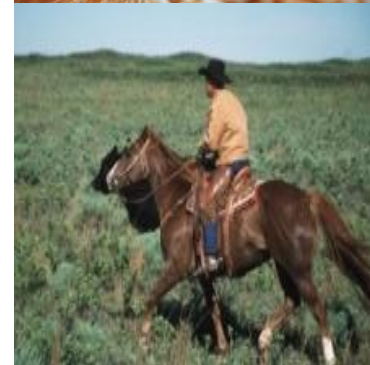




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# International Trade

- Goal
  - Reopening beef trade with China
  - Continuing to negotiate
  - Overcoming stumbling blocks



# Industry Traceability System

- Meets China's traceability requirements
- Includes cattle in existing ID programs



# Tracing Animals Inter- and Intrastate

- Compiling data as we conduct traces
- Conducting performance measures on annual basis
- Retrieving records to complete trace exercise increases by 19 percent

# Country of Origin Labeling

- Congress repeals COOL in December 2015
- AMS administered COOL
  - Not an issue for APHIS-VS



# Questions?

