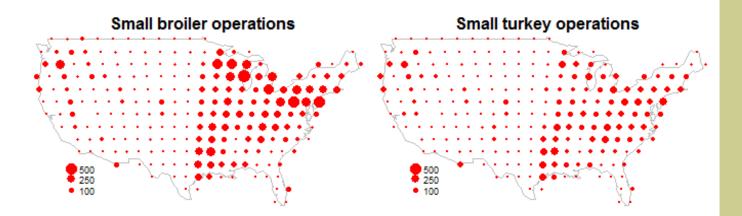


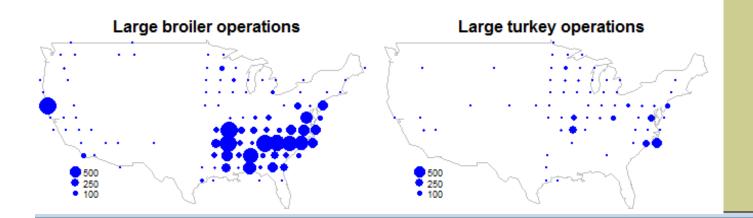
Animal Movement: where do they go?





What areas are we concerned with?

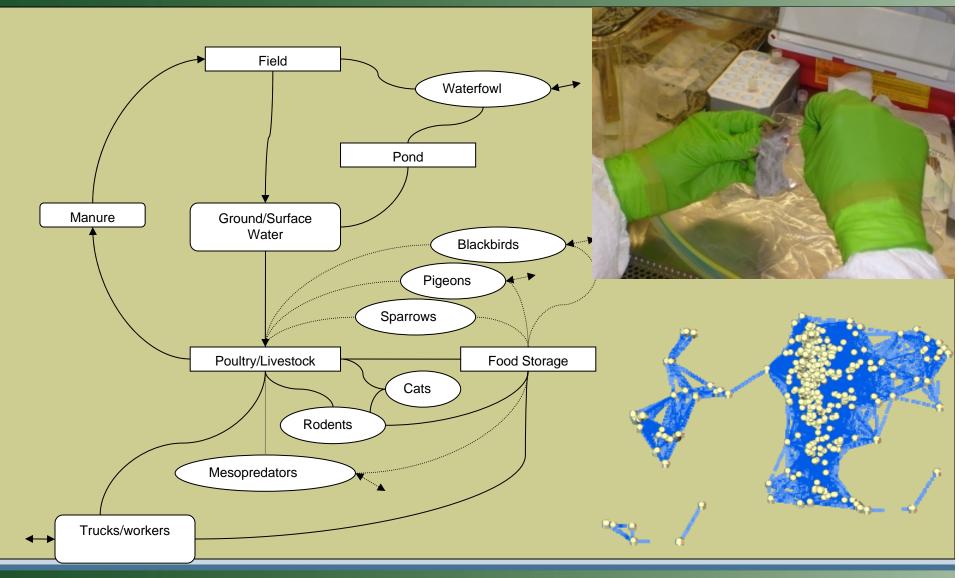




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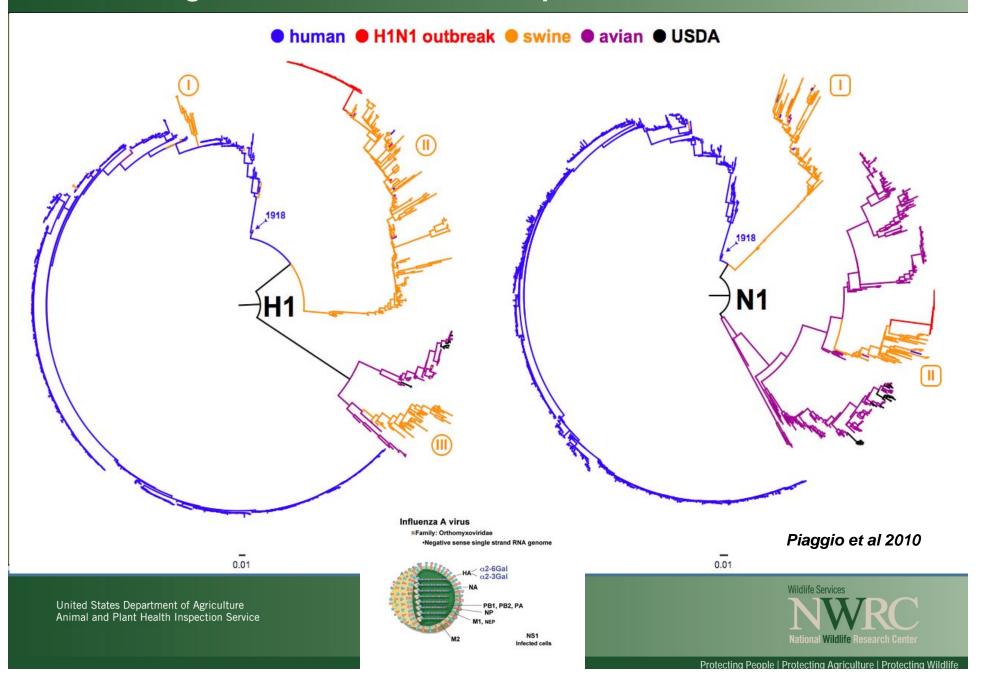


