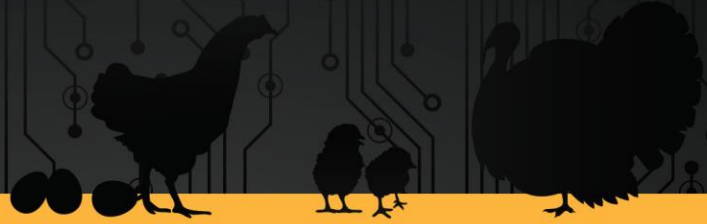


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How to properly grow microbes on Québec poultry farms



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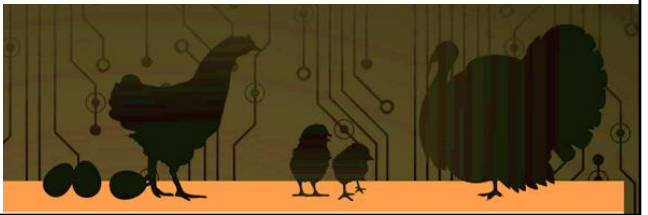
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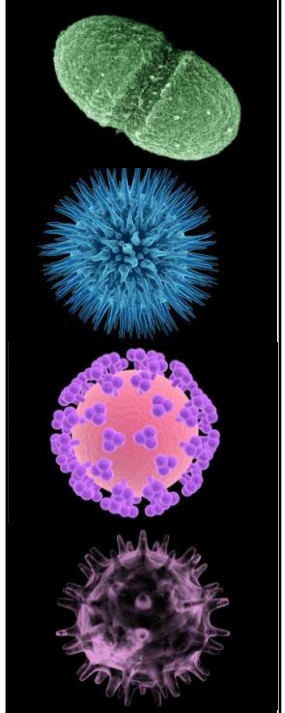
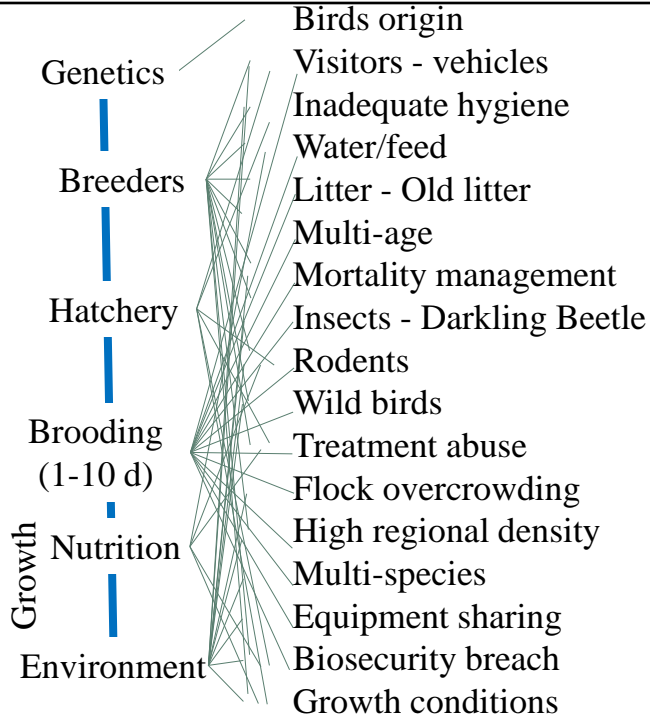
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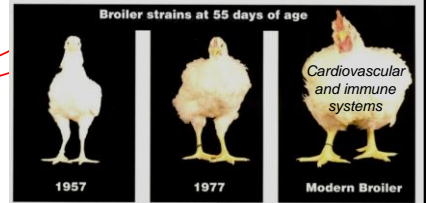
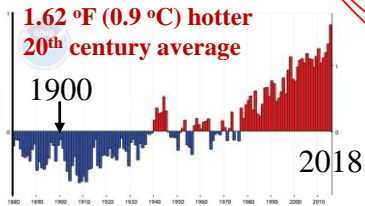
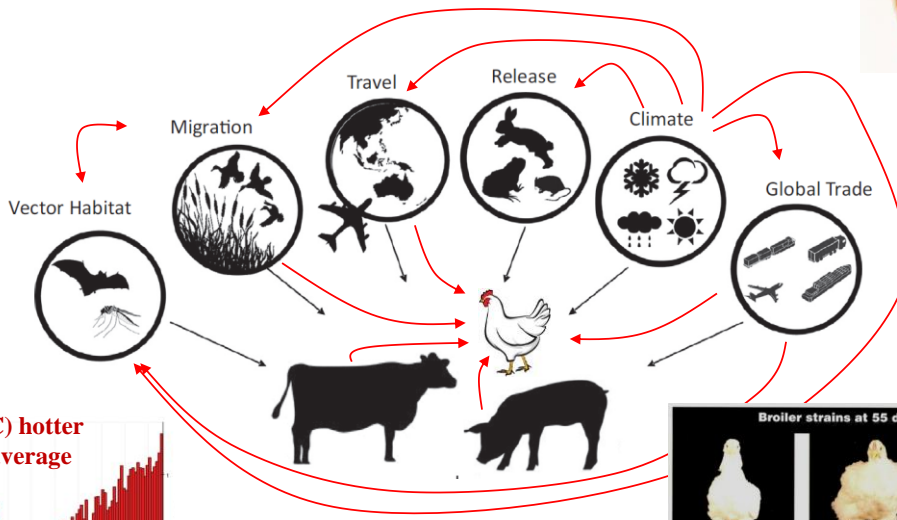
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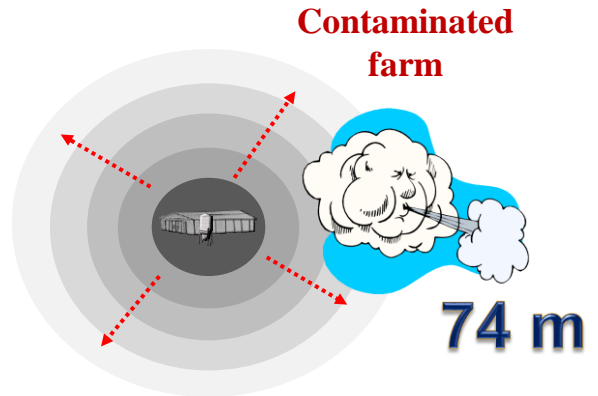
Infectious pathogens transmission



