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Together with my colleague [Malene Budde](#), I had the opportunity to speak during the final session of this week's annual two-day Danish Cattle Conference. While it was a great chance to share our new insights on biosecurity in Danish dairy cattle farms, conducted in collaboration with the [Københavns Universitet - University of Copenhagen](#), I left the conference with another presentation strongly on my mind.

On the first day, Søren Nielsen from [FirstFarms A/S](#) spoke about the immense challenge of managing an outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease at a large dairy farm in Slovakia. He took us through the full emotional journey—from the early morning when the first clinical case was discovered to the day new animals could finally enter the farm again. It was a story of social responsibility for many families and of all the tasks that had to be handled along the way. His message to Danish cattle farmers was clear:

**WORK ON YOUR BIOSECURITY!**

I left with goose bumps—and with renewed motivation to return home and complete my next scientific paper on biosecurity, as well as continue our important work at [SEGES Innovation](#) to strengthen contingency planning for infectious diseases.

Many thanks to my colleague [Betina Bækdal Tvistholm](#) for bringing Søren to the Danish Cattle Conference 2026, and a special thanks to Søren and [FirstFarms A/S](#) for sharing such a powerful story and leaving us with an important message.



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