Today’s panel brings together 3 COEs and their ‘DHS customers’

- Foreign animal & zoonotic diseases
- Food protection & defense
- Microbial Risk Assessment

- S&T Chem Bio Div
- DHS Office of Health Affairs
- Food & Ag Coordinating Council
DHS has major responsibilities in the areas represented by these COEs

- DHS operates the Plum Island Animal Disease Center – the only place where foreign animal diseases can be handled
- HSPD-9, *Defense of United States Agriculture and Food*, gives DHS a major role in this area
- The President’s *Biodefense for the 21st Century* calls for periodic formal risk assessments. These include:
  - Microbial risk data
  - Risks to the agricultural and food systems
The COEs play a key part in meeting these needs

- Basic Research
- Applied Research
- Training the homeland security professionals of the future

Beginning in FY07, the Under Secretary for S&T has asked that the Centers of Excellence be more closely aligned with their corresponding Divisions.
Today’s speakers

• Neville Clark (FAZD)
• Francis Busta (NCFPD)
• Joan Rose (CAMRA)
• Clay Detlefsen (Food and Ag Sector Coordinating Council)
• Tom McGinn (DHS Office of Health Affairs)