Journey of a pathogen

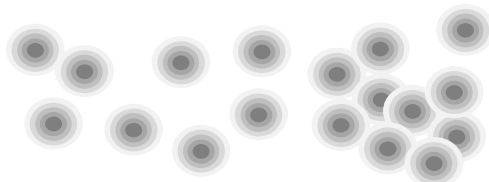
Determining factor - Distance

1. Topography
2. Temperature, humidity, wind
3. Vegetation
4. Rodent and insect populations
5. Farm traffic (staff, visitor)
6. Pathogen concentration (quantity of organic matter and pathogens; size)



Efficient transmission of the infection (sufficient infection pressure)

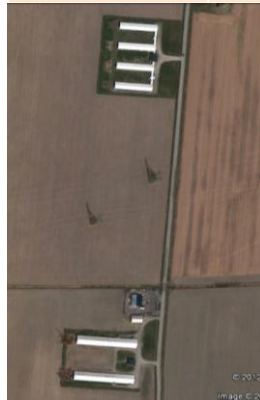
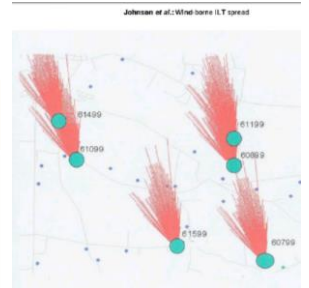
1. Distance between 2 sites
2. Farm regional density
3. Pathogen concentration





Proximity risks

Diseases	Risk factor	Risk level	Reference
<i>Salmonella</i>	High density of flocks	OR 4.2	Snow et al., 2012; Great Britain
Newcastle		OR 4.2	East et al., 2006; Australia
<i>E. Coli</i>		OR 6.3	Vandekerchove et al., 2004; Belgium
Avian Influenza		OR 34,7	Boender et al., 2004, The Netherlands



Less than 1 km between farms

- 2 x more chance → *Salmonella*
 - 4 x more chance → *Newcastle*
 - 6 x more chance → *E. Coli*
 - 35 x more chance → *Avian Influenza*
- ⇒ eggs, equipment, people, vehicles, wildlife

10 x more chance that a farm will test positive for infectious laryngotracheitis if located in a wind corridor from another infected farm

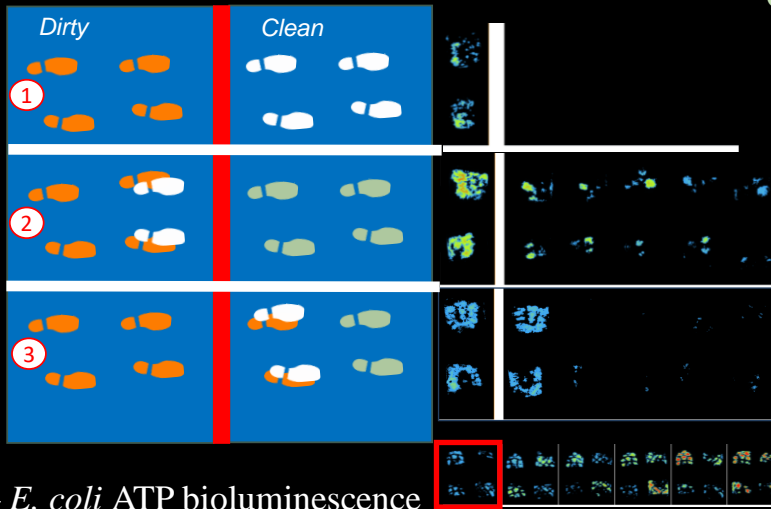
Racicot, 2014



Risk factor - Avian Influenza

Risk factor	Risk (O.R.)	Reference
Visitors	8.3	Fasina et al., 2011; Nigeria
Clothing, footwear, hands	7.0	Nishiguchi et al., 2007; Japan
Equipment sharing	29.4	Nishiguchi et al., 2007; Japan
Birds > 10 weeks of age	2.0 – 4.9	Thomas et al., 2005; McQuiston et al, 2005
Rendering vs on-site disposition	7.3	McQuiston et al., 2005
Racoons or foxes seen near from the farm	2.0	McQuiston et al., 2005
Darkling beetles, flies (30% AI + at 2.3 km from positive flocks), Hauling		

