

A WHO Global Salm-Surv Retrospective Study Examining *Salmonella* Serotypes in South America, 2000: Dominance of *Salmonella* Serotype Enteritidis.

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BACKGROUND

WHO Global Salm-Surv was created:

- ✓ To strengthen national and regional laboratory capacity.
- ✓ To foster collaboration between microbiologists and epidemiologists working in human health, veterinary, and food-related disciplines
- ✓ To exchange information and communicate *Salmonella* surveillance data

Key components:

- ✓ External Quality Assurance System coordinated by DVI and Institute Pasteur
- ✓ Regional training courses and reference testing.
- ✓ Country databank, electronic discussion group and Web Site

Organizers

WHO, CDC, DVI and Pasteur Institute

Participants

Countries' *Salmonella* Reference Laboratories

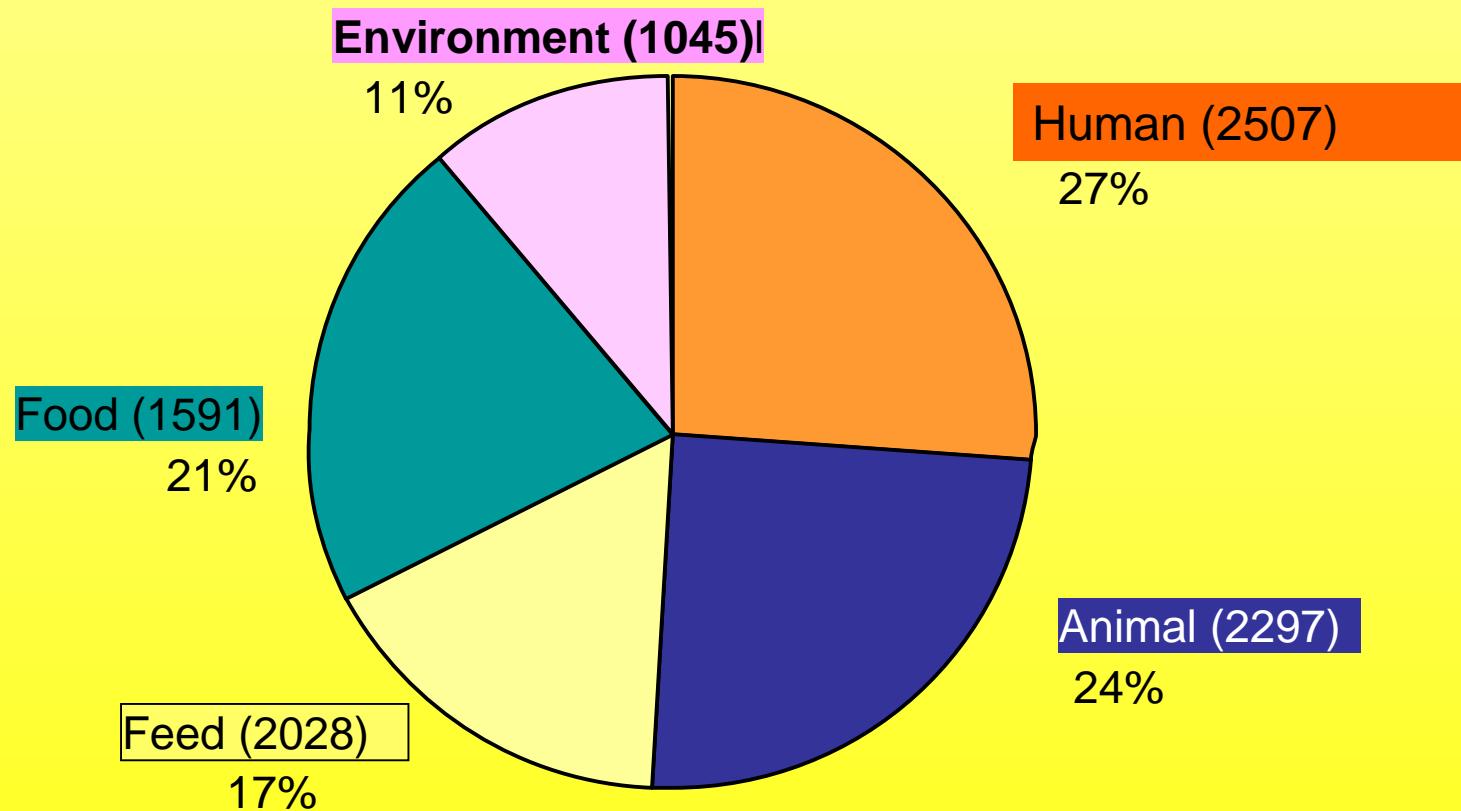
MATERIAL AND METHODS

- The member laboratories received isolates for serotyping from the countries' lab network.
- *Salmonella* O and H antisera available in each country were used.
- Representatives from national *Salmonella* reference labs attended a Level-2 GSS training course in September 2001
- *Salmonella* surveillance data were reported in country forms designed by the participants of the South America Working Group



A retrospective study of the distribution and rank of *Salmonella* serotypes during 2000 was done.

