HISTORY

• The U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Tuberculosis Eradication Committee was formed in 1993 based on a recommendation by the USAHA with responsibility to provide oversight on the eradication programs in each country and to provide recommendations for the minimum requirements for the exportation of cattle from Mexico to the United States.

• Brucellosis and ticks were added later.
THERE IS EQUAL REPRESENTATION BY PERSONNEL FROM THE U.S. AND MEXICO

- CO-CHAIRS ARE THE CVO OF EACH NATION
- BORDER STATE REPRESENTATIVE
- RESEARCH
- BEEF PRODUCER
- DAIRY PRODUCER
- AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
- TB COMMITTEE CHAIR FROM EACH NATION
- BRUCELLOSIS COMMITTEE CHAIR
- EXPORTER/IMPORTER
TECHNICAL SUPPORT

• USDA/APHIS/VS, ARS, NCIE AND IS
• SAGARPA/ SENASICA, CNOG
- Surveillance programs
  - Traceback efforts
  - Eradication program progress
  - Research programs
  - Region reviews
  - Interstate and inter region movement controls
  - Law and regulation adequacy
MEETING FORMAT

• MEET TWICE A YEAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL NCBA AND CNOG MEETINGS
• CHANGED IN 2010
  • INCLUDES AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE VOTING MEMBERS
  • COMMENTS FROM THAT SESSION ARE BROUGHT TO THE CO-CHAIRS FOR DISCUSSION
• VERY EFFECTIVE PROCESS
• Several action items came from the meetings of the Executive Committee in 2015

• Topics at San Antonio included:
  • Specific brands, Sonora Brucella status, USDA capture of electronic data, specific documentation requirements, consistency at all ports, approved feedlots in Sonora, long term plan for Eagle Pass
ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

• TOPICS AT VERACRUZ INCLUDED:

• CONSISTENCY OF BRAND INTERPRETATION AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AT ALL PORTS, USDA DEFINE A BRUCELLOSIS SURVEILLANCE PLAN FOR REGIONALIZATION, RECOGNITION OF SONORA BRUCELLOSIS STATUS, CONTINUED SHARING OF M. BOVIS CULTURES FROM CATTLE AND HUMANS, AVOID UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES DURING REGIONALIZATION
U.S. BNC COORDINATOR

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?