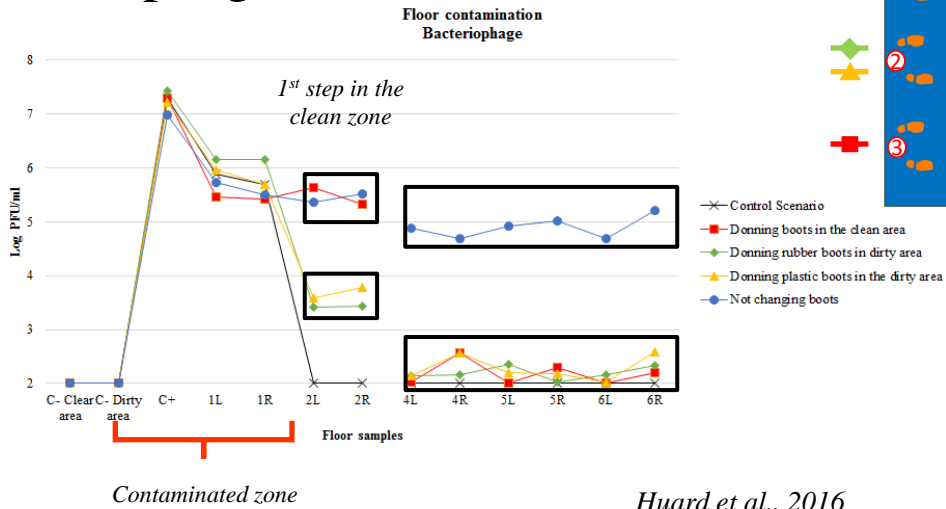
Footwear changing



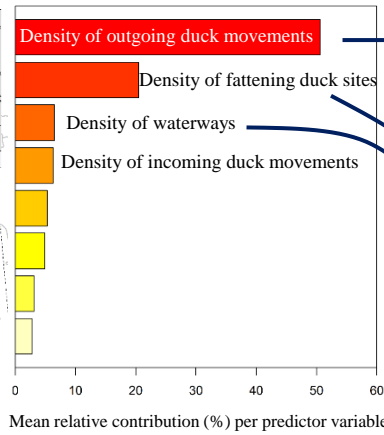
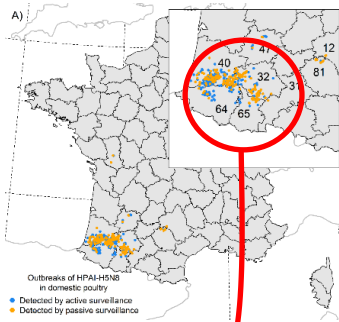
Visualization – *E. coli* ATP bioluminescence

Failure to change footwear (Bacteriophage)

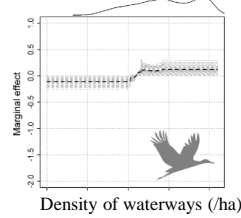
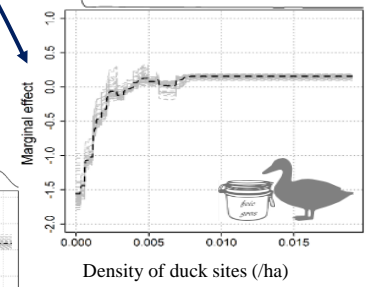
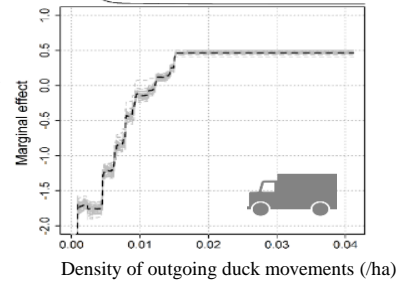
10 x Bronchitis



Risk factors associated with HPAI spread



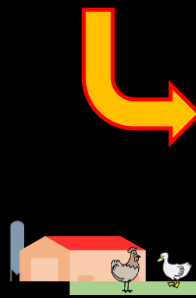
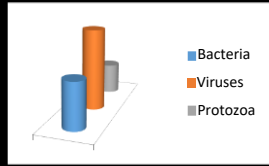
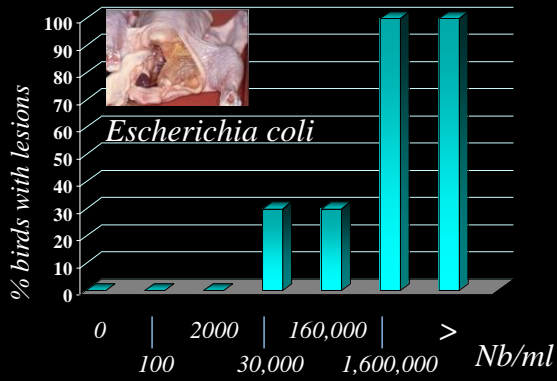
France
2015-2017



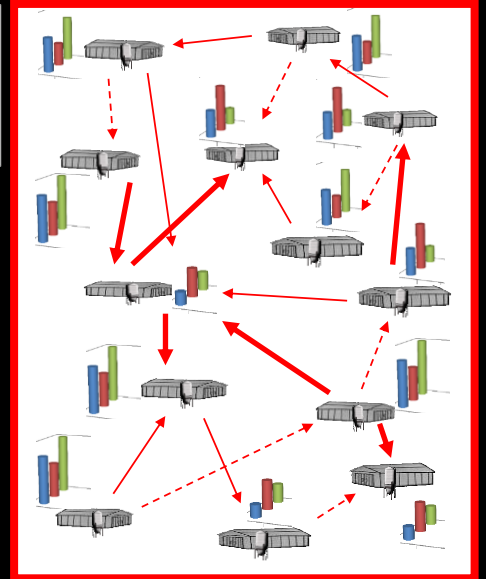
Paul, Guinat, Guérin, 2018

Infection pressure

Quantity and diversity of microbes in efficient contact with the host



Contact probability between infected and healthy



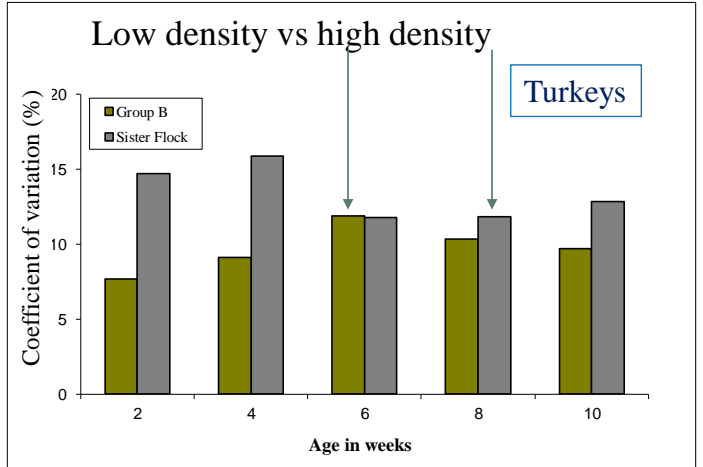
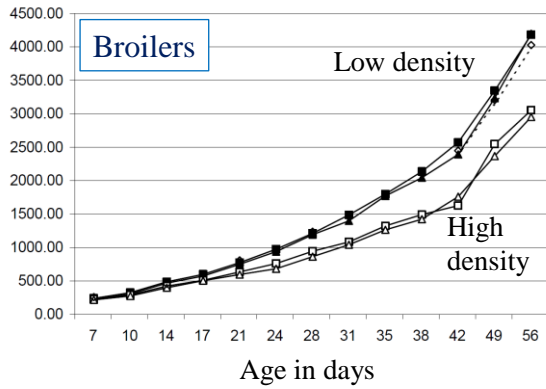
High regional density

