

## What have we learned from COVID-19?

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## Not Fun Being First

- Set the bar for others
- Tested what to do and not to do



## What did we learn quickly?

- Functional exercises for FMD & ASF were helpful but not applicable and not detailed enough
- “We,” including USDA, and farmers were not ready for large scale emergency depopulation and disposal

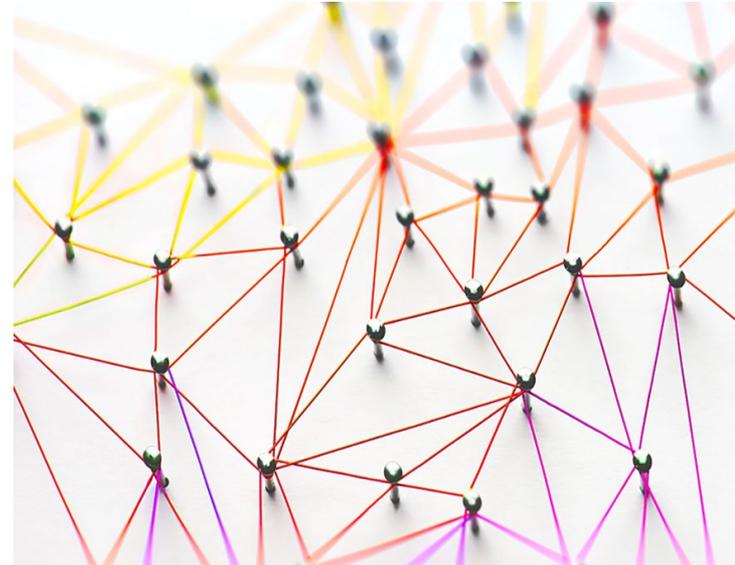


## Credit

- Farms and farm led solutions
  - Holding pigs
  - Depop and disposal
- Rendering
- State Veterinarians and State Departments of Agriculture
  - Took on leadership in absence of USDA and understood urgency
- Farm Veterinarians
- Your Organizations
  - National Pork Producers Council
  - National Pork Board
  - North American Meat Institute
  - National Renderers
  - States

## Connections Matter

- State Department of Agriculture
- State and Local Departments of Health
- Federal and State Occupational Safety and Health Administration
  - Difference in what states were doing
- Mixed and conflicting messages in some states



## Future

- Can we do this again?
- Political fallout

