

Complex networks for Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vulnerability

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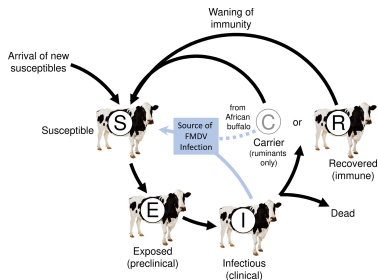
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International Seminar “On the threshold of Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease: Pending Tasks”



Definition ¹

- **Highly contagious viral disease.**
- Affects cattle, swine, sheep, goats and other cloven-hoofed ruminants.
- Severely affect the production and international trade of livestock and animal products.
- The morbidity rate may approach 100 % in susceptible cattle populations.



¹OIE. (2018). Foot & Mouth disease (FMD).

The importance of FMD

Periódico

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Fiebre aftosa, más que un problema de salud animal

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Además de los temas relacionados con la salud animal, otros factores como la pobreza, el contrabando, la violencia, la corrupción o la migración ilegal también impactan directa e indirectamente la actividad ganadera y la comercialización de productos animales.



1. La oficina se está transformando para combatir con un mayor control de los niveles de bioseguridad y así reducir y vigilar la exportación de carne. Foto: archivo Univalle

- FMD losses approximated USD \$2 billion ².
- UK outbreak cost GBP \$6 billion ³.
- FEDEGAN - In 2016 there was 26'413.227 cattle ⁴.
- ICA - 2018 outbreak cost USD \$53 million ⁵.

²Yu et al. (1997). A risk-assessment model for foot and mouth disease (fmd) virus introduction through deboned beef importation.

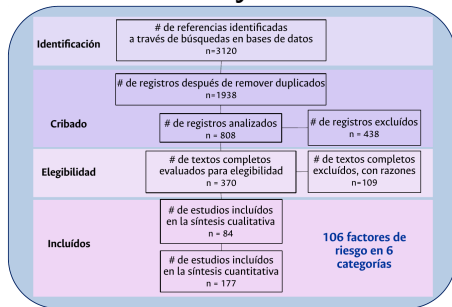
³Flood (2016). Foot-and-mouth disease epidemiology in relation to the physical, social and demographic farming landscape.

⁴FEDEGAN - Inventario ganadero. <https://www.fedegan.org.co/estadisticas/inventario-ganadero>.

⁵Pre-COSALFA 46 (2019). FMD Outbreak 2018 and control.

Risk factors

Meta-analysis ⁶



- Bovine herd
- **Animal mobilization**
- Productive process
- Health aspects
- **Biophysical space**
- Biophysical-environmental environment

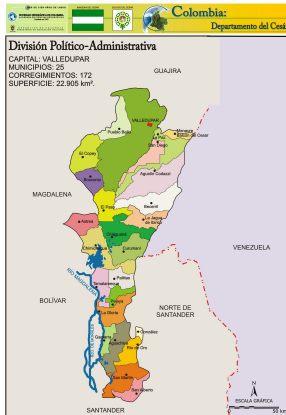
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Case study



Cesar Region

- Animal mobilization
- Biophysical space



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Justification

- **Cattle movement** is a principal cause of the initial dissemination of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) ⁷.
- Therefore, transportation of these animals may represent an important risk for FMD propagation ^{7 8}.
- These movements records can be used to **construct a complex network** which structure can critically impact the transmission dynamic of many infectious diseases ⁸.

Understanding the structure of this transport network is of the utmost importance for preventing and controlling future epidemic outbreaks.

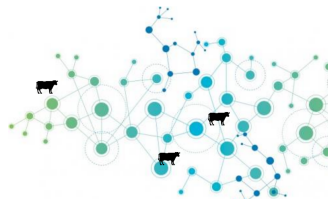
⁷Gibbens et al. (2001). Descriptive epidemiology of the 2001 foot- and-mouth disease epidemic in Great Britain: the first five months.

⁸Kiss et al. (2006). The network of sheep movements within Great Britain: network properties and their implications for infectious disease spread.