- Same breeders
- Same hatchery
- Same feed
- Same flock density



Feed conversion
Growth rate
Flock uniformity

Average weight in grams



NCSU 2008

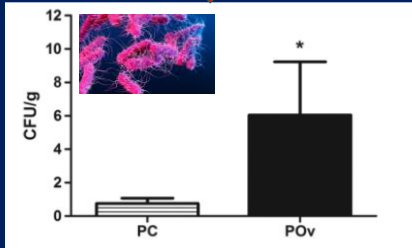
Flock Overcrowding



↓ Immunity

↓ Gut integrity

Gomes et al., 2014

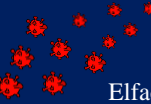


Liver invasion by *Salmonella* Enteritidis

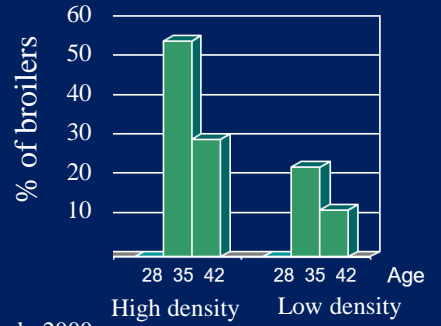
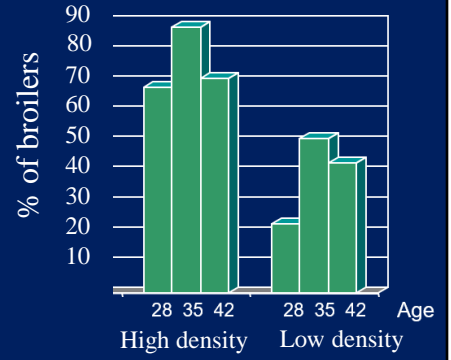
Presence



Scratch



Severity

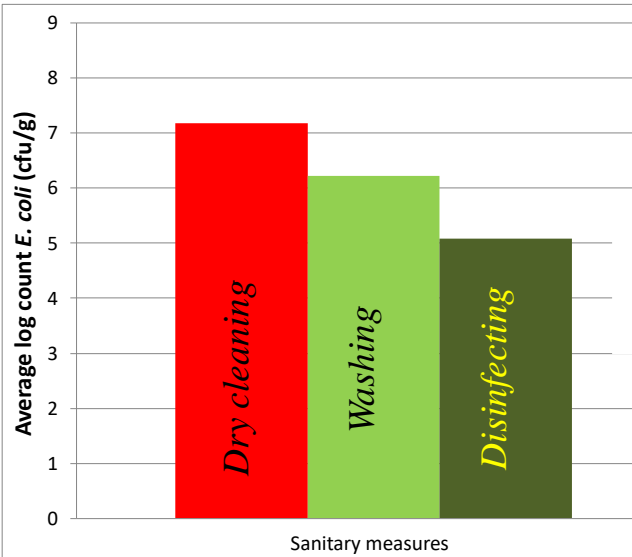


Elfadil et al., 2000

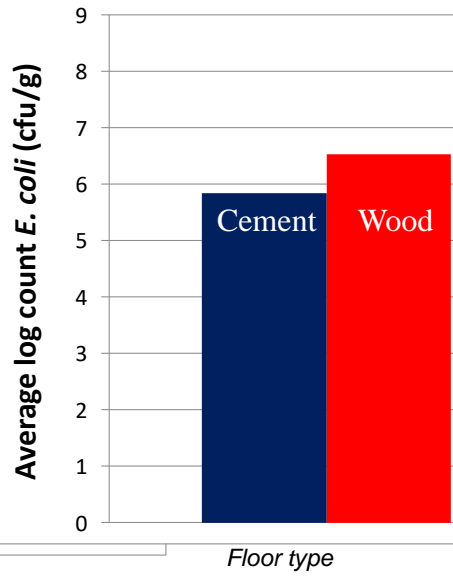
Sanitary measures



Floor type



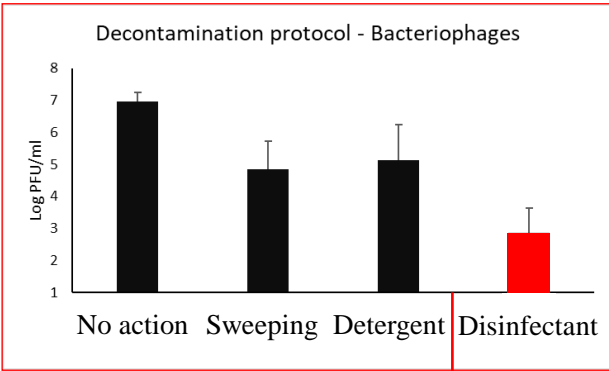
Course, 2018



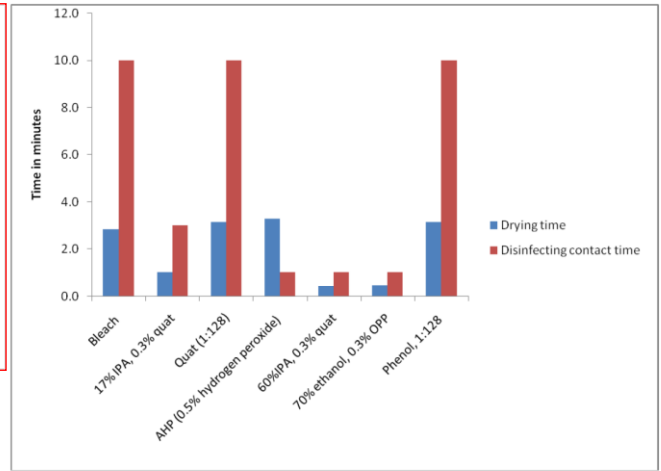
Impact of disinfection on virus



Table 1: Drying Time versus Disinfectant Label Contact Time



Drying



The Importance of Contact Times for Disinfectants
(Omidbakhsh, N. CJIC 2008; 23:49)

