



Agrodefense: Challenges and Solutions

January 26, 2017

**K-State Student Union, Big12 Room (second floor)
918 N. 17th Street, Manhattan, KS 66506**

Objectives

Provide the Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense with an understanding of agricultural threats, as well as requirements for effective prevention, deterrence, preparedness, detection, response, attribution, recovery, and mitigation of agricultural threats that can inflict catastrophic consequences. Provide non-federal government, industry, and academic representatives with the opportunity to discuss their agrodefense experiences, challenges, and recommended solutions. Address key issues and questions concerning the current state of biodefense and the extent to which it includes agrodefense.

- What are the current levels of comprehensiveness and effectiveness among agrodefense activities?
- What are the major impediments to and opportunities for increasing situational awareness of agricultural threats, and accuracy of agricultural and zoonotic disease detection and clinical diagnoses?
- What organizational, legal, or policy changes are needed to:
 - Improve national agrodefense?
 - Improve state, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector organizational agrodefense efforts?
- What can be done to strengthen and foster leadership in agrodefense?

Schedule

10:00 – 10:15: Opening Remarks

- Former Senate Majority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, Panel Member, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense
- Former Homeland Security Advisor, Kenneth L. Wainstein, Panel Member, Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense
- President Richard B. Myers, Kansas State University (General, USAF – retired)

10:15 – 10:45: Congressional Perspective

- The Honorable Roger Marshall, United States Representative, Kansas



10:45 – 12:00: Panel One – Prevention and Deterrence

- Stephen Higgs, PhD, Associate Vice President for Research and Director, Biosecurity Research Institute
- Amy Kircher, DrPH, Director, Food Protection and Defense Institute, University of Minnesota
- Gerald W. Parker, Jr., DVM, PhD, Vice President, Public Health Preparedness and Response, and Interim Director, Institute for Animal Infectious Diseases Defense, Texas A&M University
- Steve Parker, MBA, MSCM, Head, North America Veterinary Public Health, Merial

12:00 – 12:15: *Move to Flint Hills Room*

12:15 – 1:00: Lunch Keynote – Leadership in Protecting the Agricultural Sector

- Bret D. Marsh, DVM, Indiana State Veterinarian

1:00 – 1:15: *Move back to Big12 Room*

1:15 – 2:15: Panel Two – Surveillance and Detection

- Tammy R. Beckham, DVM, PhD, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University
- Ali S. Khan, MD, MPH, Dean, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Kelly F. Lechtenberg, DVM, PhD, President, Midwest Veterinary Services/Central States Research Center/Veterinary and Biomedical Research Center

2:15 – 2:30: *Break*

2:30 – 3:30: Panel Three – Preparedness, Response, Recovery & Mitigation

- Jackie McClaskey, PhD, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture
- D. Charles Hunt, MPH, State Epidemiologist and Director, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Curt J. Mann, DVM, Chief Executive, Empryse Group

3:30 – 3:45: Closing Remarks

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3:45 *Adjourn / Brief Meeting with Panel Members, Ex Officios, and Staff*