Source of *Salmonella* strains

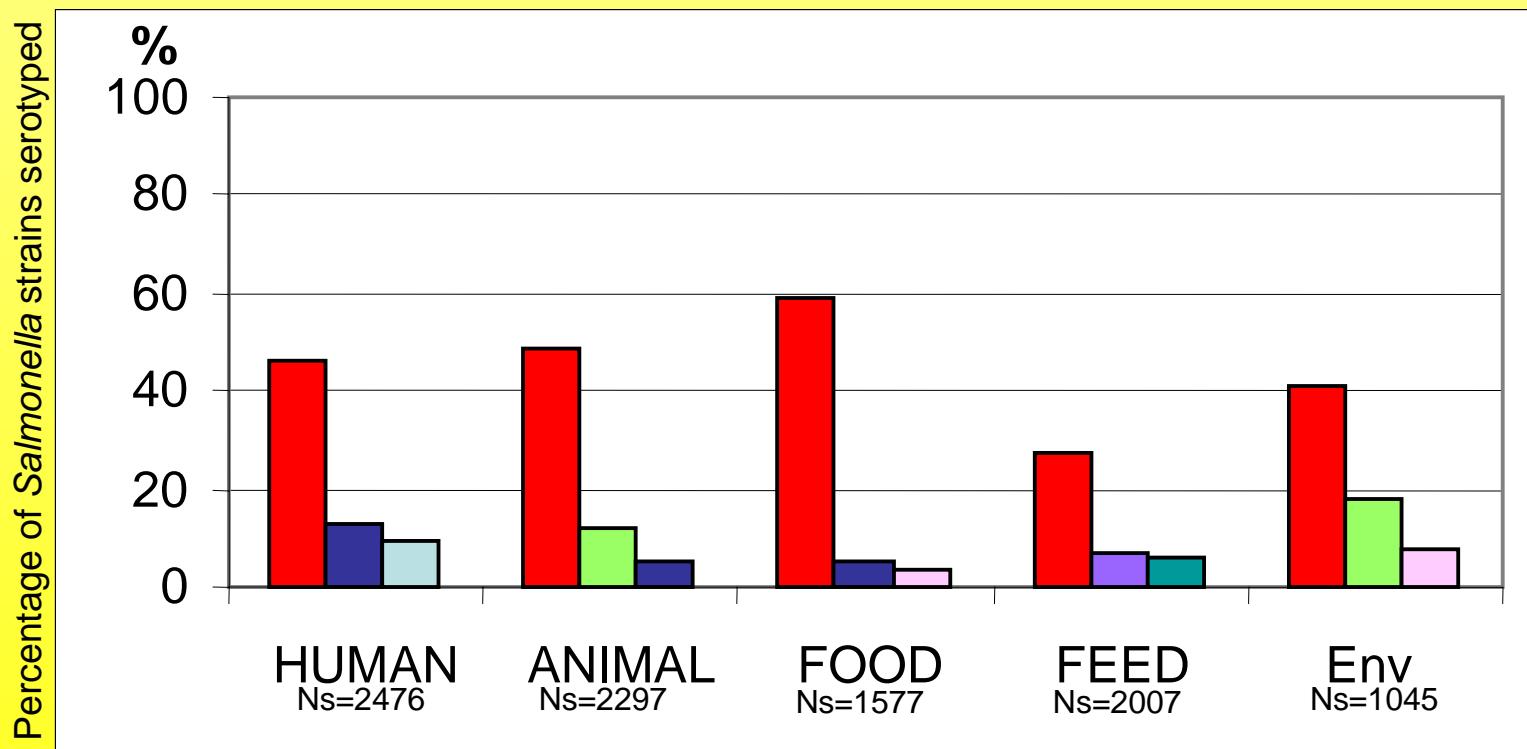


() total number of *Salmonella* received

$$N \text{ (total)} = 9468 \text{ (100%)}$$

$$Ns \text{ (serotyped)} = 9402 \text{ (99%)}$$

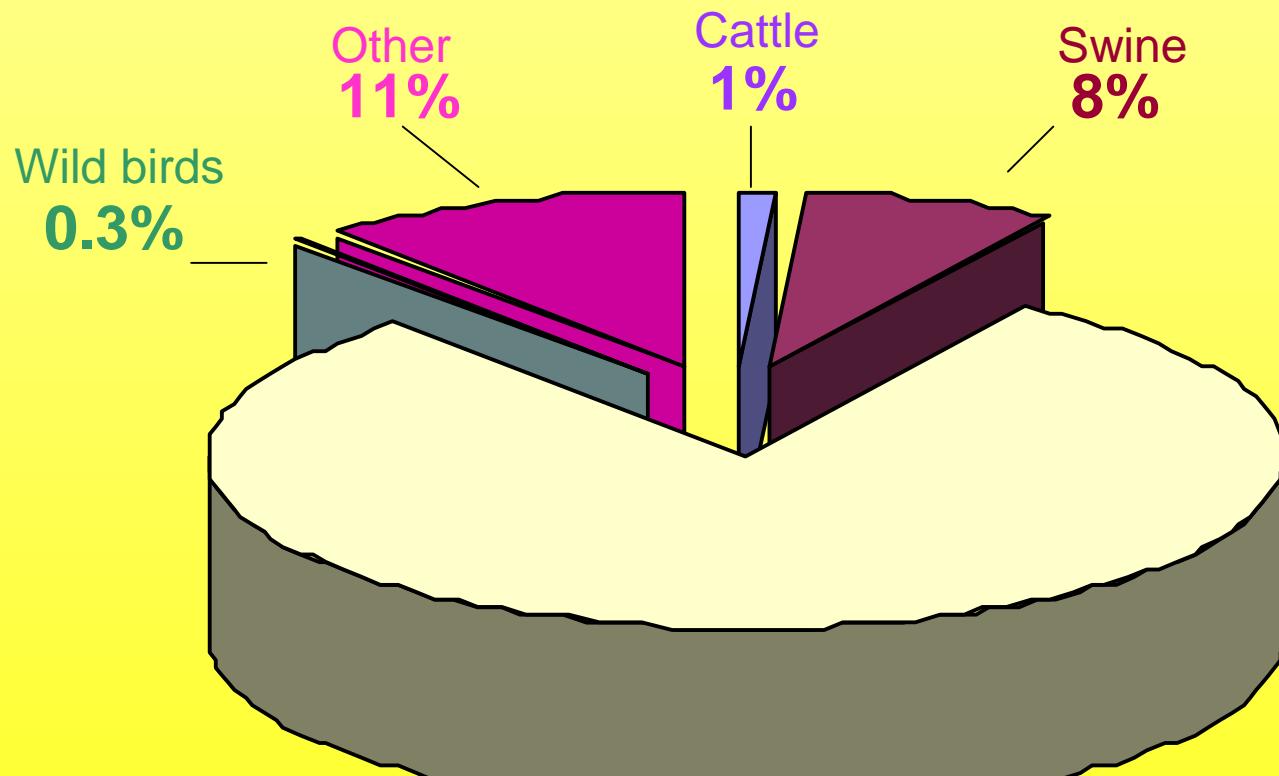
The most frequent *Salmonella* serovars by source of strains



N_s= number of *Salmonella* strains serotyped

S.Enteritidis	S.Enteritidis	S.Enteritidis	S.Enteritidis	S.Enteritidis
S.Typhimurium	S.Typhimurium	S.Typhimurium	S.Rissen	S.Heidelberg
S.Typhi	S.Typhi	S.Typhimurium	S.Senftenberg	S.Agona
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Source of *Salmonella* strains isolated from animals