Source and water treatment

Risk

- Surface well > water well > aqueduct
- 3 X more risk of infection with *Campylobacter* when birds are given untreated water
- 3 X more risk of infection with *Campylobacter* in turkeys drinking unchlorinated water
- Chlorination + washing & disinfection of the water lines → ↓ 81% to 7% of the birds colonized by *Campylobacter*



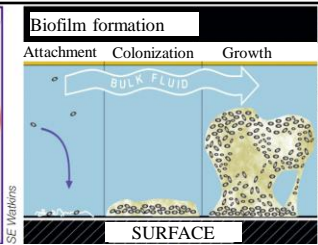
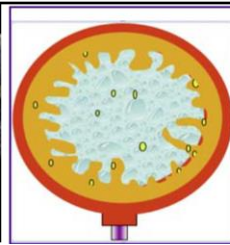
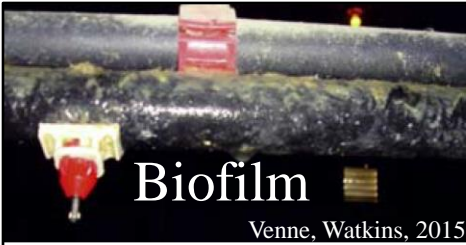
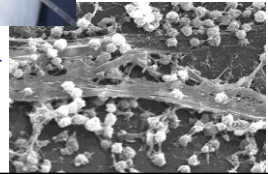
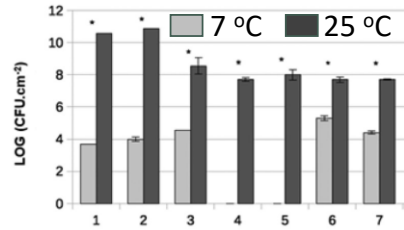


Fig.81.1 & 81.2: Biofilms formed in water lines can contain *Escherichia coli* and *Bordetella*.

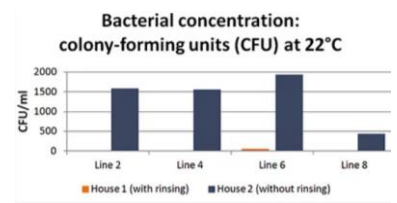
- ✓ Contaminated water
- ✓ Low flow
- ✓ High temperature
- ✓ Bacterial strain



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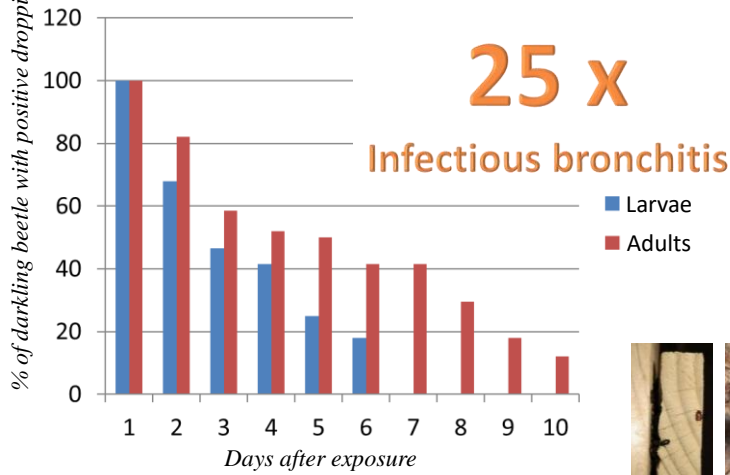
Different strains of *Campylobacter*
Klein Scheik et al., 2020



