



US SHIP Q4 Newsletter

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New Participating States:



We would like to extend a warm welcome to **New York** and **Maryland**, who recently joined US SHIP! This brings the total number of states participating in US SHIP to **38**.

Dr. Joy Bennett with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and Dr. Jennifer Trout with the Maryland Department of Agriculture will serve as the Official State Agencies for NY and MD, respectively.

We are thrilled to have them join!

A list of all US SHIP OSA contact information can be found [HERE!](#)

2025 HOD Planning

Planning is well underway for the 5th annual House of Delegates (HOD) meeting, which will be held **September 2-4, 2025**, in Bloomington, MN.

This year's meeting will include the expanded breakout sessions that were trialed in 2024 to allow speakers and attendees additional time to discuss working group progress, hot topics, and debate the vision for the future of the program.



We are excited to welcome **Dr. Craig Rowles**, Vice President of Strategic Plans for Versova Management Company, as our banquet speaker this year. Dr. Rowles has over 30 years of experience across the poultry and swine industries and is an expert in animal health and husbandry.

As a reminder, proposed standards and resolutions for the program may be submitted by any individual, company, working group, or industry organization. If you are interested in submitting a proposed standard or resolution, please contact aphis-us-ship@usda.gov for the template.

The deadline for submission of proposed standards or resolutions is **May 31, 2025**.

A list of proposed standards and resolutions will be distributed to Official State Agencies in July to allow time to review and prepare for the meeting.

2025 US SHIP Working Group

US SHIP Working Groups are open to all interested parties and are an excellent way to get engaged with the program. Working Group focuses include traceability, sampling/testing, feed biosafety, site biosecurity/feral pig risk mitigation, swine exhibition, and live-haul sanitation.

If you are interested in joining a Working Group, please email
aphis-us-ship@usda.gov

US SHIP Proposed Rule

The public comment period for the US SHIP proposed rule, which would establish US SHIP as a federal animal health program, closed on March 31, 2025.

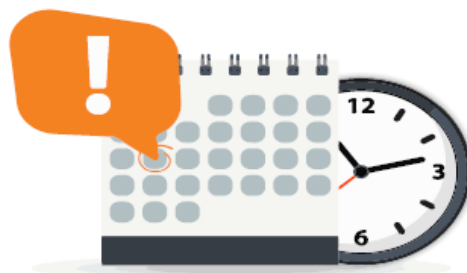
Thank you to everyone who took the time to review the document and submit such valuable and insightful comments!



REMINDER! In an effort to improve program awareness and participation, please send the US SHIP administrative team (aphis-us-ship@usda.gov) suggestions for names of groups or organizations that might benefit from additional targeted outreach or meetings.

Important dates:

September 2nd to 4th: US SHIP House of Delegates
2025 Meeting (Bloomington, MN)



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