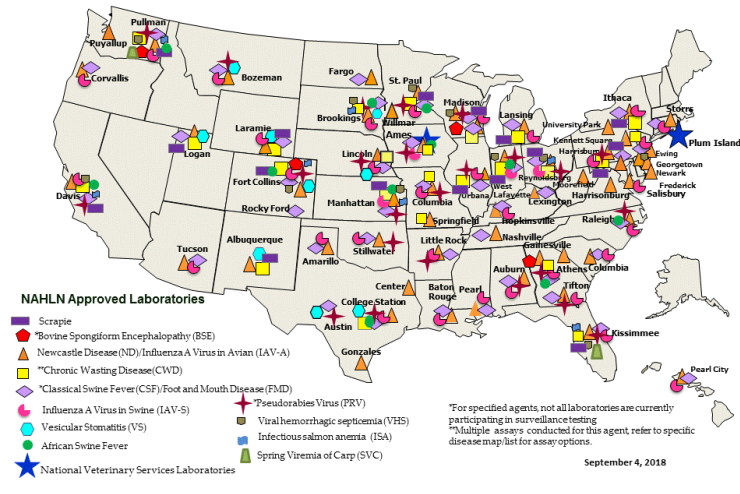




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### National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)



# UPDATE ON NAHLN ACTIVITIES

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# NAHLN Hot Topics

African Swine Fever Response

vNDV outbreak

Adding assays to NAHLN

NAHLN Coordinating Council update

NAHLN Methods Technical Working Group update

AMR Pilot update

# African Swine Fever Response

- NAHLN included in a meeting with swine industry in Washington DC
  - NPB, NCCP, AASV, USDA-VS, FDA
  - Discussed prevention and response
- Letter from the VS Deputy Administrator with guidance for testing in NAHLN labs
  - Discourages unofficial testing for NAHLN scope diseases using unapproved assays and/or unapproved sample types

# African Swine Fever Response

## NAHLN:

- Survey 11 approved labs for current capacity- 6500 PCR tests/day
  - increase PT'd analyst – 8000 PCR tests/day
- Increase sample types for approved testing (FADI)
  - Tonsil- October 1, 2018
  - Spleen- December 1, 2018
- Increased the number of approved NAHLN labs
  - All labs have been asked for interest to participate
- Supporting discussions around active surveillance plan
  - Swine staff, CEAH, FADDL, NAHLN labs

# Newcastle (vNDV) Outbreak

## NAHLN Response

California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory (NAHLN Lab)

~ 13,000 PCR tests performed

- Messaging:
  - CAHFS lab is messaging results

Laboratory capacity increased by adding administrative support from 2 other NAHLN labs

- Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
- Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
- Intergovernmental Personnel Act Assignment Agreement



# Laboratory Electronic Messaging

43 NAHLN labs and NVSL are capable of sending an electronic message

- Additional 2-3 labs prepared to message

Messages now being received for 9 NAHLN scope diseases

- ASF, BSE, CSF, FMD, IAV-A, IAV-S, vND, PRV, VSV

Training offered to NAHLN laboratories and VS commodity staff

- Basic and HL7 specific messaging training
- LIMS Vendor specific training
- Training for commodity/program staff

2019 messaging priorities include:

- Continue to expand number of labs with capability to message
- Expand messaging to include Scrapie and AMR data
- Support implementation of NLRAD
- Integration with other internal VS systems
- Enhance utility of messaging standards

