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# Danish Salmonella Control: Benefits, Costs, and Distributional Impacts

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## Overview over the presentation

- Salmonella control in Denmark
- Cost benefit analysis of direct economic effects
- General equilibrium analysis encompassing derived economic effects
- Comparison and conclusions



## Danish Salmonella Control

1995-2002:

- Control programmes regarding Salmonella in pork, poultry, and eggs
- Direct costs of 235 million USD
- The number of human Salmonella infections ↓ by 180,000 cases
  - 100,000 of which from fewer infections from eggs



## Industry level analysis

### - distribution of direct costs of salmonella control

Table 1. Relative direct costs for each sector 1995-2002

	$\frac{\text{direct costs}}{\text{total costs}}$
Pork	0.2 %
Poultry	0.9 %
Eggs	5.8 %

### Results

- The distribution of direct costs is not equal across sectors
  - The egg sector is hit hardest measured in terms of direct costs shares
- No behavioural adjustments
  - Direct cost equals profit loss



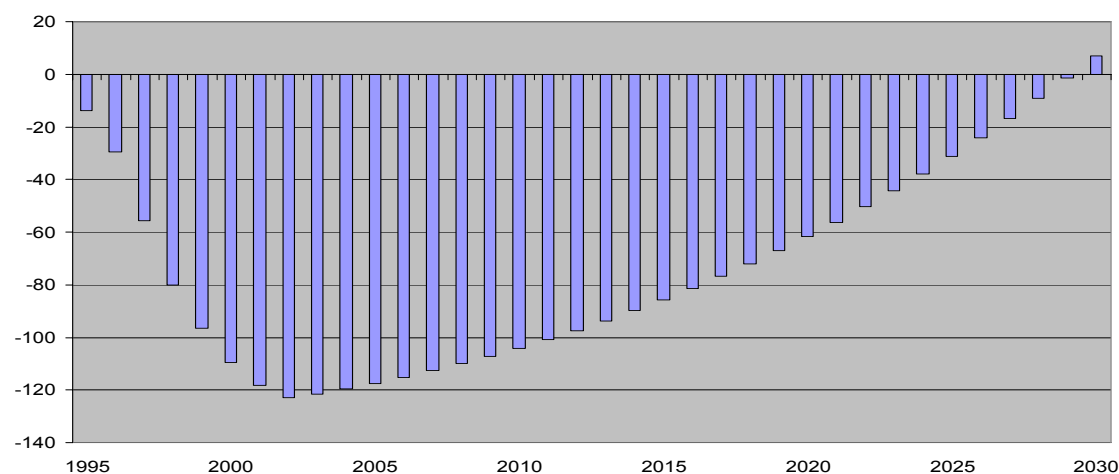
## Social welfare analysis - direct effects

- The cost benefit analysis includes
  - Direct costs: 235 million USD
  - Direct benefits (cost of illness)
    - Reduced public health expenditure
    - Increased productivity
    - Total of 116 million USD
- Result
  - In 1995–2002, there are direct net costs to society of 119 million USD



## Direct net benefits to society

Figure 1. Social direct net benefits, million USD



- Development of cost and benefits
  - Large initial costs, benefits with time lags
- **Result**
  - Not until 2030 do the net costs turn into net benefits





## Conclusions based on the analysis of direct effects

- Industry level analysis
  - Egg sector has the largest relative costs
- Social welfare analysis
  - Salmonella programme on eggs provides the largest benefits
  - Short run net costs
  - Long run net benefits from 2030



## General equilibrium analysis

- Same input data
- Incorporates the 3 direct effects
- Includes derived effects
- Allows producers and consumers to adjust their behaviour
- Takes account of interactions and feed-back mechanisms between agents
- Therefore, the general equilibrium analysis generates results that include both direct and derived effects



## What kind of results arise from a general equilibrium analysis?

- Industry level (changes in production, input demand, market prices)
  - Meat and egg producing sectors
  - Other sectors
- Consumers (changes in total consumption and demand structure)
- National level /social welfare (changes in gross domestic product, total unemployment, balance of payments)



## Industry level - long-run direct and derived effects

Table 2. Long-run direct and derived effects for each sector

Percentage changes	<i>Output price</i>	<i>Production quantity</i>	<i>Production value</i>
Pork	0.2	-0.4	-0.3
Poultry	0.7	-1.4	-1.2
Eggs	1.2	-0.2	1.0