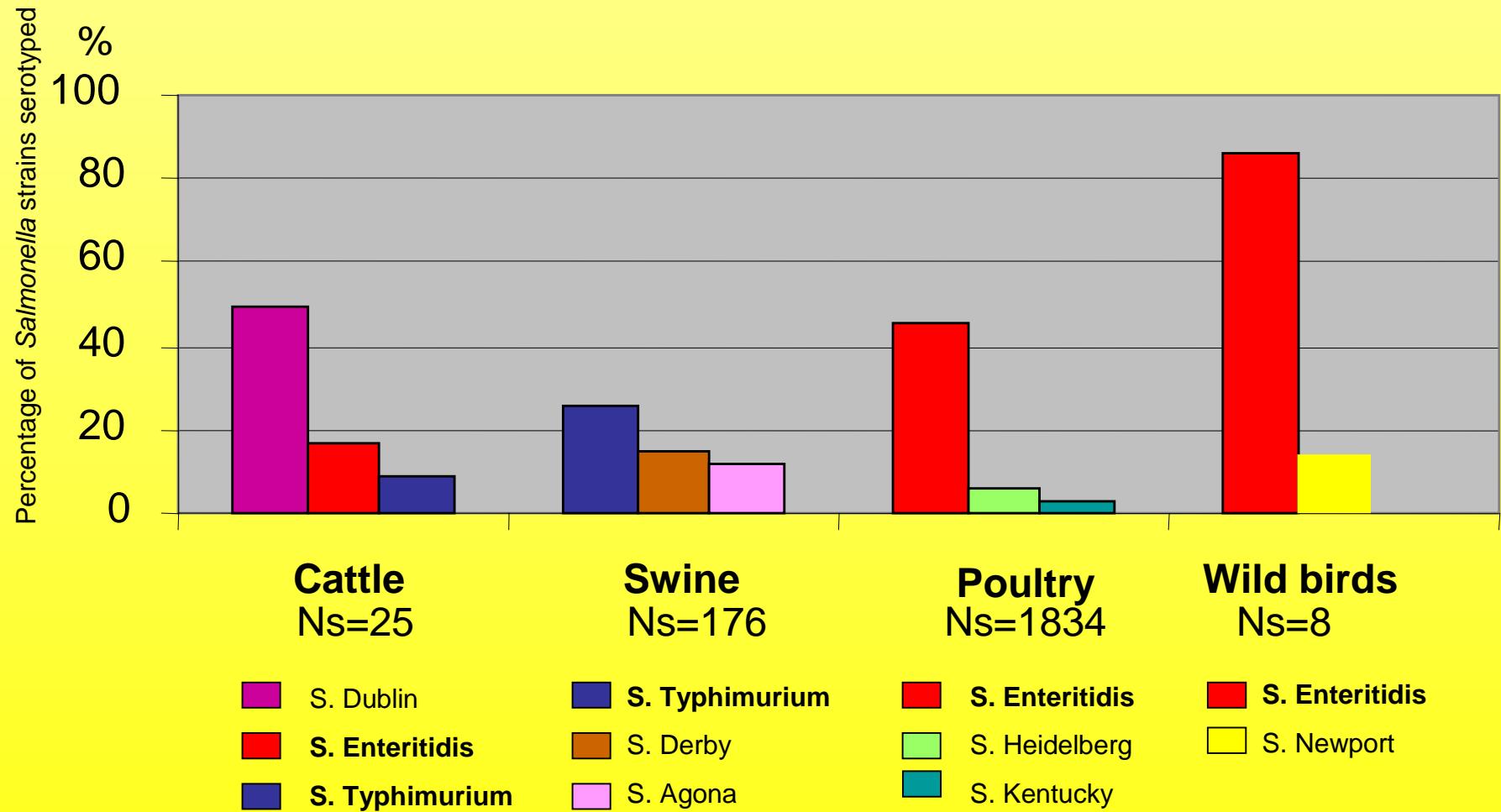


Poultry
80%

N (total) = 2297 (100%)