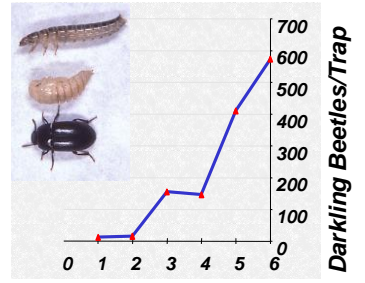
Linden, 2014

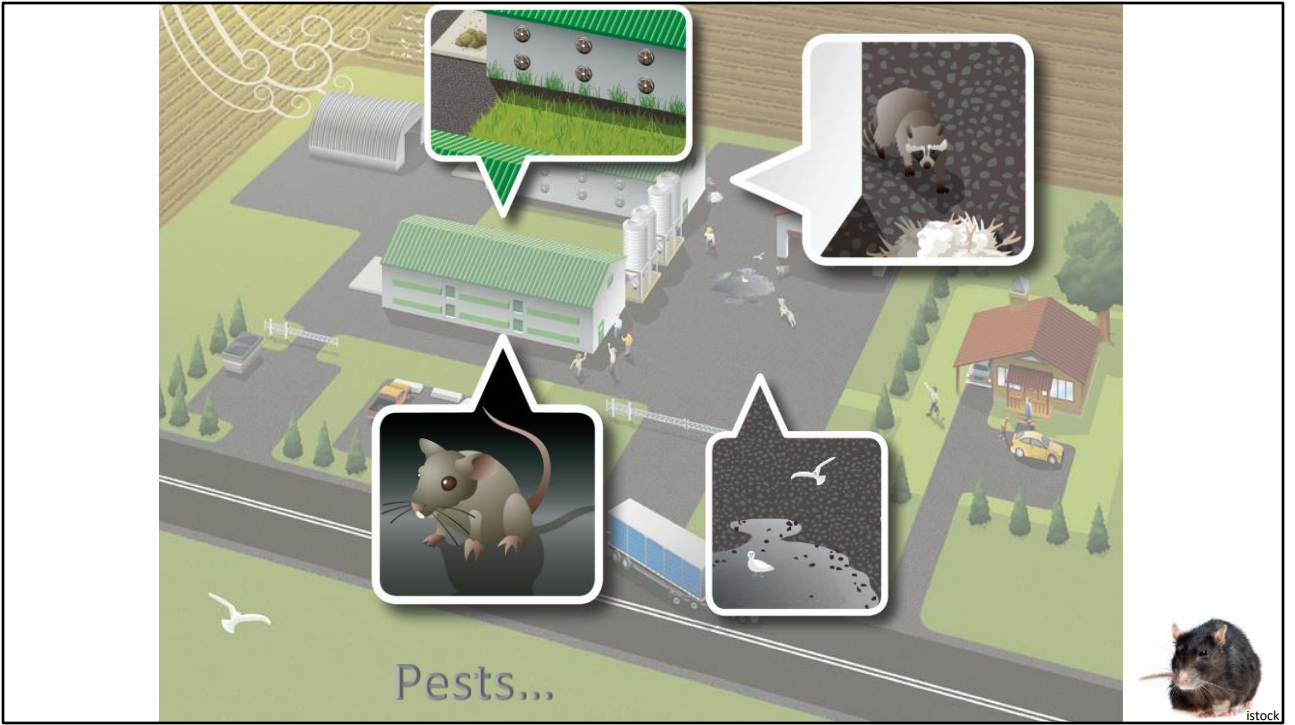
Darkling Beetles → 2-3 km/day

Percentage of *E. coli* excretion
in darkling beetle droppings



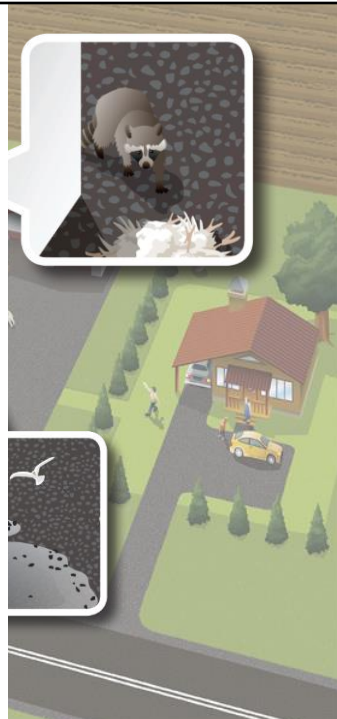
McAllister et al. 1996





Rodents and wildlife

- 3 X more at risk of infection with *Campylobacter* if pest droppings were seen on site
- 3 X more at risk of coccidiosis if pests are present on site
- 6 X more at risk of infection with *Salmonella* Enteritis if rodents are seen
- 8 X more at risk of infection with *Salmonella* Enteritis if rats are seen monthly or more frequently
- 2 X more at risk of low pathogenic avian influenza if the producer sees raccoons or foxes near the farm
- Significant link between the presence of squirrels on site and the presence of cholera (*Pasteurella multocida*) in the flock





Industries on wheel

Producer/employee	Tractors
Cleaning crew	Vaccination crew
Animal transportation	Feed truck
Transportation (equipment)	Fuel truck
Litter transportation	Service truck
Rendering truck	Snow removal truck
Service	Waste truck
Veterinarian	Tractor mixer
	etc.

The biggest rodent

Laryngotracheitis
Infectious
Niagara peninsula



Factor	Odds Ratio
Vaccination crew	12.7
Manure disposal	8.1

Antibiotic resistance: The egg or the hen

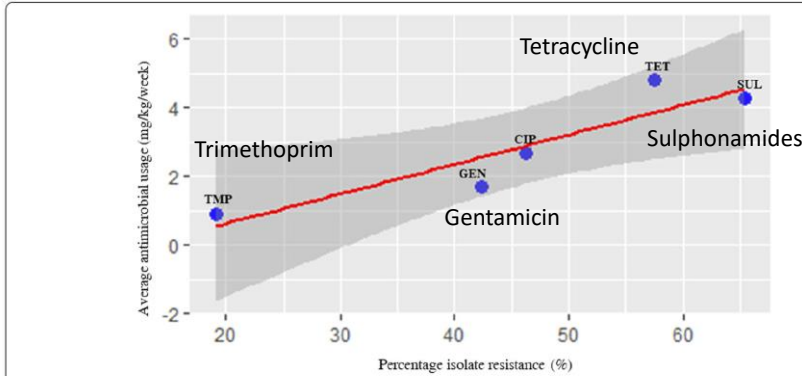
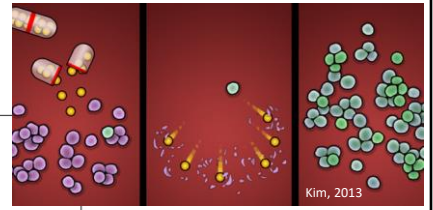


Fig. 3 Scatter plot analysis indicating positive correlation between percentage of isolate resistance and average usage of active antimicrobial ingredients of selected antimicrobials. Each dot represents a specific antimicrobial. The blue colour represents the 95% confidence interval. CIP, ciprofloxacin; GEN, gentamicin; SUL, sulphonamides; TET, tetracycline; and TMP, trimethoprim
 Hassan Jibril et al., 2021

