



“Prevention is better than cure”

The global dimensions of
the new
EU Animal Health Strategy
(2007-2013)

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*“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?

- **New challenges** (emerging diseases, outbreaks of eradicated diseases, climate change).
- **Increased volume of trade** in live animals and animal products.
- **Enlargement** of the EU.
- **Science, technology** and our institutional framework have evolved substantially.
- **Better use of the available resources**, including financial tools.



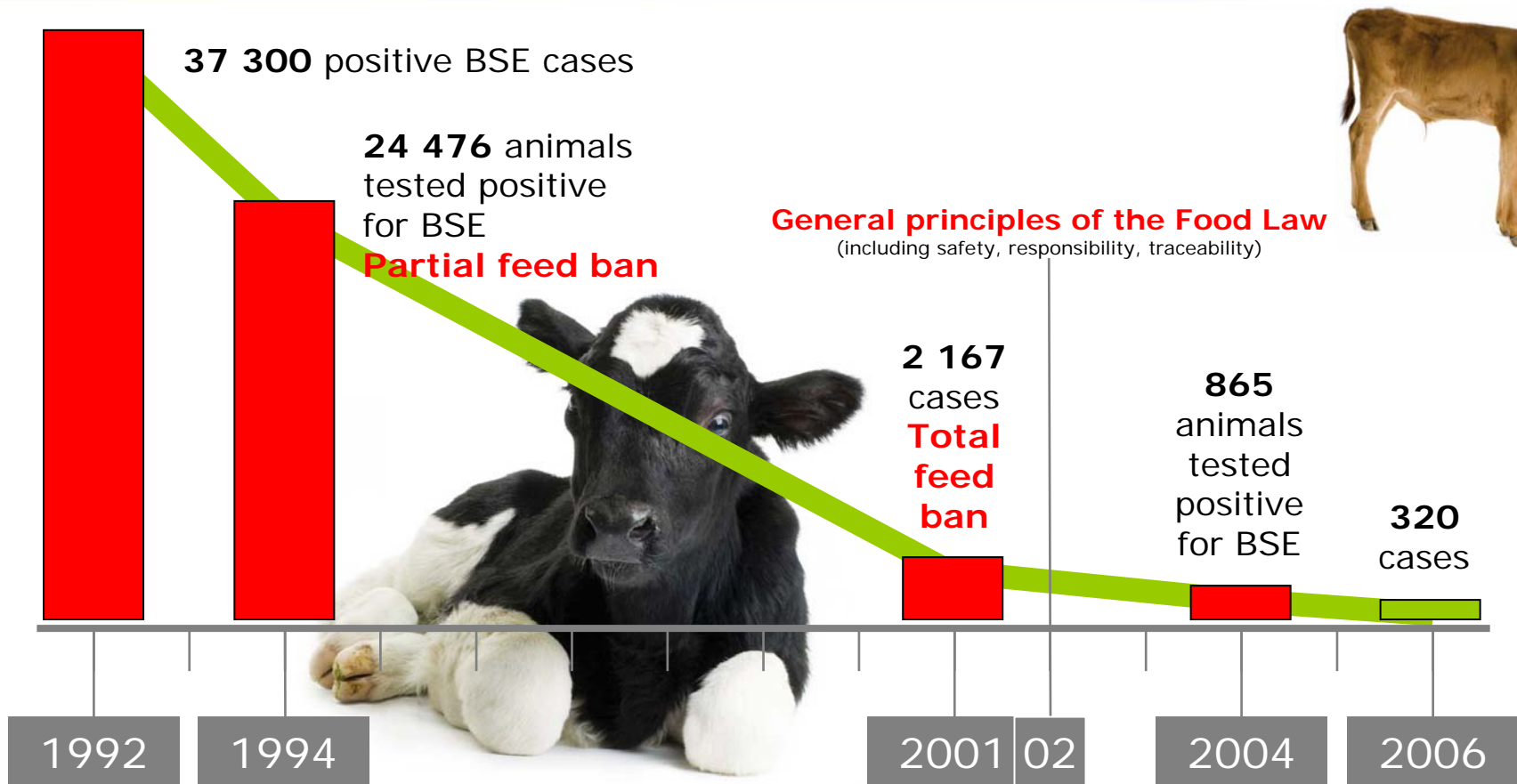
What's been done



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



Example: BSE in Europe



The new **Community Animal Health Policy** **Goals**

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

Also:

