


# Johne's – Timeline

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- 1895 JD described by Johne & Frothingham
  - 1905 1<sup>st</sup> recognized in USA (PA)– Leonard Pearson
  - 1986 Tuberculosis (Johne's) Cmt--USAHA
  - 1987 Johne's Committee formed by USAHA  
Little Rock, Arkansas
  - 1995 National Johne's Working Group formed
  - 1998 VJDHSPC (Status Program)
  - 1999 State Voluntary JD Program for Cattle

# National Johne's Working Group



## **Mission Statement : (Approved JDC, USAHA '95)**

- \* NJWG will serve as a resource to assess any potential association between Johne's and human health.
- \* NJWG will develop and coordinate implementation of a National Johne's Program.
- \* This program will help protect the public and animal health, reduce economic burden upon producers and develop a uniform approach for control, herd certification, and eventual eradication of this insidious and costly disease in the USA.

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## OBJECTIVES:

( Approved by Johne's Committee USAHA October 1995)

1. NJWG will evaluate information suggesting *M.paratuberculosis* is a zoonotic pathogen and assess the likelihood that animals serve as a reservoir of infection.
2. NJWG will evaluate the potential for the organism to contaminate foods of animal origin.
3. NJWG will identify and encourage research needed, develop a strategy for a control and herd certification program.

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## **OBJECTIVES:** *continued*

4. NJWG will evaluate the domestic and international economic impacts of Johne's disease and develop recommendations for updating currently suggested good management practices which can be employed by producers to prevent entry and spread of the infection in livestock populations.
5. NJWG will develop a set of policy objectives and goals to enhance development and implementation of the strategy for a Johne's disease control & herd certification program.

# National Johne's Working Group



**A Subcommittee of the Johne's Committee of  
the United States Animal Health Association**

Comprized of People from:

1. Government Agencies
2. Animal Agricultural Organizations
3. Professional Organizations
4. Academic Institutions

# Committees of NJWG



## 1. **Education**

Chair, Don Hansen

## 2. **Economic Impact of Paratuberculosis**

Chair, Ken Olson

## 3. **State Programs**

Chair, Buisch/Carter

## 4. **Research Status and Priorities**

Chair, Judy Stabel

## 5. **Laboratory Certification**

Chair, Janet Payeur

# Committees of the National Johne's Working Group



## 6. Herd Certification

Co-Chairs, Leslie Buluga and Mike Collins

## 7. Serology QC Committee

Chair, Rich Jacobson

## 8. Small Ruminants Committee

Co-Chairs, Sue Stehman and Bill Shulaw

## 9. Validation of Check Tests

Chair, Ray Sweeney

## 10. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate)

Chair, Larry Williams

## 10. Treasurer ken Olson