Super-spreaders for FMD



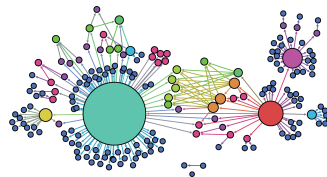
1. Cattle movement



2. Network construction



3. Graph characterization



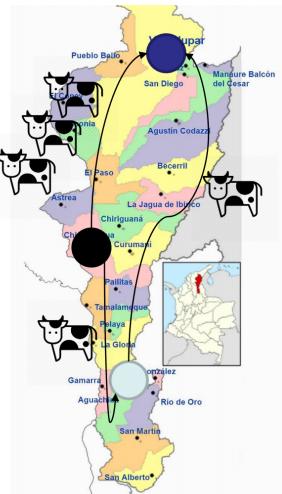
4. Super-Spreader of Disease

Movement definition ⁹



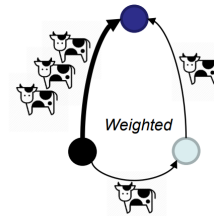
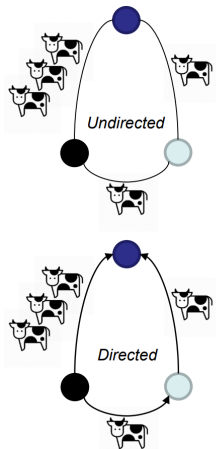
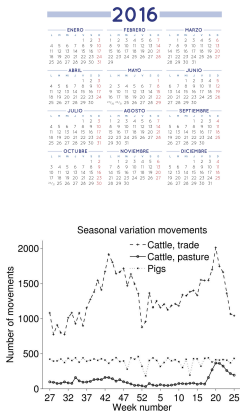
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⁹SIGMA - Sistema de información para Guías de Movilización Animal. <https://sigma.ica.gov.co/>.

Movement characterization ¹⁰

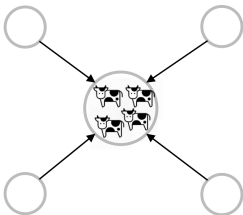


¹⁰Nöremark *et al.* (2009). Spatial and temporal investigations of reported movements, births and deaths of cattle and pigs in Sweden.

Graph Characterization

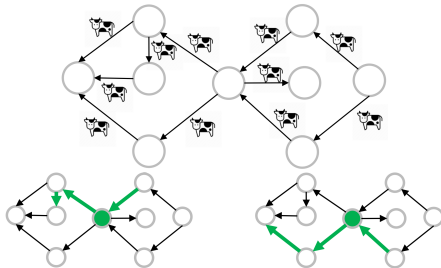
Degree

Direct contacts per holding



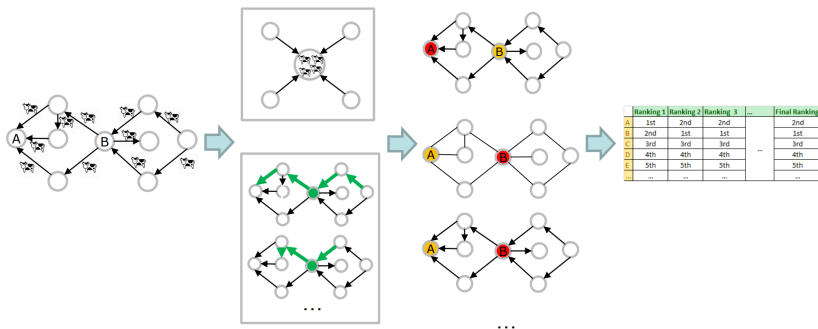
Betweenness

Frequency with which a cattle holding is in the **shortest path** between pairs of nodes in the network



Super-spreaders by mixing rankings

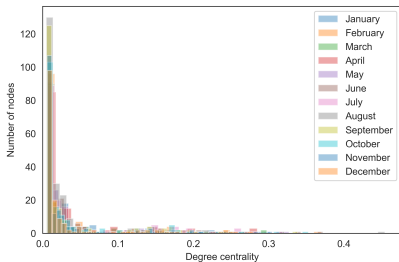
Borda's count aggregation method ¹¹



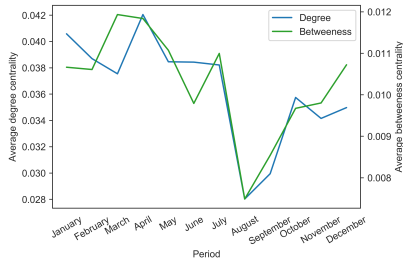
¹¹Madotto & Liu (2016). Super-Spreader Identification Using Meta-Centrality.



Network...

