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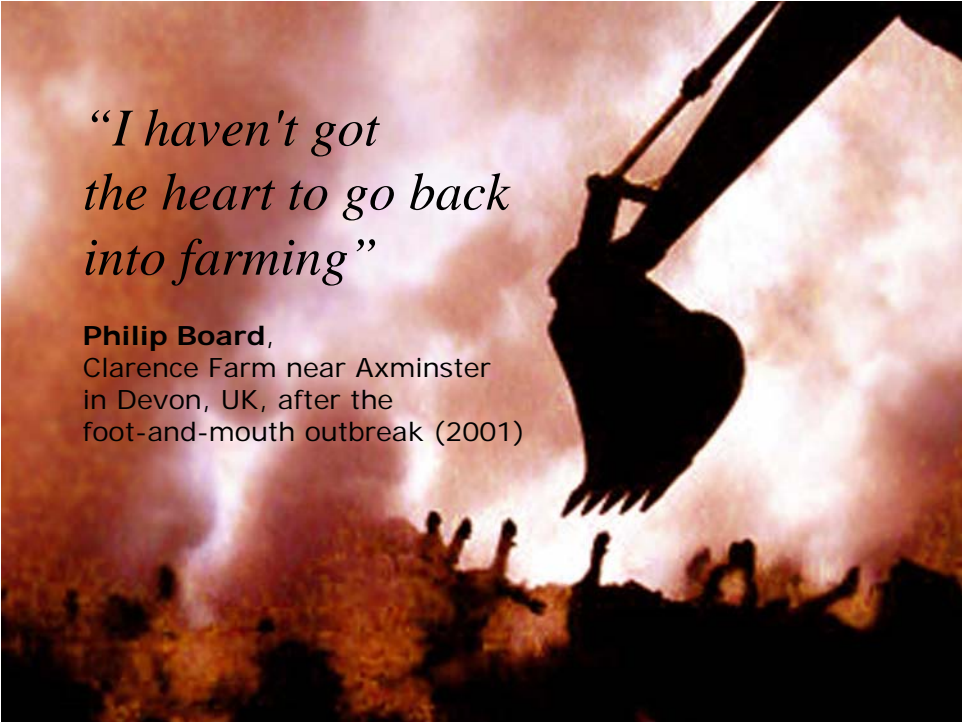
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A new **Animal Health Strategy**
for the European Union (2007-2013) where
"Prevention is better than cure"





*“I haven't got
the heart to go back
into farming”*

Philip Board,
Clarence Farm near Axminster
in Devon, UK, after the
foot-and-mouth outbreak (2001)

Why a new Animal Health strategy?

- CAHP drawn up 1988 → 1995
- **Expanded EU** (12→27)
- Emergence of **new threats** e.g. Avian flu
- increased volume of **trade**



The Global Nexus of Animal and Public Health


Salzburg Global Seminar: 8-13 September 2007.

- *"Tough on the issues; easy on each other"*
- *"By 2020 World demand for animal protein will increase by 50%"*
- *"87 new species of human pathogens have been recognised since 1980"*
- *"60% of human pathogens are zoonotic, and 85% of emerging pathogens"*
- *"A global pandemic could cost \$ 1 trillion".*

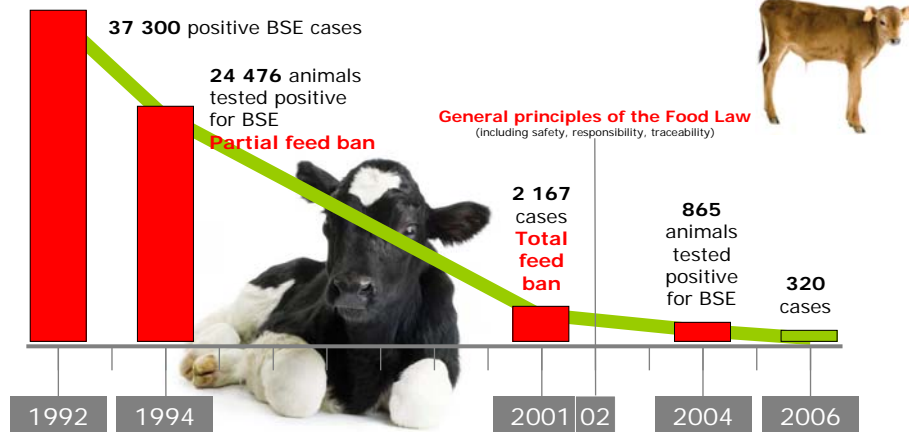
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What's been done



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Example: BSE in Europe



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The new Community Animal Health Policy Goals

> **High level** of **public health** and **food safety**.