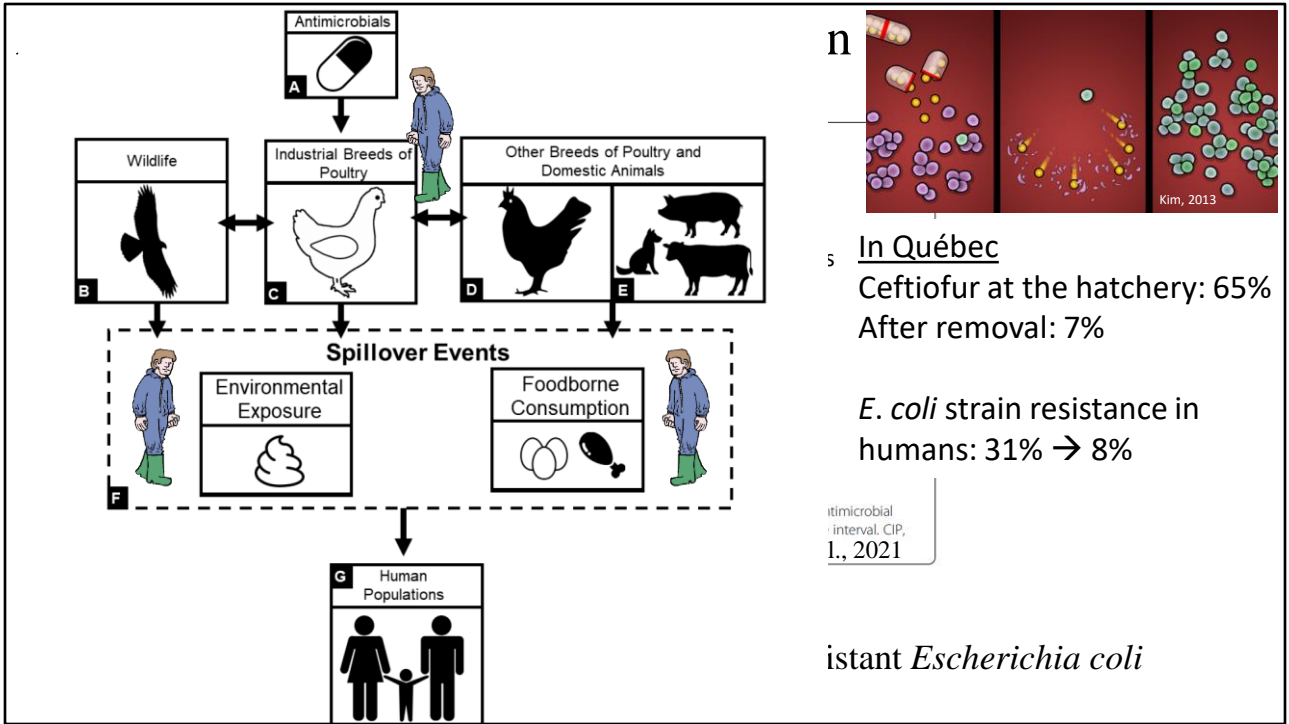
In Québec

Ceftiofur at the hatchery: 65%
 After removal: 7%

E. coli strain resistance in humans: 31% → 8%

Poultry workers:

32 x more at risk to be a carrier of the gentamycin-resistant *Escherichia coli*



Inadequate dead bird disposal



Sharing pathogens between flocks via:

Rendering + farm biosecurity breach → 7.3 x HPAI (McQuiston et al. 2005)

→ 22.3 x HPAI if near buildings (Garber et al., 2016)

Dead bird carcasses available to animals:

↑ x 3.3 the risk of HPAI (Fallah Mehrabadi et al., 2016)

(Payne et al. 2011; Popoff 1989; Relun et al. 2017; Souillard, Le Maréchal, Ballan, Mahé et al. 2017)

If covered: ↓ x 5 the risk of contamination to *Salmonella* (Huneau-Salaün et al., 2009)





Elfadil & Vaillancourt, 1996



After taking into account:

- ✓ Genetic line and sex
- ✓ Lighting program
- ✓ Size of flock
- ✓ Litter type



A long downtime helps lower the cellulitis condemnation rate

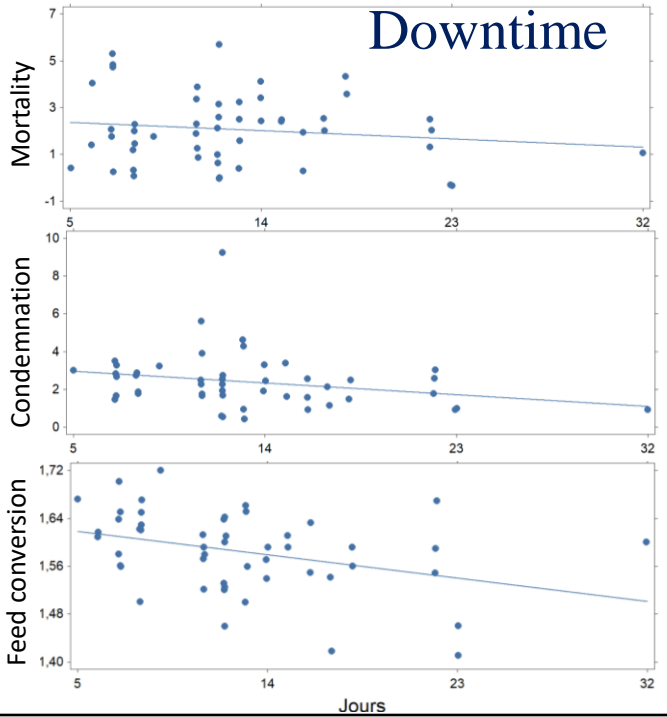
$P < 0.0001$



16 flocks → Downtime < 10 d = 1.62

29 flocks → Downtime < 10 d = 1.59

$P = 0.004$





Elfadil & Vaillancourt, 1996



After taking into account:

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5 x more *Campylobacter* if < 14 days