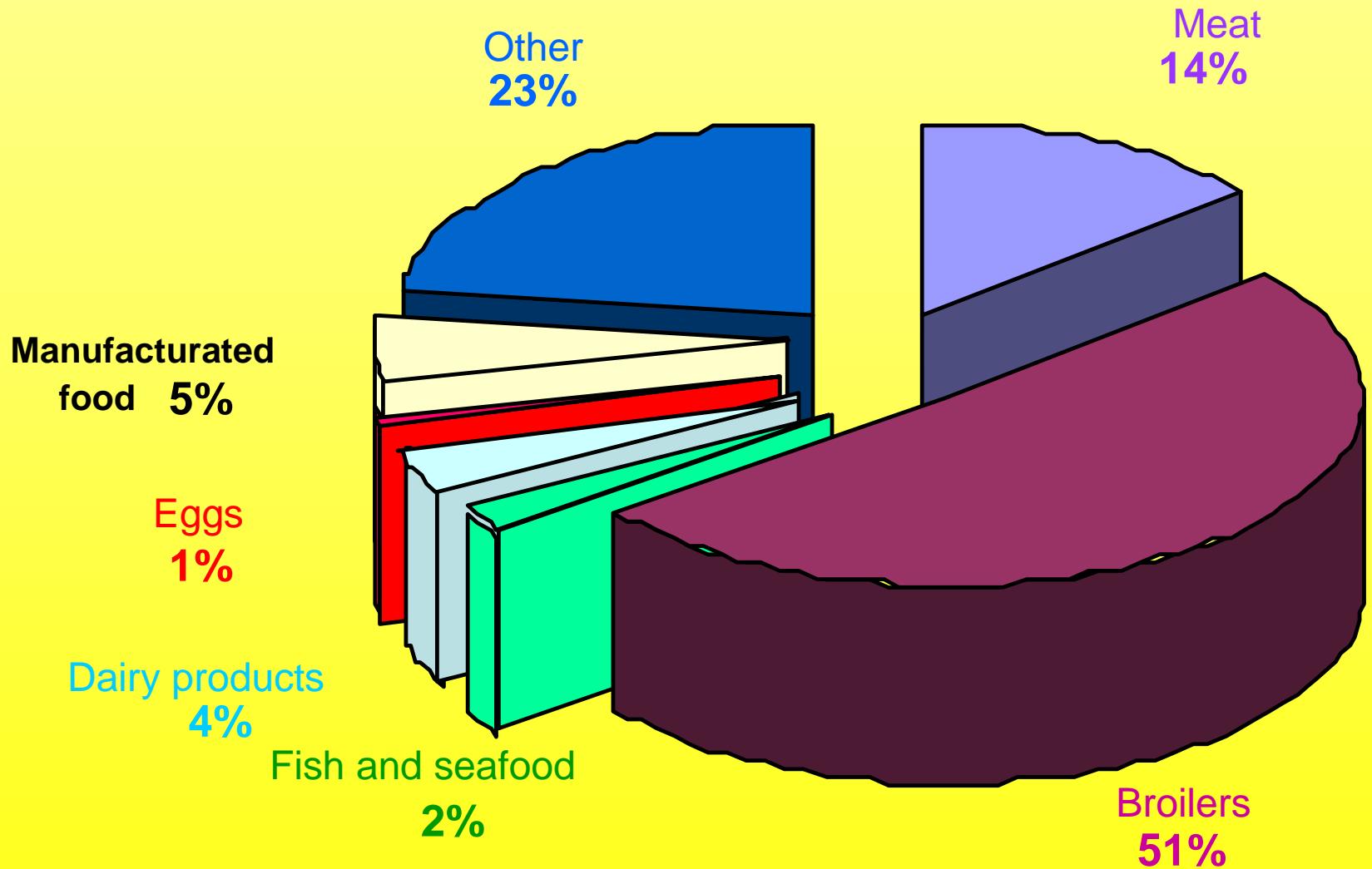
Ns (serotyped)= 2297 (100%)