### Results

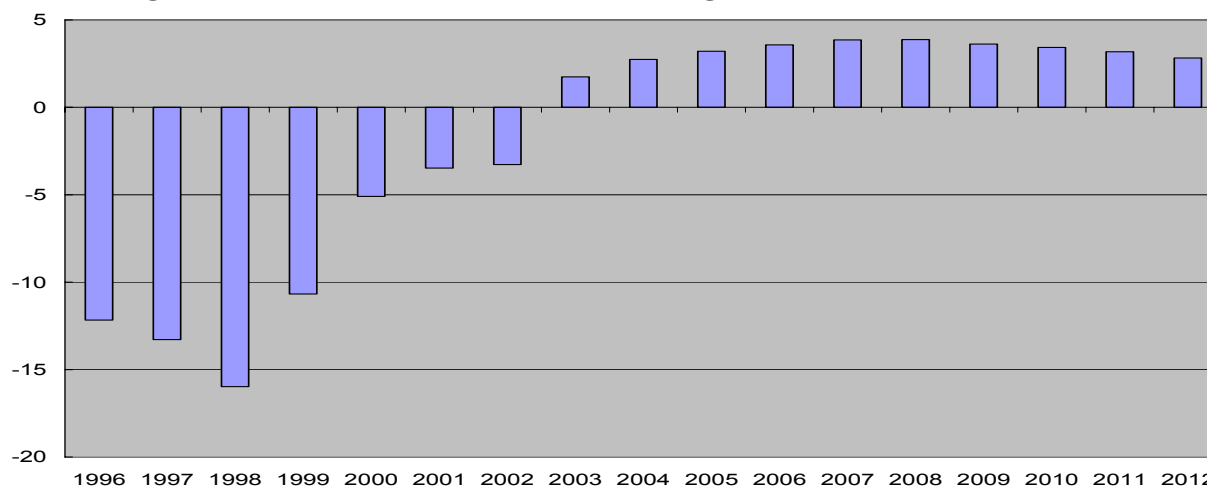
- General
  - Output prices  $\uparrow$  , production volume production  $\downarrow$  , production value  $\downarrow$
- Differences between setors
  - Egg: The value of production  $\uparrow$  (large direct costs, inelastic demand, no trade)
  - Meat: The value of production  $\downarrow$  (export oriented, elastic demand)



## Social welfare analysis

### - long-run direct and derived effects

Figure 2. Accumulated changes in GDP, million USD



- Same overall shape as the net direct effects
- **Results**
  - Net benefits from 2003 and onwards due to positive derived effects:
    - Unit production costs ↓
    - Increased demand for other goods and services



## Conclusions based on the general equilibrium analysis

- Incorporating market conditions, agents' behaviour, and interactions and feed back mechanisms between agents result in
  - the net effect on society is clearly positive (net benefits to society also in the short run)
  - the net effect on the industry is not so clear (a more equal distribution of effects at the industry level)



## Overall conclusions

- We obtain different results based on the same data
- Our case illustrates that when analysing food safety policies, a general equilibrium analysis can provide useful information
- It is important to
  - include market conditions (demand structures, trade, competition)
  - present not only results but also underlying assumptions and data uncertainties



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***Industry perspectives on incentives for food safety innovation***

Continuous food safety innovation as a management strategy

Dave Theno, Jack in the Box, US

Economic incentives for food safety in their supply chain

Susan Ajeska, Fresh Express, US

Innovative food safety training systems

Gary Fread, Guelph Food Technology Centre, Canada

***Organizational and technological food safety innovations***

Is co-regulation more efficient and effective in supplying safer food?

Marian Garcia, Dept. of Agricultural Sciences, Imperial College London

Andrew Fearne, Centre for Supply Chain Research, University of Kent, UK

Chain level dairy innovation and changes in expected recall costs

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### ***Regulatory food safety innovations***

Prioritization of foodborne pathogens

Marie-Josée Mangen, J. Kemmeren, Y. van Duynhoven, A.H. and Havelaar, National Institute for Public Health & Environment (RIVM), the Netherlands

Risk-based inspection: US Hazard Coefficients for meat and poultry

Don Anderson, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA

UK HAS scores and impact on economic incentives

Wenjing Shang and Neal H. Hooker, Department of Agricultural, Environmental & Development Economics, Ohio State University

### ***Private market mechanisms and food safety insurance***

Sweden’s decade of success with private insurance for *Salmonella* in broilers

Tanya Roberts, ERS, USDA and Hans Andersson, SLU, Sweden

Are product recalls insurable in the Netherlands dairy supply chain?

Miranda Meuwissen, Natasha Valeeva, Annet Velthuis & Ruud Huirne, Institute for Risk Management in Agriculture; Business Economics & Animal Sciences Group, Wageningen University, the Netherlands

Recapturing value from food safety certification: incentives and firm strategy

Suzanne Thornsby, Mollie Woods and Kellie Raper

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### ***Applications evaluating innovation and incentives for food safety***

Impact of new US food safety standards on produce exporters in northern Mexico

Belem Avendaño, Department of Economics, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Mexico and Linda Calvin, ERS, USDA

EU food safety standards and impact on Kenyan exports of green beans and fish

Julius Okello, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Danish *Salmonella* control: benefits, costs, and distributional impacts

Lill Andersen, Food and Resource Economics Institute, and Tove

Christensen, Royal Danish Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark

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FSN section rep. – Tanya Roberts, ERS, USDA

AEM section rep. – Randy Westgren, University of Illinois

INT section rep. – Julie Caswell, University of Massachusetts

FAMPS section rep. – Jean Kinsey, University of Minnesota

Discussion of everyone attending conference

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### ***Workshop objectives***

- Analyze how new public policies and private strategies are changing economic incentives for food safety,
- Showcase frontier research and the array of new analytical tools and methods that economists are applying to food safety research questions,
- Evaluate the economic impact of new food safety public policies and private strategies on the national and international marketplace,
- Demonstrate how new public policies and private strategies in one country can force technological change and influence markets and regulations in other countries, and
- Encourage cross-fertilization of ideas between the four sponsoring sections.

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