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## **FOOD SAFETY NET SERVICES**

### **CO-HOSTS TAFS WORKSHOP IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

(SAN ANTONIO): Food Safety Net Services, a network of food safety experts providing laboratory and technical services, was honored to co-host the **International Forum for Transmissible Animal Diseases and Food Safety** (TAFS) Workshop in San Antonio, Texas in June.

Over 40 industry experts from around the world gathered for the workshop in order to discuss bovine Paratuberculosis caused by *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* (MaP) both at the animal (farm) and product (food) level. The attendees also participated in a mock crisis situation based on emerging issues relating to MaP.

The TAFS Forum is a non-profit Swiss foundation that began in 2002 as the International Forum for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) and Food Safety, in response to the urgent need to address the BSE/TSE issue. However, in 2006 TAFS extended its scope to include other transmissible animal disease, such as avian influenza and Paratuberculosis, and the risks they may pose to food safety.

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#### **ABOUT FSNS:**

With laboratories in San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth, Phoenix, Green Bay and Atlanta, **Food Safety Net Services** offers an integrated network of services and industry expertise to improve the effectiveness of food safety and quality programs in a "one stop shopping" concept. At **Food Safety Net Services**, we tie together the vision of food safety by combining laboratory services with consulting and auditing services, educational and crisis management programs, and regulatory support. Our goal is to help you build and implement the most effective food safety and quality programs possible.