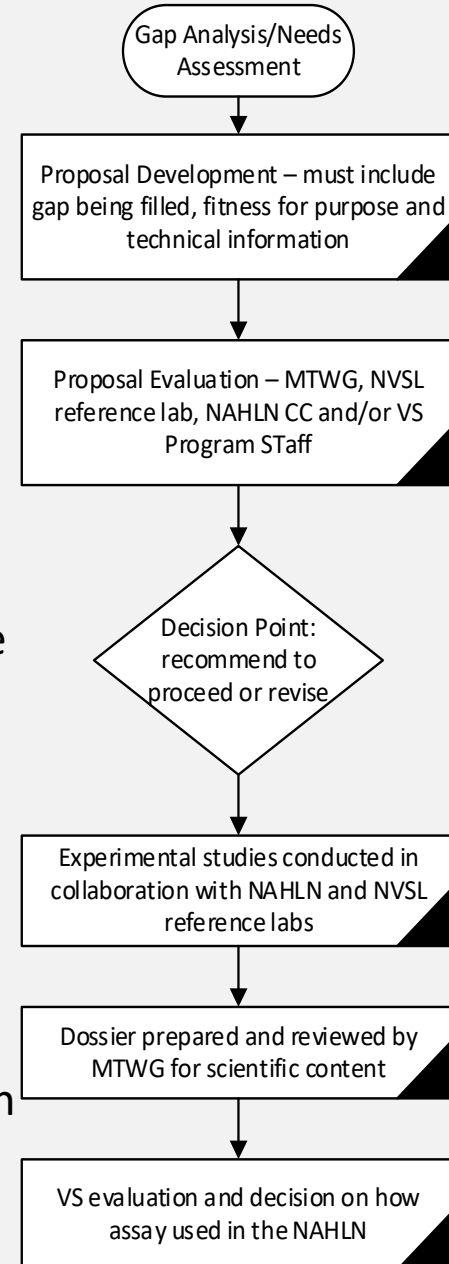
# Adding a Disease/Assay to NVSL and NAHLN

## Adding a disease program disease to NVSL:

- Need for a National oversight is identified
  - Determination if the disease should be under NAHLN scope
- Surveillance plan is developed
  - Active Surveillance
  - Passive Surveillance
- Proficiency test
- Funding

## Adding a disease/assay to NAHLN scope

- Need identified for disease or assay to be added to NAHLN scope
- Proposal goes to the NAHLN Methods Technical Working Group (MTWG)
- If accepted, the study is completed
- Study results are presented to the NAHLN MTWG
  - MTWG makes a recommendation to NAHLN Coordinating Council (CC)
  - CC makes a recommendation to the NAHLN Executive Committee who either decides or takes the recommendation to the VS Deputy Administration if needed
- If recommended- then VS determines how the assay may be incorporated into the NAHLN



# Coordinating Council- Update

## Welcomed 4 new members

- Dr. François Elvinger - Cornell Animal Health Diagnostic Center
- Dr. Brett Webb North Dakota State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
- Dr. Larry Forgey; Missouri Department of Agriculture:
- Dr. Peter Mundschenk - State animal health official for Arizona

## Laboratory Assessment Matrix

- Time line for implementation and changes for FY2020

## NAHLN Strategic Plan

- Update of the plan- completion December 31, 2018



# MTWVG Update

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# Membership

## NAHLN Laboratories

Dan Bradway – WA

Beate Crossley – CA

Jane Hennings – SD

Hon Ip – WI

**Donna Mulrooney – OR\***

**Akhilesh Ramachandran – OK\***

Rachel Reams – MI (co-chair)

Susan Sanchez – GA

Jackie Smith – KY

**Rebecca Wilkes – GA\***

Yan Zhang - OH

\*new members as of January, 2018

## NVSL reference laboratories + NAHLN

Tracy Sturgill – FADDL

Nita Grause – DBRL

Beth Harris – NAHLN (Co-chair)

Mary Lea Killian – DVL

Aaron Lehmkuhl – DBPL

Christie Loiacono – NAHLN

Greg Mayr – FADDL

Monica Reising – CVB

Janet Warg - DVL

# 2018 Activities to Date

## Methods Comparisons

- **FMD/CSF Testing:** Comparison of the Performance of the Applied Biosystems® 7500 Real-Time PCR System to the Applied Biosystems® QuantStudio 5 Real-Time PCR Detection System for the detection of FMDV and CSFV
- **FMD/CSF Testing:** Comparison of the MagMAX™ Pathogen RNA/DNA Kit, MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit, and the Qiagen MagAttract 96 *ador* Pathogen Kit.
- **CWD Testing:** Comparison of the BioRad Precess 48 to the MP-fast prep 24 homogenizer for preparing tissue samples for use in the Bio-Rad CWD ELISA test.