Conceptual Model of Risk Paths from Birds to Field Crops

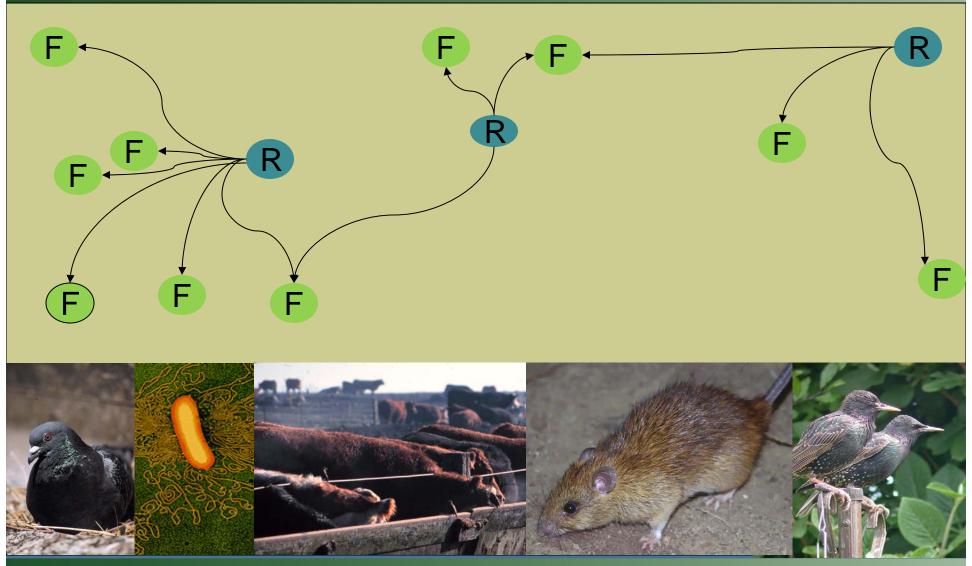




Excluding wild birds as a recent risk path for the H1N1 outbreak



Interconnectivity of feedlots through pigeons





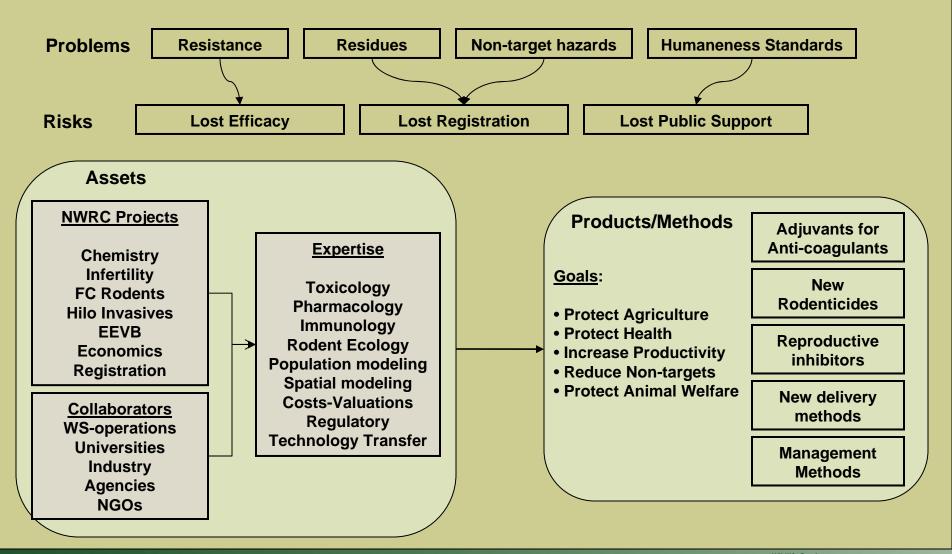
Management on a Continental Scale





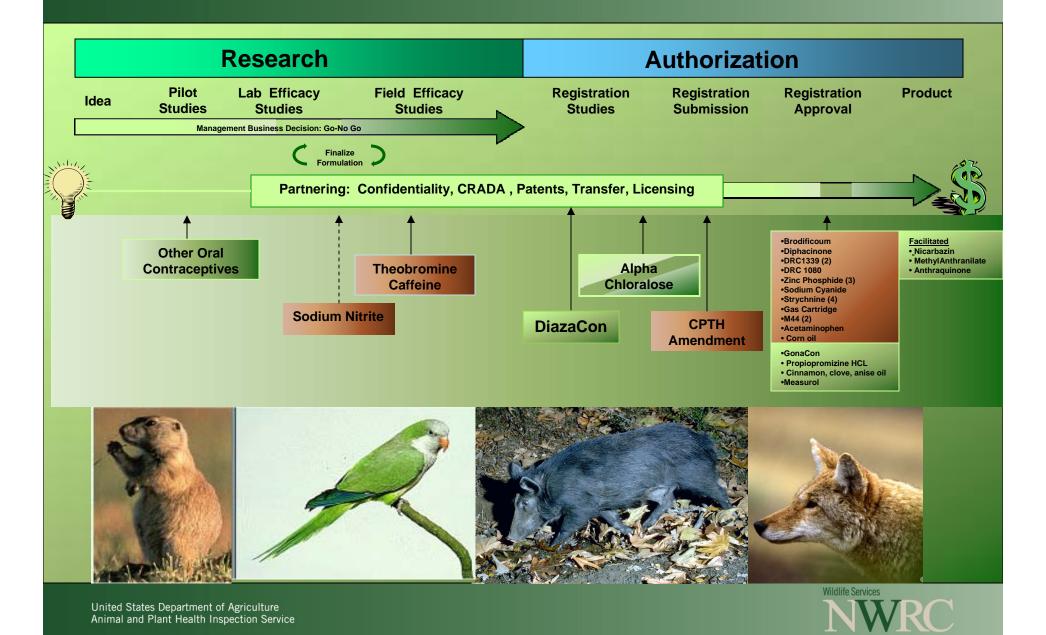








Status of Wildlife Service Chemical Products





If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail --- Abraham Maslow



