

# **Johne's Roundup**

## ***An Introduction?***

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## What is it?

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- A producer/industry driven initiative to develop a strong, on-going grassroots base to support continuation of the National Johne's Disease Control Program.

# Why the need?

- Federal Funding has declined significantly
  - 2002 Farm Bill ~\$21 million
  - FY 07 budget ~ \$12 million
  - USDA Budget Request ~ \$3 million
- Erratic funding from Federal Government has become an issue

# Why has this happened?

- Johne's is a voluntary program
- Current Program Participation
  - 6,327 of 61,990 Dairy Herds – 10.2%
  - 2,190 of 762,880 Beef Herds – 0.3%

# Questions needing answers

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- How do we close the Gap in funding?
- What do producers want?
- What about States and their needs?
- Bovine Veterinarians, are they committed?

## What can we do?

- Document and communicate current producer activities and collaborative efforts to address Johne's Disease
- Assisting in the development and delivery of information that demonstrates the value of the program to all producers.

# What can we do?

- Identify program components that are critical to program success
- Document “cost share” components
- Communicate producer/industry activity and funding needs to Congress

# What is needed

## Buy-in and Support by Organizations

- Collaboration of efforts
- Coordination of:
  - Information/data collection
  - Communication to Congress
- Funding for activities

# Next Steps

- Get involved, we need your help!!
- Give us your input
- Meeting – Following this Session