

# US SWINE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN



A PROVEN PLATFORM FOR SAFEGUARDING, CERTIFYING, AND BETTERING ANIMAL HEALTH

## WHAT IS US SHIP?

An industry, state and federal partnership for improving preparedness across the US Pork Industry.

US SHIP will establish a National Playbook of technical standards centering on Prevention and Demonstration of Freedom of Disease Outside of Control Areas in Support of Animal Health, Commerce, and Trade.

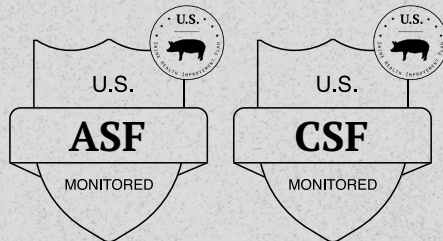
### INCLUDING:

PRODUCERS  
PACKERS  
VETERINARIANS  
DIAGNOSTICIANS  
MICROBIOLOGISTS  
VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICIALS

OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

## ASF-CSF Monitored Certification



A USDA Veterinary Services Sponsored Initiative  
With Support From State and Industry Partners

## PROGRAM BACKGROUND



US SHIP is being modelled after the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), a collaborative effort involving industry, state, and federal partners providing standards for certifying the health status of greater than 99% of commercial poultry and egg operations across the US.

US SHIP aims to establish a similar platform for safeguarding, improving, and representing the health status of swine across participating farm sites, supply-chains, states, and regions. Such a working system is needed to support the current and future health assurance needs of the 21st century US pork industry.

The US SHIP ASF-CSF Monitored certification aims to mitigate risks of disease introduction and provide a practical means for demonstrating evidence of freedom of disease (outside of foreign animal disease control areas) in support of ongoing interstate commerce and a pathway towards the resumption of international trade over the course of a trade impacting disease response and recovery period.

## The time for such a national strategy is now!



### STANDARDS

#### US SHIP Program Standards:

Informed by a congress of US pork industry participants

Applicable across the broad-spectrum of various types of pork production operations

Center on **Biosecurity, Traceability, and Sampling and Testing.**



### CERTIFICATION

**ASF/CSF Monitored certificate holders** include:  
farm sites and slaughter facilities.

(Intended for all types of pork producers i.e. large, small, exhibition/youth)



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# US SHIP Participant Checklist

HOW TO BECOME US SHIP CERTIFIED

## Step 1. Enrollment

- Contact US SHIP Official State Agency (OSA) in which the participating premises is located
- Enroll live swine production and slaughter facility premises with the US SHIP OSA in which the participating premises is located
- Acknowledge understanding of and compliance with requirements for certification
- Complete biosecurity survey

## Step 2. Certification

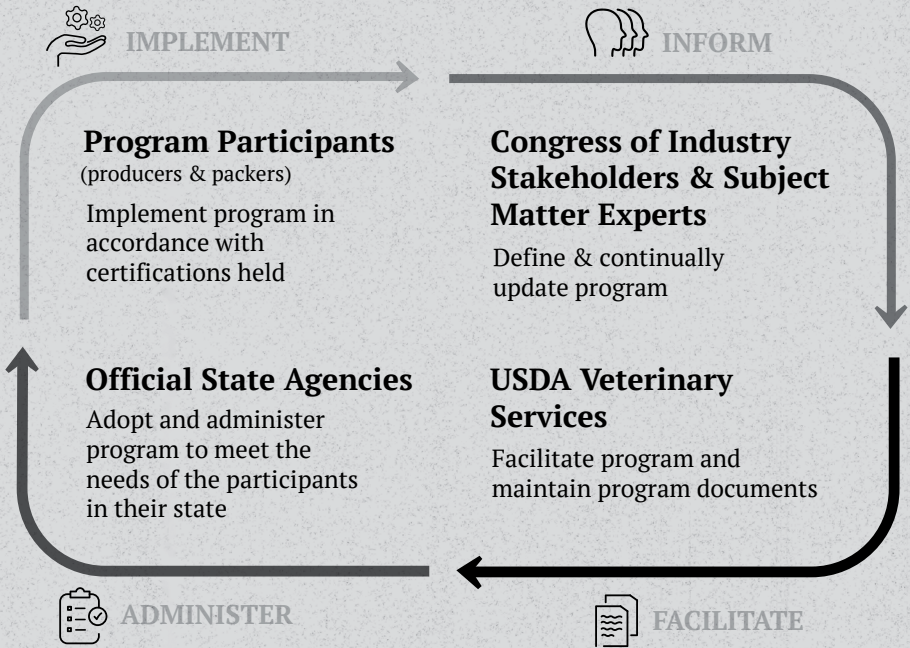
- US SHIP OSA to contact US SHIP participant (Swine Owner) to initiate certification
- US SHIP participants need to demonstrate competency in providing at least 30 days of movement information electronically in a common format (e.g., a prescribed CSV file) to the US SHIP OSA in a timely manner
- US SHIP OSA confers certification

## Step 3. Maintenance of Certification

- Meet or exceed the requirements for the US SHIP certification(s) held

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# Overview of Industry, State, & Federal Partnership Roles



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Program development of US SHIP is being spearheaded by a team of swine interest veterinary colleagues from Iowa State University, South Dakota State University, University of Illinois, and University of Minnesota working in partnership with a number of State and Federal Veterinary Medical Officials, and with advisement from an industry centered Advisory Board.