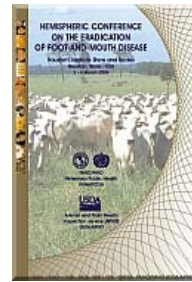




Hemispheric Conference on the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease

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Wednesday, 3 March 2004

Morning Session

9:00–10:00 Inauguration

- Video Overview: *Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the Americas*.
- Hon. Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America (invited).
- Dr. Mirta Roses Periago, Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).
- Election of the President, Vice President, and *Rapporteur*.
- Election of Moderators for Each Session

10:00–10:30 Break

10:30–12:00 Panel 1: Foot-and-Mouth Disease Barriers to Trade

- Situation of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Latin America and the Animal Health Code for the Trade of Animals and Animal Products.
Speaker: International Organization of Animal Health.
- Chain of Meat Production and the Importance of the Integration of All Stakeholders in the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.
Speaker: International Meat Secretariat.
- World Trade of Meat: Situation and Prospects.
Speaker: Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.
- Economic and Social Impact of Reintroduction of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.
Speaker: Representative of the official sector of the Southern Cone subregion.
- Economic and Social Impact of Endemic Foot-and-Mouth Disease.
Speaker: Representative of the livestock producers from the Andean Area.

12:00–12:30 Discussion

12:30–2:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session

2:00–3:00 **Panel 2: Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease from the Western Hemisphere: The Challenge Ahead**

- Impact of Foot-and-Mouth Disease on the Meat Industry and Trade Sectors
Speaker: Representative of the meat industry of the North American subregion
- Protection of Foot-and-Mouth-Disease- free Areas
Speaker: Representative of the producers of the North American subregion
- Role of Local Organizations and the Participation of Small Producers in the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease
Speaker: Representative of the official sector of the Andean subregion.
- Role of Regional Cooperation in the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease
Speaker: Representative of the producers of the Southern Cone subregion.

3:00–3:30 **Discussion**

3:30–4:00 *Break*

4:00–5:00 **Panel 3: Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease from the Western Hemisphere: Opportunities for Success**

- Challenges and Problems Surrounding the Control and Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in South America.
Speaker: Representative of the official sector of Brazil and the Amazon subregion.
- Intergovernmental Cooperation for Disease Control Programs.
Speaker: Representative of the official sector of the North American subregion.
- Need for Bilateral and International Support to Strengthen Domestic Programs.
Speaker: Representative of the official sector of the Andean subregion.
- Strategic Options for Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.
Speaker: Representative of the official sector of the Southern Cone subregion.

17:00–end **Discussion.**

Thursday, 4 March 2004

Morning Session

9:00–12:00 **Review of Previous Day's Discussions.**

- Statements from the Panels.
- Resolution of Commitment by All Sectors Involved in the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease from the Western Hemisphere.

12:00–14:00 *Lunch*

Afternoon Session

2:00–5:00 **Guided Visit to the Houston Livestock Show**