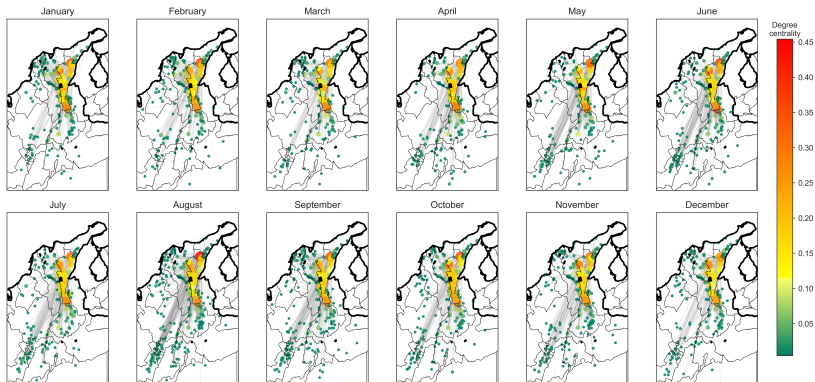


Heavy tailed distribution for
degree

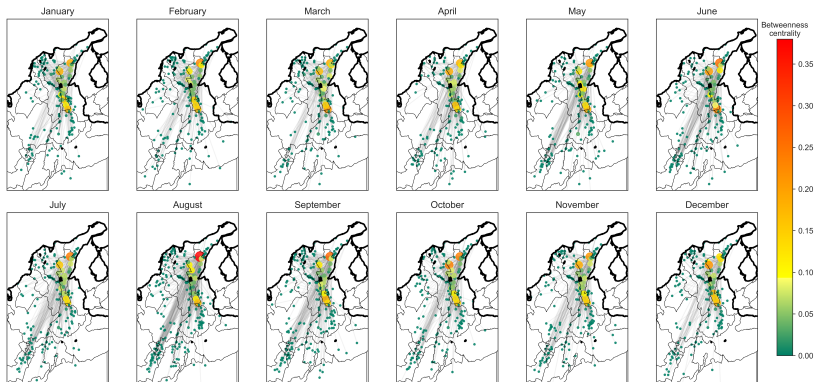


Seasonality in animal
transportation

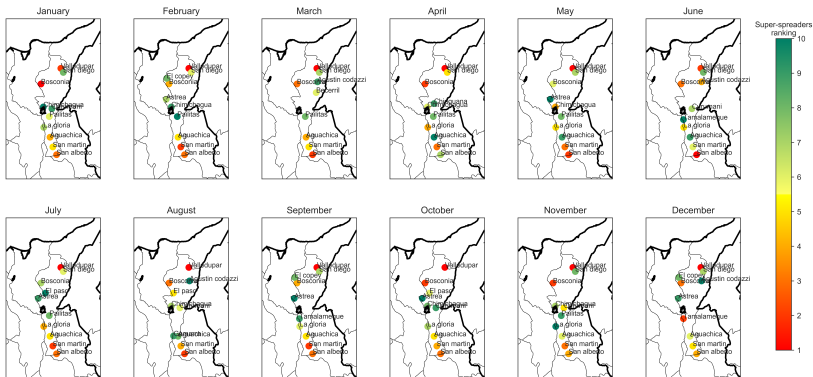
Undirected Degree Centrality



Undirected Betweenness Centrality

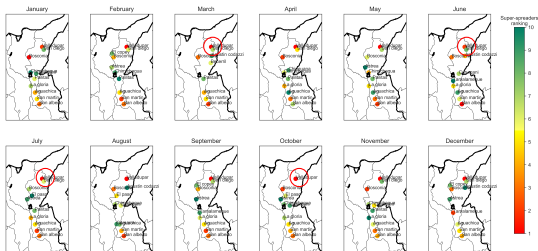


Super Spreader Ranking ¹²



¹² Gómez et al. (2019). Identification of Super-Spreaders of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the cattle transportation network: The 2018 outbreak case in Cesar (Colombia).

Conclusion



- Prohibir toda movilización de animales susceptibles a Fiebre Aftosa desde y hacia el municipio de Valledupar, Cesar, a excepción de los municipios de la Patagonia ecuatoriana y San Roque, por encontrarse estos en cuarentena por Fiebre Aftosa según Resolución No. 00034138 del 11 de octubre de 2016. Las movilizaciones provenientes de otros municipios que necesariamente deben transitar por el municipio de Valledupar, Cesar, deberán detenerse en los puestos de control ubicados para verificar la Guía Sanitaria de Movilización Interna - GSM, que deberá llevar durante todo el trayecto de la movilización, ser desinfectados y precintados. Las movilizaciones dentro de la zona cuarentenada serán autorizadas por los funcionarios del ICA, previa evaluación del riesgo sanitario.

