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Zoning at West Hawk Lake



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Objective of WHL Zoning

- Establish a recognized boundary for zones within Canada, that can independently maintain a certain disease status
- Create a process that enables tracking of animal movement across the WHL control site



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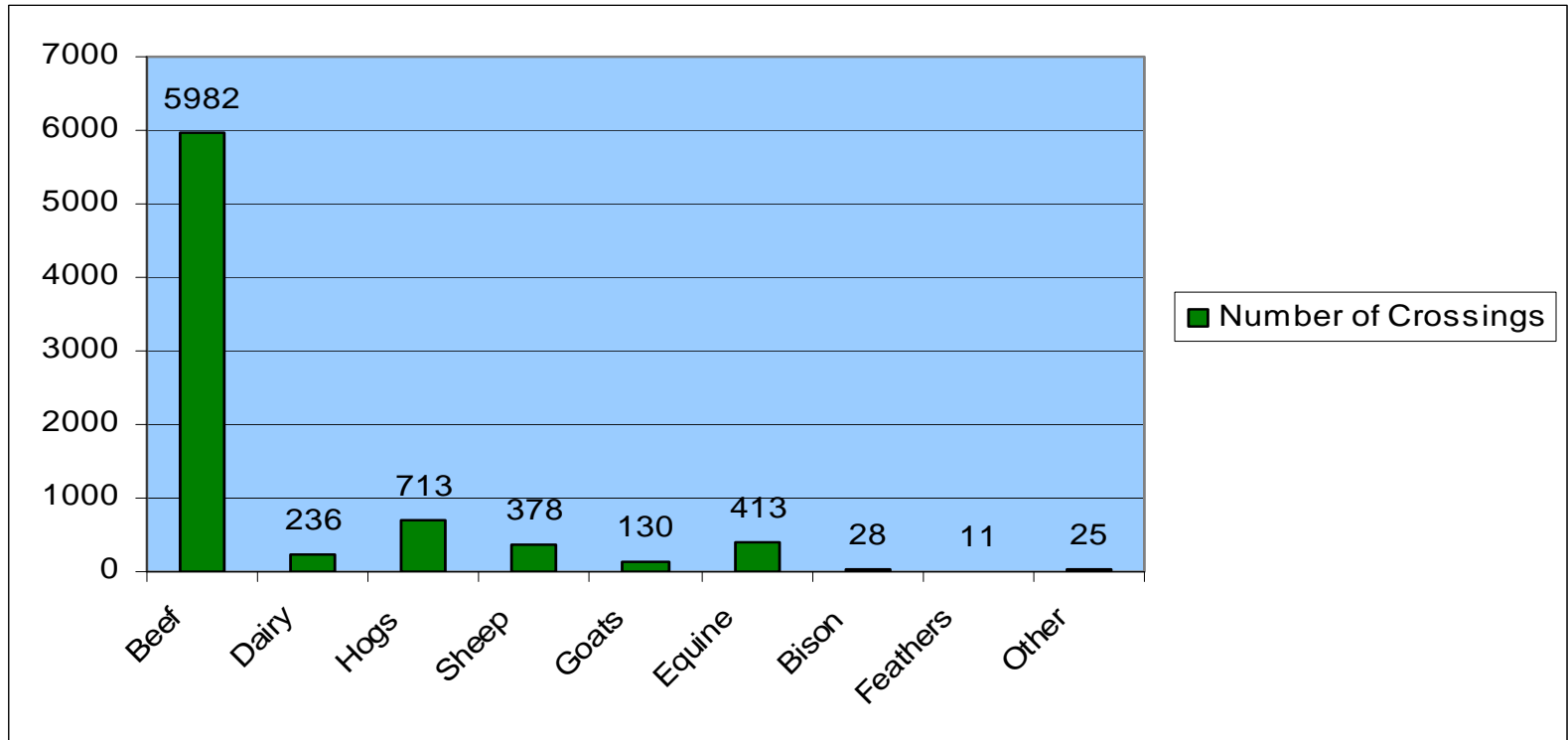
West Hawk Lake Zoning Facility

- Located at Manitoba/Ontario border
- Geographic isolation
- Manitoba Transportation site
- Not a location for inspecting animals
- Capacity to operate 24/7