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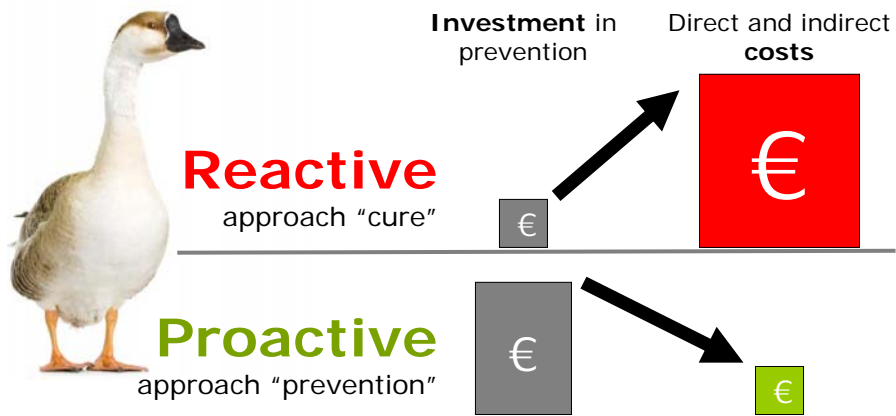
- > Support **farming** and **rural economy**.
- > **Improve** economic growth/cohesion/competitiveness.
- > Promote **sustainable** farming practices and **animal welfare**.



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Import Controls

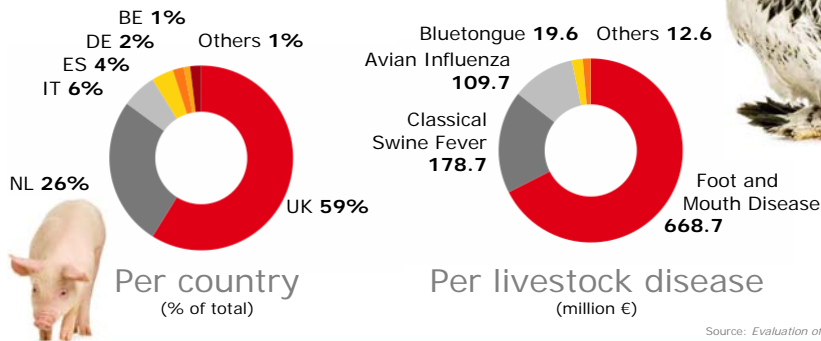
- Improve the **safety** of imports
- **Focused** controls:
 - high-risk imports
 - combating threats at the source
- Stronger measures **against illegal trade** in animals



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Defining Priorities

Breakdown of **veterinary emergency** funds payments (1997-2005)



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A Modern Legal Framework

> Replace the existing series of linked and interrelated policy actions by a **single policy framework**.

> **Converge** as far as possible with the **international** recommendations, standards and guidelines of the OIE/Codex.

> Develop efficient **cost** and **responsibility sharing** schemes.

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Science & Research

- **Science**

- Strengthen the collaboration between European agencies and national bodies and the Community Reference Labs.

- **Innovation and Research**

- Define a research action plan.
- Appropriate level of funding.
- International cooperation.



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Conclusion



A
collaborative
Approach

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| | | Participation of operators in cost-sharing schemes has to be compulsory | | Participation of operators in cost-sharing schemes could be voluntary | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|------------|-----|------|----|
| | | Public relevance of disease Responsibility for public intervention because of possible impacts on public health, animal health, welfare, the environment and the wider economy | | | | | | |
| | | | Very high | High | Moderate | Low | None | |
| Need for EU coordinated action | Responsibility for EU to take coordinated action because wider EU interests affected | Ratio EU:MS financing | Total public contributions (EU & MS) | 80% | 60% | 40% | 20% | 0% |
| | High | 70:30 | Disease A | Disease B* | | | | |
| | Moderate | 50:50 | | Disease C | Disease D* | | | |
| | Low | 30:70 | | | | | | |
| | 0:100 | | | | | | | |

* Spread of disease cannot be prevented by proper bio-security measures of operators