# 2018 Activities to Date

## Other activities

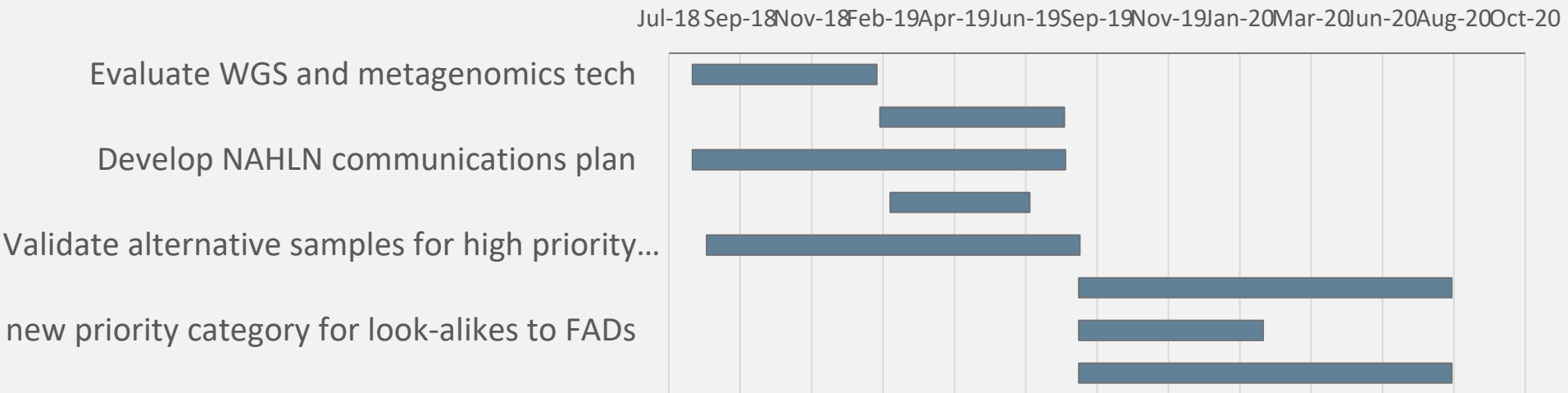
- **MTWG Core meeting schedule:** proposed modification to move core calls to monthly (now bi-monthly), and move general MTWG calls to quarterly (now bi-monthly).
  - Needed to ensure MTWG Core goals accomplished in designated timeframe
- **PRV testing:** Sub-committee stood up to evaluate data from available PRV PCRs for potential deployment to the NAHLN
- **IAV-A testing:** Reviewed IDEXX avian influenza A RNA real-time PCR test and nucleic acid extraction kit
- **FMD/CSF Testing:** Identified need for low throughput kit for FMD/CSF

# MTWG prioritized list of activities for 2018-2019

## **June face-to-face meeting**

1. Evaluate WGS and metagenomics technology for deployment to the NAHLN [short term-survey; mid-long term-implementation]
2. Harmonize PCR thermocycling parameters [short-term]
3. Develop NAHLN communications plan [mid-term]
4. Continue to ID 2<sup>nd</sup> manufacturer for platforms and kits/reagents where feasible [long-term]
5. High priority situations – validate alternative sample types for NAHLN SOPs [long-term]
6. High priority situations – emergency validation of SOP for new disease [long-term]
7. New priority category for endemic look-alikes to FADs [short-term]
8. Share assays for endemic diseases across NAHLN [short-term]

# NAHLN MTWG activity 2018-2019



# AMR Pilot Project

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SUMMARY OF YEAR 1

# Objectives

Develop process for tracking AMR data at a national level

- standardized methodology, interpretation, and reporting mechanisms.

Deploy across multiple laboratories

Identify information important to veterinary diagnostic community regarding trends in AMR

- facilitate antimicrobial stewardship.





# Pathogen/animal species – Year 1

Bacterial pathogen	Animal Species
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	cattle, swine, poultry, horses, dogs, cats
<i>Salmonella enterica</i>	cattle, swine, poultry, horses, dogs, cats
<i>Mannheimia haemolytica</i>	cattle
<i>Staphylococcus intermedius</i> group*	dogs, cats

\*Includes *S. intermedius*, *S. pseudintermedius* and *S. delphini*.