The most frequent *Salmonella* serovars, by type of animal



N_s= number of *Salmonella* strains serotyped

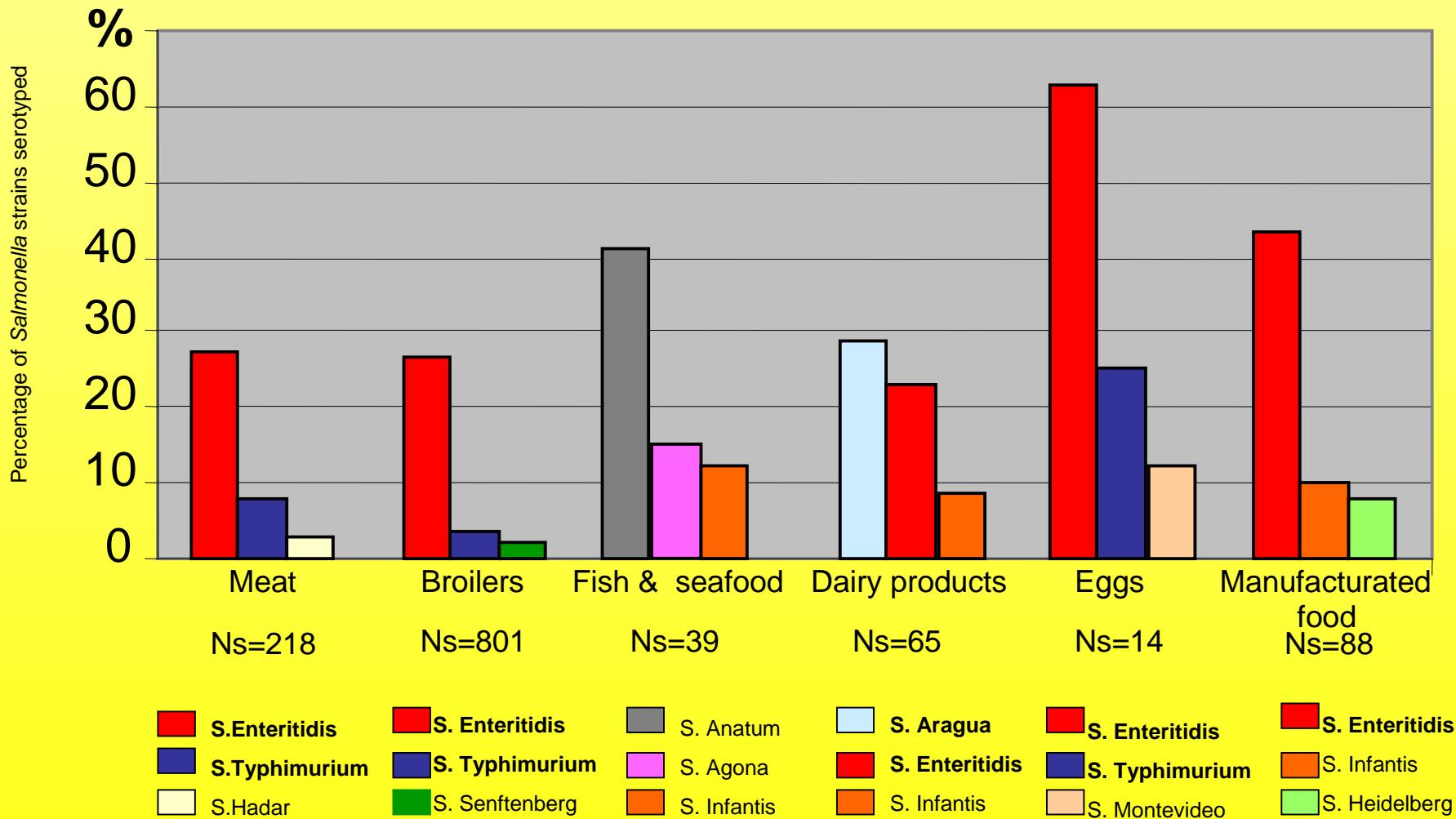
Source of *Salmonella* strains isolated from food



N (total) = 1591 (100%)

Ns (serotyped) = 1577 (98.9%)

The most frequent *Salmonella* serovars by type of food



N_s= number of *Salmonella* strains serotyped

CONCLUSIONS

- Most frequent serotype from all sources: *Salmonella* Enteritidis
- Baseline information for a surveillance program is provided.
- Regional differences in isolation rates will be explored.

FUTURE CHALLENGE

- Joint activities of laboratory and epidemiology
- Continuity of the Program for:
 - Strengthening the national networks
 - Obtaining reliable data through the Quality Control System
 - Technology transfer and constant training
 - Supplying strategic reagents

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