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Justification

- Strategies for the prevention and control of (FMD) are based on vulnerability levels at **farm level** ¹³.
- Risk factors **NOT** associated with animal movement ^{14 3}:
 - People movement between farms.
 - Permeability of physical barriers.
 - Machinery movement (Fomites).

The design of epidemiological strategies for the management of FMD is based on the quantification of these factors.

¹³Martínez-López *et al.* (2014). A multi-analysis approach for space-time and economic evaluation of risks related with livestock diseases: The example of FMD in Peru.

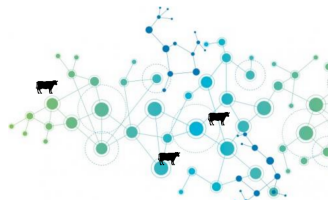
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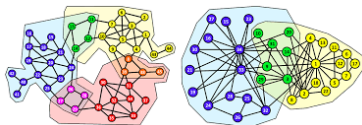
Vulnerability index for FMD



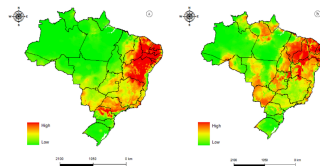
1. Farms location



2. Network construction

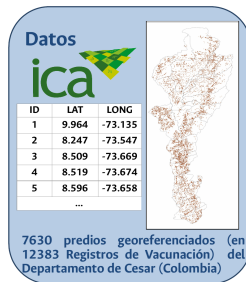
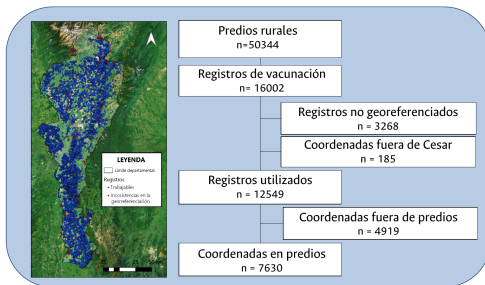


3. Community detection



4. Vulnerability index

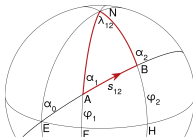
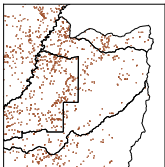
Cesar information ⁶



⁶Morales et al. (2019). Metodología para el análisis espacial por vulnerabilidad y riesgo de la fiebre aftosa.

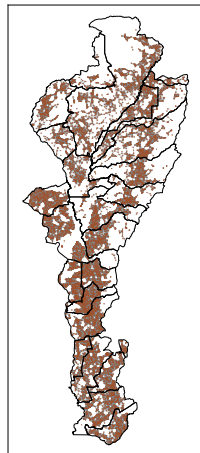
Contiguity Network

Geodesic distance ¹⁵



Create connections ³

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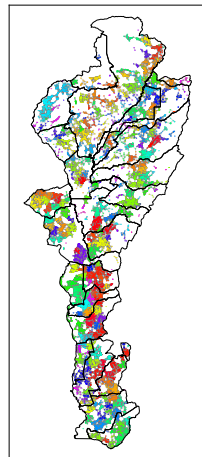
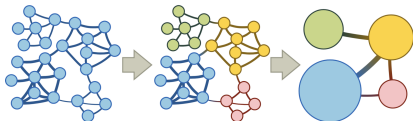


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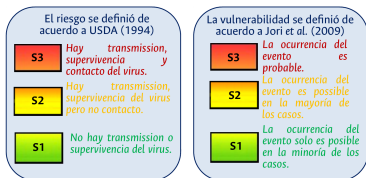
Complex networks to characterize the farms through community detection ¹⁶.



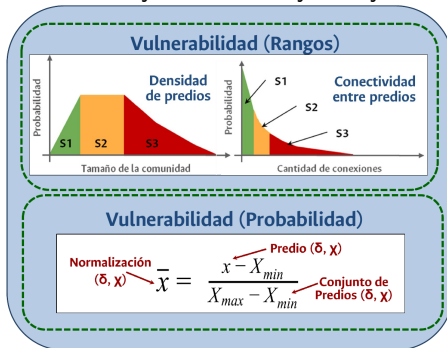
¹⁶Radicchi et al. (2004). Defining and identifying communities in networks.