# Measures of Success

Laboratories able to meet 50% or more of project's target numbers in Year 1

VS can develop parameters for electronically messaging AST data

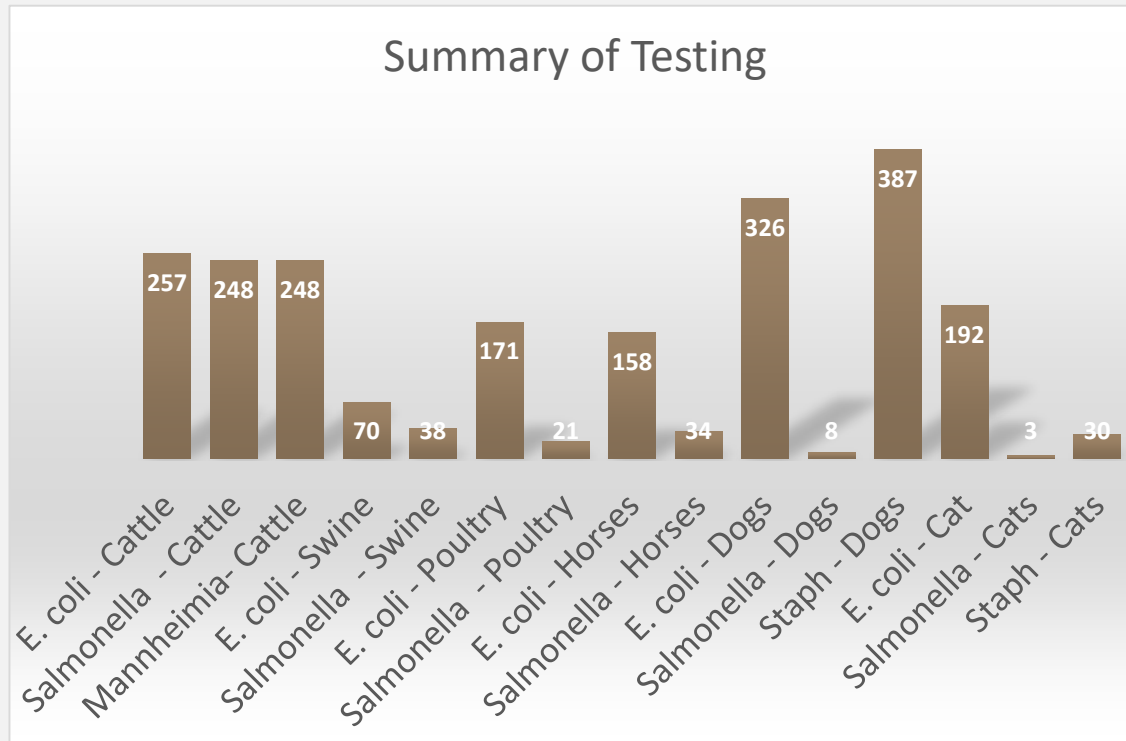
- at least 20% of laboratories able to successfully message AST data during Year 1

VS develop reporting mechanism to share results from Year 1 of this pilot with laboratories, State and federal regulatory authorities, and other interested stakeholders



# Measures of Success -Target numbers

Laboratories able to meet 50% or more of project's target numbers in Year 1



Total isolates – 2191 (as of 10/4/18)

6 categories – already met goal of 200 isolates

3 categories – on track to meet goal by Dec 2018

7 categories – unlikely to meet goal of 200 isolates by Dec 2018

- E. coli - swine
- Salmonella/all animal categories except cattle
- Staph – cats

# Measures of Success – messaging data

VS can develop parameters for electronically messaging AST data



- HL7 messaging schema was developed for messaging AST results
  - Requirements of message structure – “all or none”. Cannot select which AST data to message if 2 or more in same accession.
  - Requirements of AMR pilot project – cannot attach accession number from original client submission to isolate. Message structure requires Accession # to be included.

