



Feral Hog Update For Missouri



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Cooperative Efforts

- 2008 Governor created “Governor’s Feral Hog Task Force”
- Group completed its report and stopped meeting
- 2015 group reformed as the “Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership”
- Meet at least two times per year
- All members have goal of total elimination of feral hogs from the state





Members of the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership

- Missouri Department of Conservation
- US Department of Agriculture APHIS - WS
- Missouri Department of Agriculture
- US Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Army Fort Leonard Wood
- US Department of Agriculture APHIS – VS
- Natural Resources Conservation Service



Agricultural Partners (this is not a complete list)

- Missouri Farmers Care
- Missouri Farm Bureau
- Missouri Cattleman's Association
- Missouri Pork Producers Association
- MFA
- Missouri Soybean Association
- Missouri Corn Growers Association

We also partner with a number of Conservation Organizations and hundreds of private landowners.



Status of Feral Hogs in Missouri

- Started becoming a problem in mid 1990's
- By 2016 there were established populations in 38 counties, in 2019 they were only found in 31 counties
- 383 watersheds were occupied by feral hogs in 2016, in 2019 there were 292 occupied watersheds
- Hog hunting banned on all MO Dept. of Conservation lands in October 2016
- Hog hunting banned on all US Forest Service lands in MO in Dec. 2019
- Hog hunting banned on all National Park Service lands in April 2020



Status of Feral Hogs in Missouri

- Removed 10,495 hogs in 2019
- Removed 4,155 hogs from January – April 2020
- Majority both years removed by trapping but aerial gunning contributed a large number also.
- All removed by members of the Feral Hog Partnership and cooperating landowners, no information on numbers eliminated through recreational methods.
- Seeing success, especially on western side of state, numbers getting very low

Expanded Effort

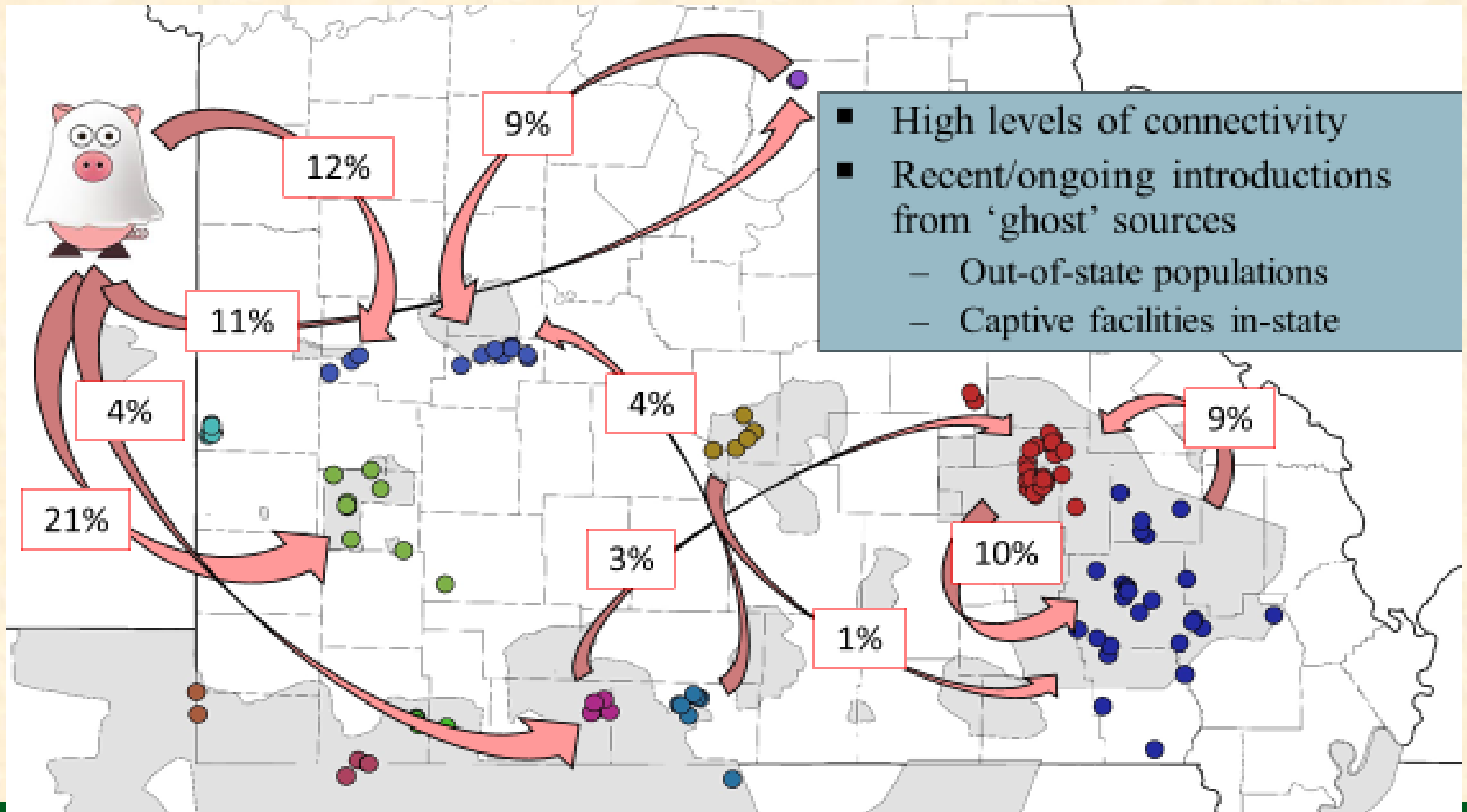


- In the fall of 2019 Unified Incident Command Structure was established for increased elimination efforts
- Supplemental Winter Operation – Jan. through March 2020, additional 50 staff per week, scouting for hog sign and trapping, combined with ongoing normal operations:
 - Scouted 1,105,641 acres for hog sign
 - Removed 3,538 feral hogs
 - Assisted 439 landowners
- Planning a Supplemental Summer Operation – June through August 2020, primarily trapping hogs with some scouting
- All supplemental operations are in addition to our normal efforts



USDA National Feral Swine Program is studying genetics of hogs in Missouri

- High level of connectivity indicating intentional releases





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