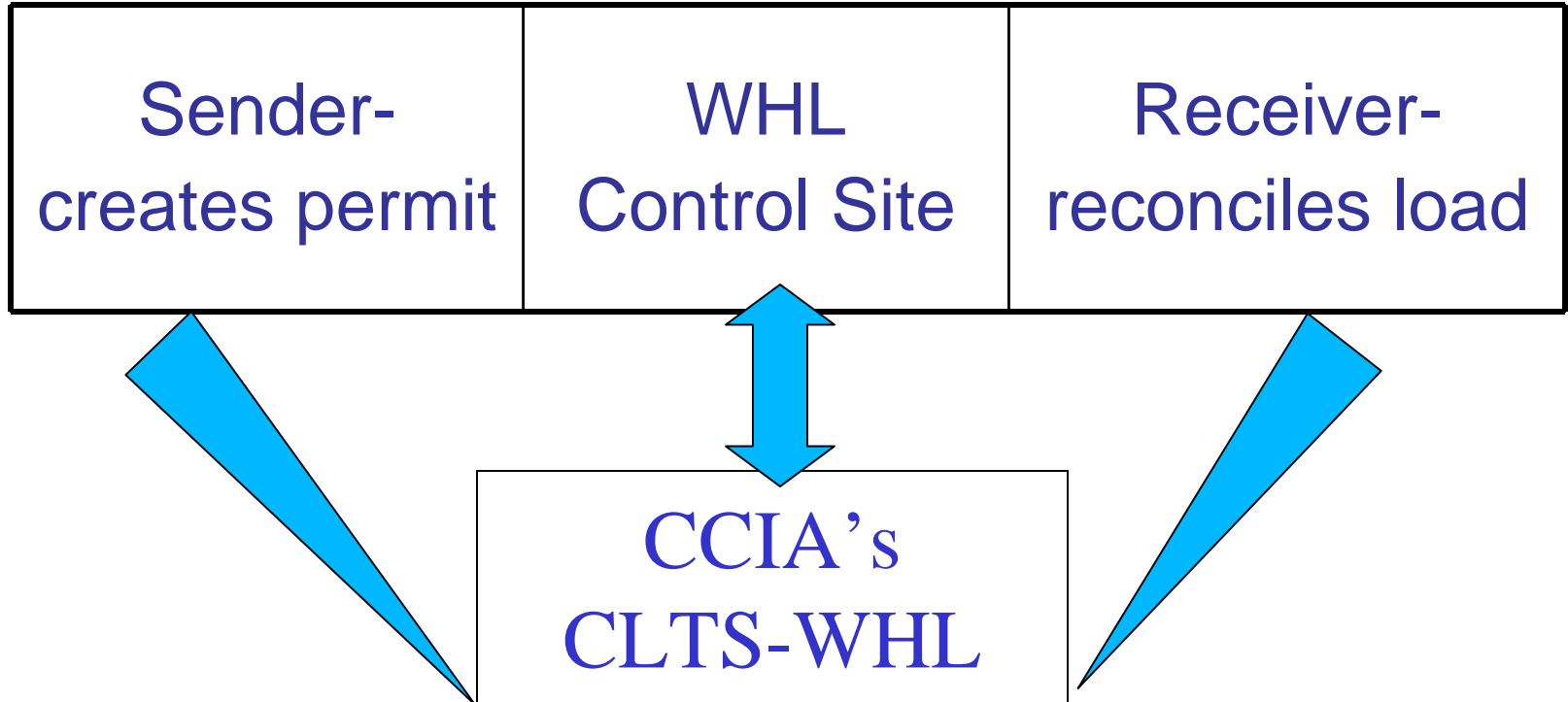
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Crossings Between August, 2006 and January, 2009



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Process



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Testing of the System

- Small and large scale testing occurred
- Identify and equip facilities
 - Practical view of the effectiveness of the system
 - Degree of acceptability among producers
- Provide support



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About the producers/users:

- Traceability technology has not been operationalized
- Nearly all shippers are prepared to enter information voluntarily
- Wide range in facility infrastructure
- Shipping/receiving is not always a simple process
- Confidentiality
- Concern re: speed of commerce



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About the technology:

- Technology may not be readily available
- IT support is crucial
 - Control site staff offer considerable support in permit creation and reconciliation
- Great effort in making one system suitable for multi-species tracking
- Must be flexible



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In order to be accepted the WHL system must:

- Minimize additional workload
- Realize additional value
- Provide financial benefit
- Offer hands-on support for participants



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Threats

To a successful Canadian Traceability R & D Strategy:

- Lack of reliance on science (domestic & international)
- Coordination and collaboration between levels of government and with industry
- Availability and compatibility of technology



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Opportunities

For a successful Canadian Traceability R & D Strategy:

- CFIA and USDA efforts to recognize their respective Veterinary and Disease Control Infrastructure will enhance confidence
- There is a growing consensus to move this strategy forward.



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A Successful System

- is flexible
- returns value
- is user friendly
- is federally mandated with support of all stakeholders, including all levels of government and industry
- must have international recognition and acceptance



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Recommendations for R & D

- Develop an integrated network of databases, operating systems and technology that facilitates information sharing
- Identify traceability equipment supported by demonstration sites and technical support



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Success will be determined by how well industries, governments and consumers recognize and address shared and sometimes conflicting interests.



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