Path Forward: Script written to convert data from spreadsheet into HL7 message, then send the message to the LMS database

# Measures of Success – Reporting Mechanism

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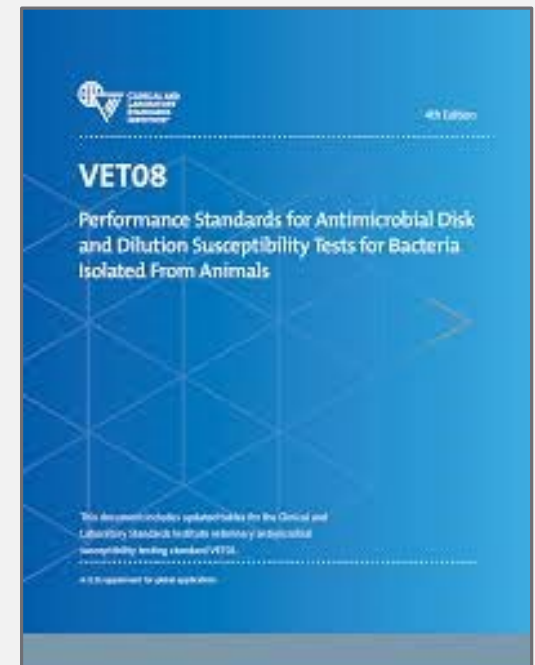
Subcommittee stood up to identify recommendations for reporting data

Tableau software in development for creating interactive website to display data

Written report in development; estimated completion date – December 2018

# Sub committee: AST Data Reporting Guidance

1. Report summary data across all laboratories, by animal species and bacterial pathogen
2. Report all MIC values obtained for all antibiotics on the plate
  - Allows data to be evaluated for both therapeutic/clinical and epidemiological/surveillance applications
3. Only report breakpoints for antibiotics with animal-specific interpretive values
  - Reference: CLSI Vet08 (2018) *Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Disk and Dilution Susceptibility Tests for Bacteria Isolated From Animals, 4th Edition*
4. Report dog/cat UTI isolates separately
5. Report dog/cat Staph. OX-S and OX-R isolates separately