Hald et al., 2000

16.7 x less salmonella if All-in All-out

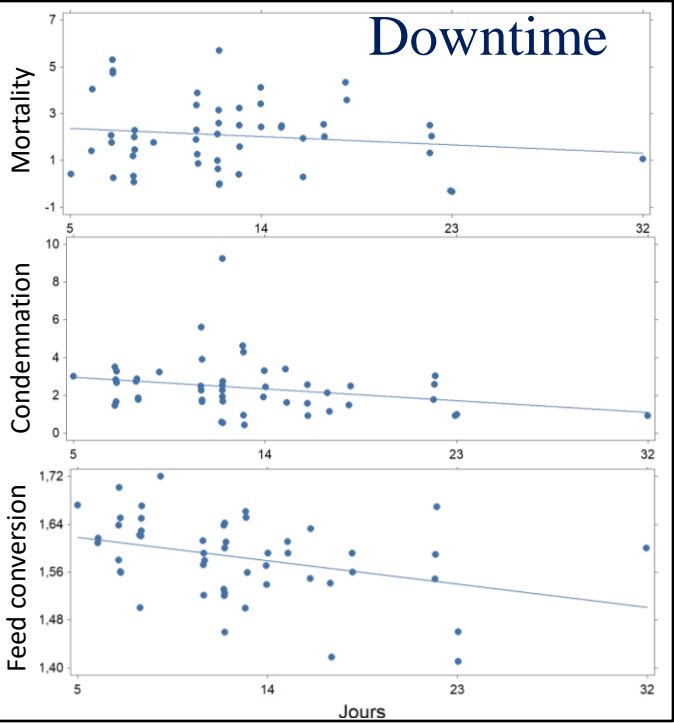
Snow et al., 2010



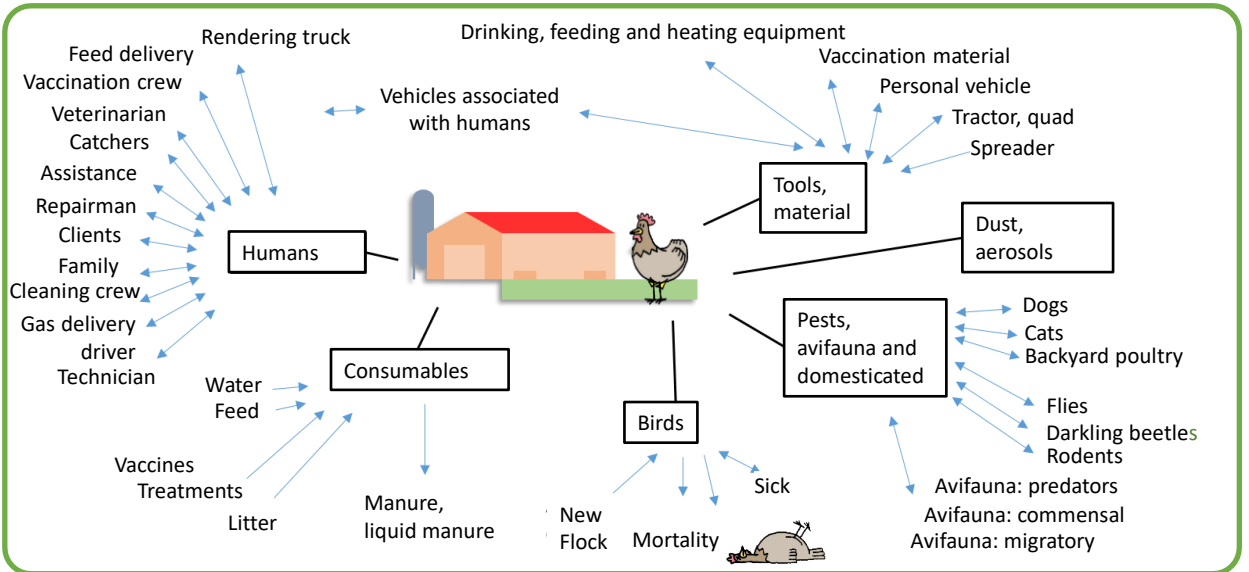
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Contamination source - pressure sources



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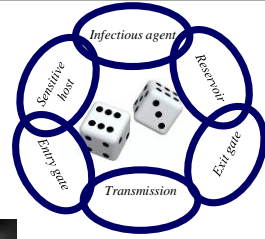
Lack of compliance



Number of times played




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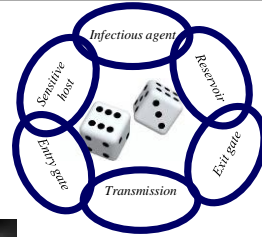
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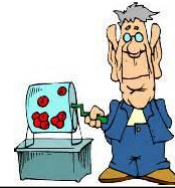
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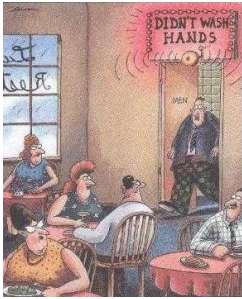
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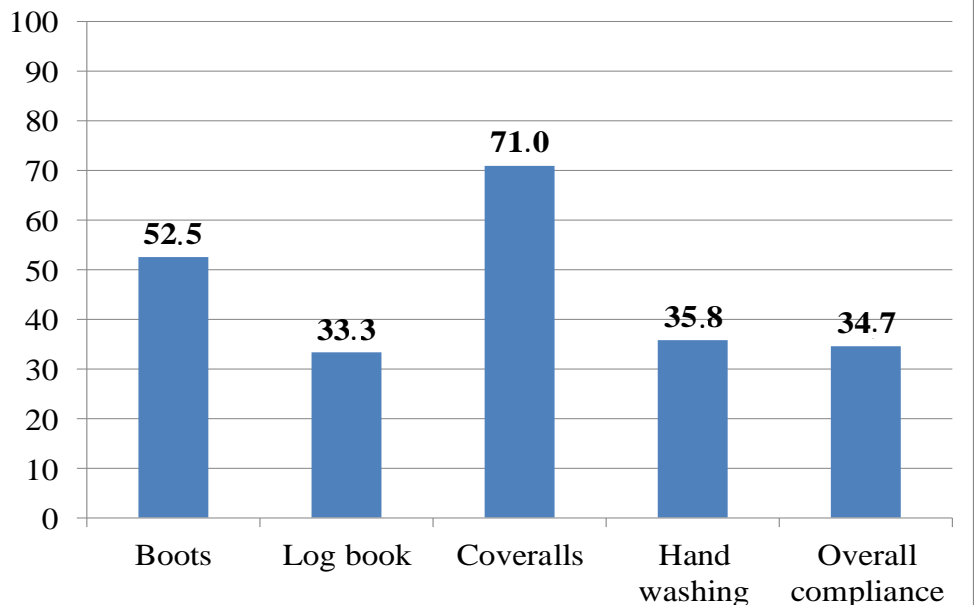
Compliance Biosecurity



Compliance -Human nature



Racicot et al. 2012




Basic biosecurity principles




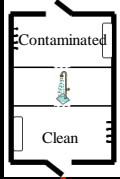

Reducing



Cleaning



Separating



Communicating



Organizing



Thank you!

