Objectives of Dairy '96:

1) Estimate national and regional prevalence of specific pathogens in dairy cattle, including Mycobacterium paratuberculosis (Johne's disease), bovine leukemia virus, and Neospora sp.

2) Describe baseline dairy cattle health and management practices used on U.S. dairy operations.

3) Describe management practices used to assure production of quality dairy.

4) Describe the incidence of digital dermatitis (hairy heel warts) on U.S. dairy.

5) Evaluate factors related to Salmonella and E. coli 0157:H7 in dairy cattle.

6) Provide a profile of animal waste handling systems used on U.S. dairy operations.