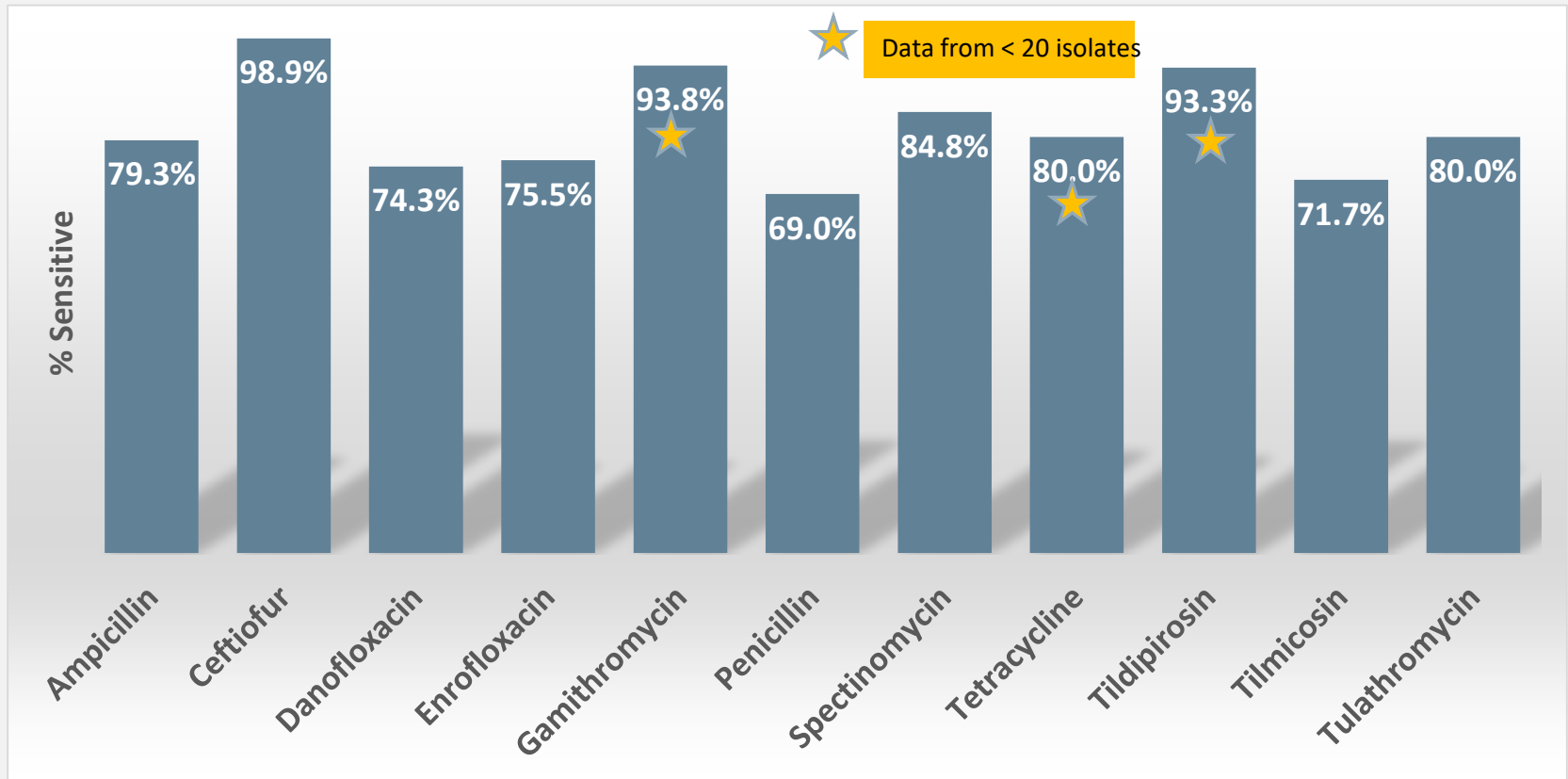


# Example: Cattle – *Mannheimia haemolytica*

antibiotic class	Antibiotic	MIC value (ug/ml)																				Total Isolates						
		<=0.12	0.12	<=0.25	0.25	<=0.5	0.5	<=1	1	>1	<=2	2	>2	<=4	4	<=8	8	>8	16	>16	32		>32	64	>64	<=256	>256	
aminoglycoside	Gentamicin							23	0				126		15	2	1	15										182
aminoglycoside	Neomycin													99	0	29	2		2	48								180
aminoglycoside	Sulphadimethoxine																								119	65	184	
fluoroquinolone	Danofloxacin	130	0	6	9	4	34																				183	
fluoroquinolone	Enrofloxacin	133	0	6	9	2				2	32																184	
folate pathway antagonist	Spectinomycin														3	0	38		115		4	24					184	
folate pathway antagonist	Trimethoprim/sulfa methoxazole									179	0	5															184	
lincosamide	Clindamycin			2	0	0	0				0			10	96		44	32									184	
macrolides	Ceftiofur		177	0	3	2				0			1	1	0												184	
macrolides	Gamithromycin					14	0			1			0	1	0												16	
macrolides	Tildipirosin					9	0				5			0	0		1										15	
macrolides	Tilmicosin												86	9	37	15		3		3	31						184	
macrolides	Tulathromycin					3	0			18			81	29	5	7		3	24								170	
macrolides	Tylosin tartrate				2	0	0			0			0	0	2	60	120										184	
Penicillins	Ampicillin			146	0	9	3			1			1	2	7	15											184	
Penicillins	Penicillin	77	0	50	17	12				0			3	4	21												184	
phenicol	Florfenicol			3	0	92	57			7			2	1	22												184	
pleuromutilin	Tiamulin					1	0			0			3	54	103		19	4									184	
tetracycline	Chlortetracycline				57	0	53			12			15	15	17												169	
tetracycline	Oxytetracycline				85	0	20			4			1	9	46												165	
tetracycline	Tetracycline				10	0	2			0			2	1	0												15	