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



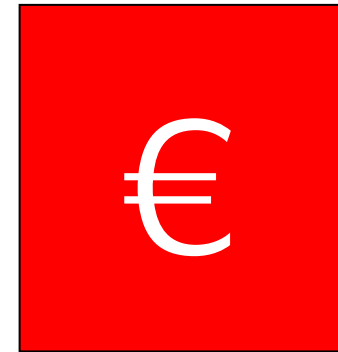
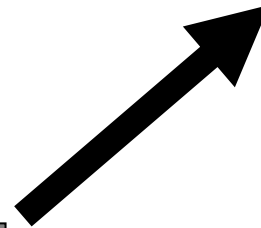
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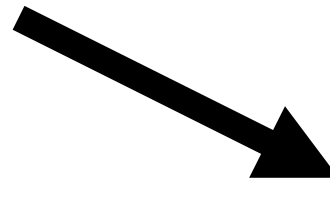
Reactive
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Investment in
prevention

Direct and indirect
costs

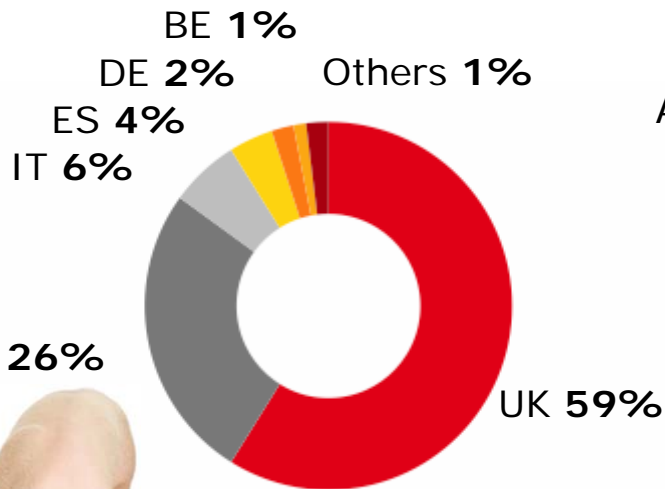


Proactive
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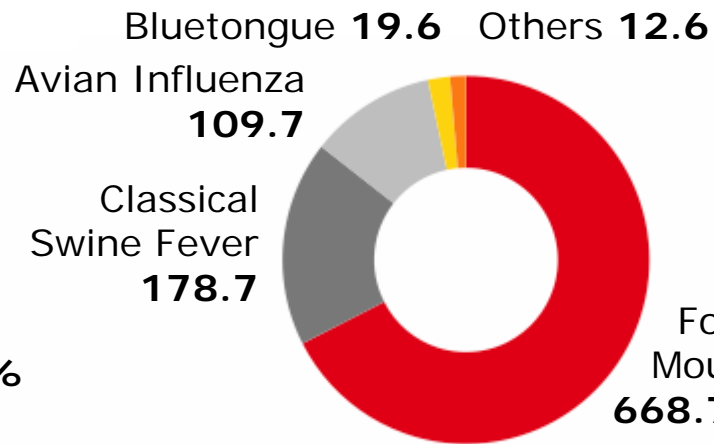


Defining Priorities

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



Per country
(% of total)



Per livestock disease
(million €)



Source: *Evaluation of the CAHP: Final Report*



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.



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.



Underlying Principle: Partnership

- **Participation of all** involved in animal health (NGOs, consumers and governments) as well as interested citizens.
- Stakeholders to give **input** as well as take **responsibility**.
- Establish an **“Animal Health Advisory Committee”**.



Conclusion



A
collaborative
Approach

