

# The Safeguarding Continuum: it's not just the border

Robert Ahern

Leader, Agricultural Health and Food Safety

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture



**NAPPO**

North American Plant Protection Organization  
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas  
MEXICO - USA - CANADA



42nd NAPPO Annual Meeting, October 22-25, 2018



# The Safeguarding Continuum

“Safeguarding” can generally be defined as:

Verb. Protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure.

Noun. A measure taken to protect someone or something or to prevent something undesirable

- Offshore
- Border
- Domestic

# Domestic Production

Prioritization

Control Options

- Technology
- Regulations/Access

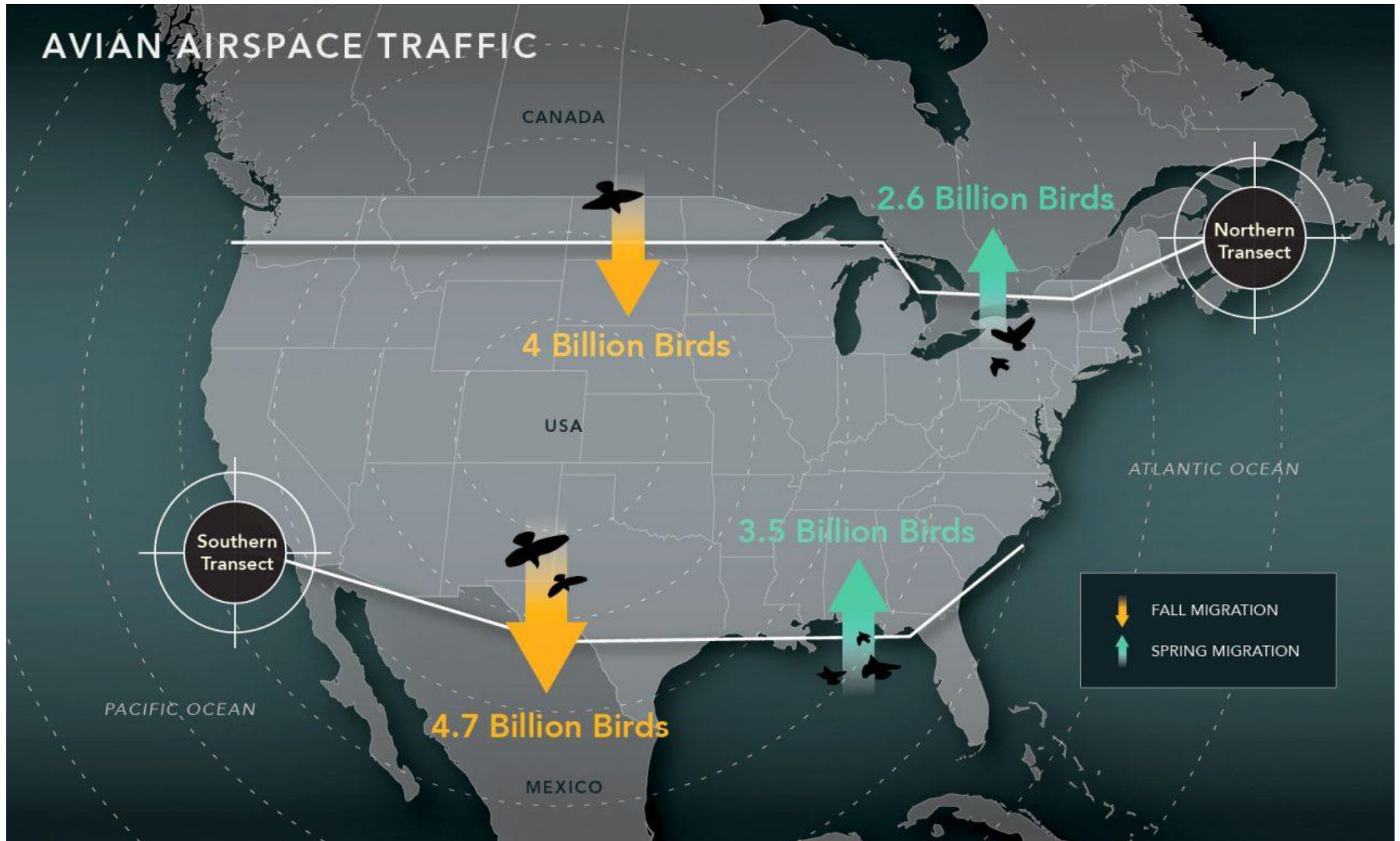




# Border Processes

Borders vs. “Borders”

# Border Processes



# Border Processes

## Borders vs. “Borders”

- Competence
- Infrastructure
- Neighbors
- Smuggling

## Technical capacities

- Identification
- Inspection protocols



# Offshore

## Trade Agreements

## Surveillance

- Umbrella for system efficacy
- Prioritization/targeting
- Early warning systems
- Domestic vs. International

## Technical capacities

- ID
- Inspection protocols





# Current State

- Prioritization
- Limited Resources
- Adoption of new technologies
- Consumer preference, perception



# Stakeholder Roles

- National Services
- Industry
- Consumers
- International Organizations



Canadian Food  
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne  
d'inspection des aliments

Canada

# Path Forward

- Improvement through Change
- Communicating while competing
  - Government to Government
  - Government to Industry
  - Regional, Hemispheric
  
- Harmonization



**One size fits none!**



Thank you!