Vulnerability index

Vulnerability ranges ⁶.



Community vulnerability analysis¹⁷.

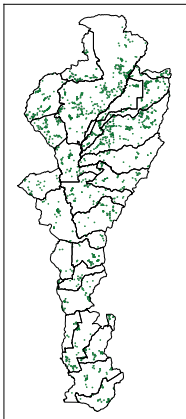


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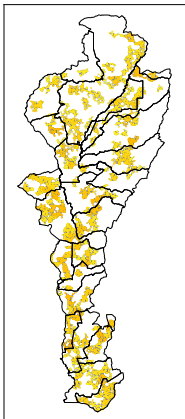
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Ranges: Farm density δ

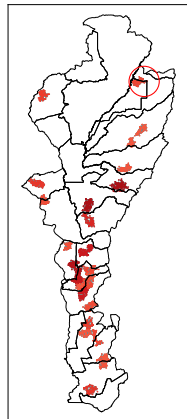
Event happens in
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Event happens in
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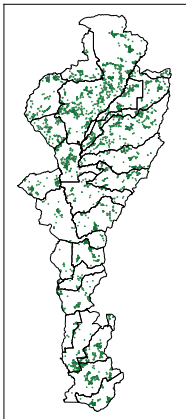


Event is likely to
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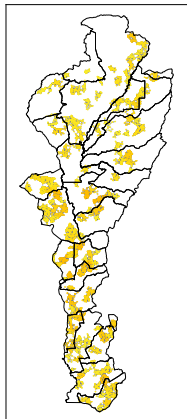


Ranges: Farm connectivity χ

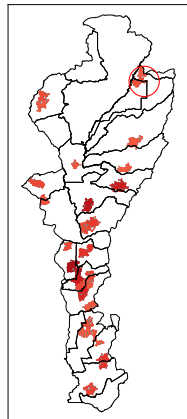
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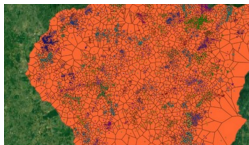


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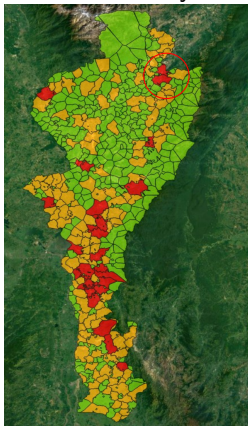


Spatial analysis: Voronoi diagram

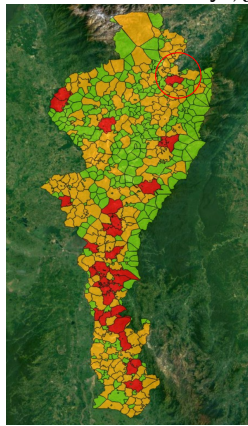
Farm polygons



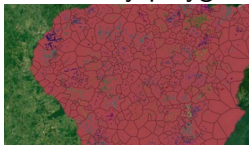
Farm density δ



Farm connectivity χ

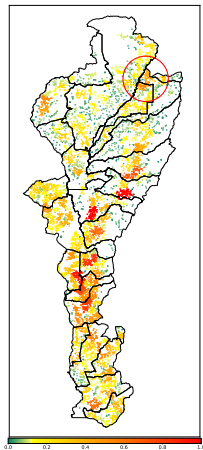


Community polygons

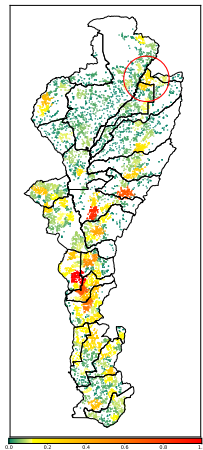


Probability

Farm density δ



Farm connectivity χ



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- The strategies are able to properly target **highly susceptible (Vulnerable) areas** of infection and propagation of the virus.
- (1) A strategy to characterize **FMD super-spreaders** nodes in the cattle transportation network is proposed.
- (2) **Spatial analysis strategy** to characterize vulnerability (bio-security) and / or risk (bio-containment) is proposed.
- This information can be used to inform existing national FMD control program and suggest new guidelines to **prevent FMD outbreaks** in the country.
- The flexibility in the visualization, allows to implement the strategies in different spatial scales (farm, town), for **decision making** by the health authority and / or territorial planners.

Questions?