

Animal Care Committee Report

April 9, 2003

There were four presentations and eighteen participants. Keith Carlson outlined the Dairy Quality Assurance Program. The comprehensive program covers all aspects of dairy cattle and calf welfare. Daren Brown, Quality Assurance Manager of Wendy's International presented their animal welfare audit program. They audit all of their meat suppliers and on-farm audits as being done for chickens and layers. Paul Sundberg, National Pork Board, presented the SWAP program for pig welfare. This system uses objective scoring of swine welfare. Temple Grandin, Grandin Livestock Handling Systems, Inc. presented results of the 2002 restaurant audits. Plants that have been in a restaurant auditing system for several years, are getting excellent scores on the American Institute scoring system. The problem area in new plants who entered the auditing system in 2002. They did not know what to expect.

A new resolution was added in support of the implementation of auditable market guidelines, and the resolutions in tail docking was deleted.

In attendance:

NIAA Members

Dr. Temple Grandin, Chair
Dr. Jake Hines, Vice Chair
Dr. Lyle Vogel
David Berry
Dick Nelson
Daniela Bals
Keith Robbins
Dr. Eric Neumann
Dr. Ken Olson
Dr. Tim Trayer
Dr. Tom Burkgren
Dr. Paul Sundberg
Tom Wenstrand
Dr. Paul Tillman
Phyllis Menden

Non- Members

Daren Brown
Dr. Warren D. Wilson
Randall J. Berrier

Grandin Livestock Systems
American Association of Bovine Practitioners
American Veterinary Medical Association
The Hartford
Holstein Association USA
National Milk Producers Federation
Ontario Pork
National Pork Board
Federation of Animal Science Societies
AVMA Liaison/ Ag Vet Associates
American Association of Swine Veterinarians
National Pork Board
Hawkeye Steel Products
ALPHARMA
North American Deer Farmers Association

Wendy's International Inc.
Intervet
Colorado Serum Co.