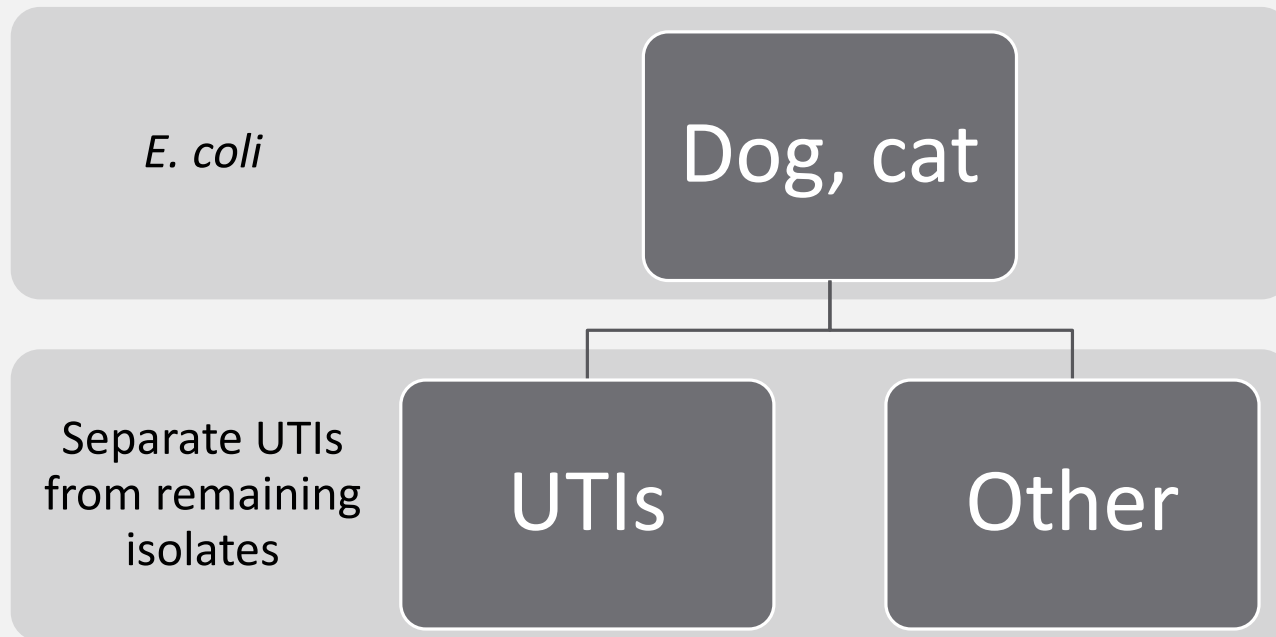
Animal-specific interpretive criteria are indicated for selected antibiotics. Green shaded cells = sensitive, yellow shaded cells = intermediate and red shaded cells = resistant. Interpretive values based on CLSI Vet08, 4th ed. (2018)

# Cattle – *Mannheimia haemolytica* - % sensitive





# Companion animal AST reporting – *E. coli*



# Dog *E. coli* – skin, soft tissue, wound

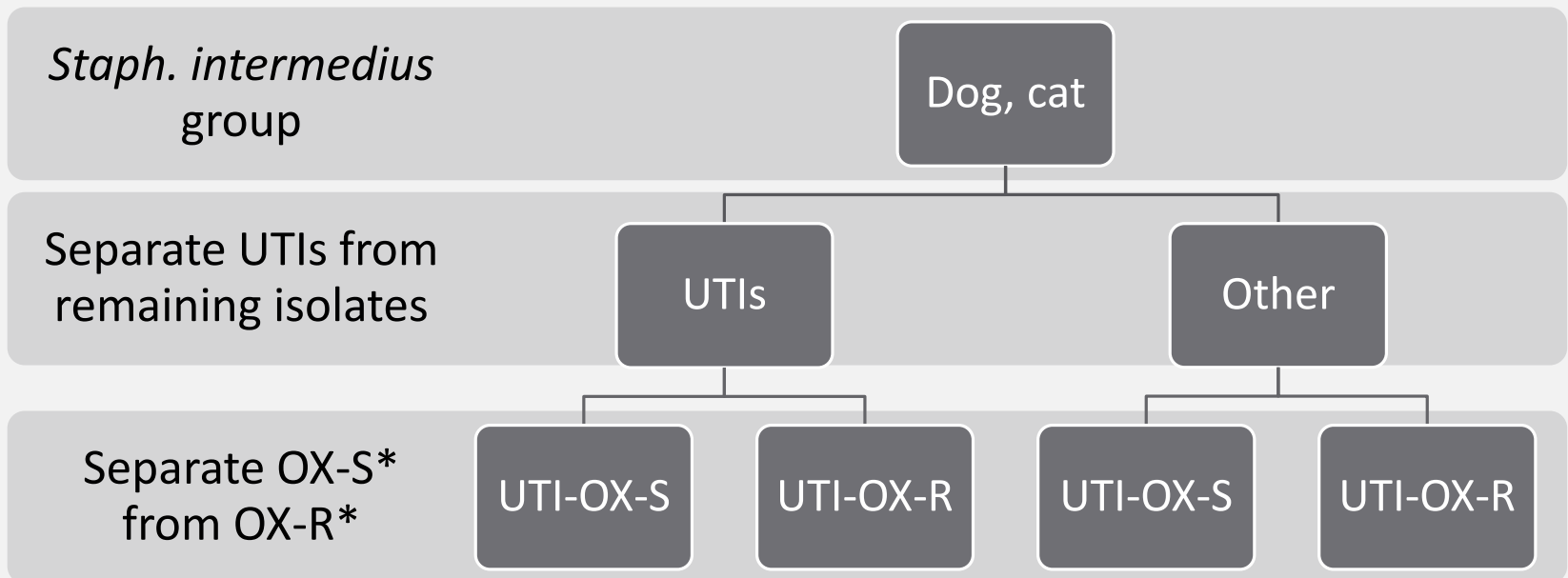
	MIC value																				Total Isolates				
	Antibiotic	<=0.12	0.12	<=0.25	0.25	<=0.5	0.5	<=1	1	<=2	2	>2	<=4	4	>4	<=8	8	>8	16	>16		32	>32	64	>64
1st gen cephalosporin	Cefazolin*						27	0			50			8			4	0		0	25				114
1st gen cephalosporin	Cephalexin*				0	0		0			0			37			49		3	25					114
3rd gen cephalosporin	Cefovecin			9	0				32		3			1			0	24							114
3rd gen cephalosporin	Cefpodoxime						88	0			0			1			0	25							114
3rd gen cephalosporin	Ceftazidime												96	0			4		8	6					114
aminoglycoside	Amikacin												107	0			6		0		0	0			113
aminoglycoside	Gentamicin			3	0		65		29		4			1			1	11							114
B lactam combo	Amoxicillin/ Clavulanic acid*			0	0		0		2		10			64			15	23							114
B lactam combo	Piperacillin/ tazobactam															109	0		1		0		0	1	111
fluoroquinolone	Enrofloxacin	88	0		3		3		2		1			0	17										114
fluoroquinolone	Marbofloxacin	88	0		2		7		0		0			0	17										114
fluoroquinolone	Orbifloxacin						92	0			4			1			0	17							114
fluoroquinolone	Pradofloxacin			95	0			2		0	1	16													114
folate pathway inhibitors	Trimethoprim/ sulfamethoxazole					99	0		2		0			1	12										114
penems	Imipenem						114	0		0				0			0	0							114
penicillins	Ampicillin*			0	0		1		1		37			35			0	40							114
phenicol	Chloramphenicol									5	0			33			60		7		2	7			114
tetracyclines	Doxycycline			0	0		6		37		39			9			6	17							114
tetracyclines	Tetracycline												88	0			2		0	24					114

Antibiotics with separate breakpoints for dog *E. coli* UTIs.

ESBL testing is indicated for isolates with cefpodoxime MIC >= 8 ug/ml, or >2 ug/ml for ceftazidime



# Companion animal AST reporting – *S. intermedius* group



\* Oxacillin sensitivity/resistance based on human breakpoints

# Proposed Changes-Y2

Isolates surveyed:

- Drop *Salmonella* except cattle
- Add *Strep. suis* for swine
- Add *Pasteurella multocida* for poultry
- Add *Step. equi/zooepidemicus* for horses

Increase maximum number of isolates for some categories

Increase reimbursement pricing

Improve reporting process, move all labs to spreadsheet uploader

Whole genome sequencing of selected isolates

Bacterial pathogen + animal species	Target no. of isolates/year per laboratory
<i>Mannheimia haemolytica</i> - cattle	65*
<i>Escherichia coli</i> - cattle	65*
<i>Escherichia coli</i> – swine	40
<i>Escherichia coli</i> – poultry	65*
<i>Escherichia coli</i> – horses	65*
<i>Escherichia coli</i> – dogs	65*
<i>Escherichia coli</i> – cats	65*
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> - cattle	65*
<i>Streptococcus suis</i> – swine	40
<i>Pasteurella multocida</i> – poultry	40
<i>Streptococcus equi</i> or <i>S. zooepidemicus</i> – horses	40
<i>Staphylococcus intermedius</i> group** - dogs	65*
<i>Staphylococcus intermedius</i> group** - cats	40



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