

**Swine Health  
Committee Report**  
**2006 NIAA Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 4, 2006**



The Swine Health Committee met on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM EST, during the NIAA 2006 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky with 37 people present. Dr. David Nolan served as the Chair and Mr. Jim Leafstedt served as the Vice-Chair.

The committee session focused on Swine Identification under NAIS, Emerging issues with Porcine Circovirus and 2 Associated Disease, PRV surveillance and PRRS eradication. The following speakers presented relevant information.

**Dr. Patrick Webb, National Pork Board, Swine Identification Plan**

Dr. Webb outlined the plan developed by the Swine species ID task force which is now in the hands of the Swine Industry ID Implementation Task Force. For the most part, development is done. Education and implementation are the key focus areas.

**Dr. John Korslund, USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, Swine Health Protection Update and PRV Surveillance**

Dr. Korslund presented some statistics relating to inspection and violations discovered on garbage feeding operations during the past year. John committed to submit follow up breakdown of the data and details of any enforcement actions taken. This will be posted on NIAA website along with report to committee.

Dr. Korslund also presented information on recent PRV diagnostics and 4 trace-backs YTD. Each of these reportedly was associated with feral or transitional swine. John also reported on delays in revisions to the PRV surveillance program to a more comprehensive swine disease surveillance program based on risk assessment information.

**Dr. Mark Engle, PIC USA, PMWS or PCV2 Associated Disease**

Emerging disease of serious concern. Europe and Canada have been fighting the syndrome for many years. Incidence appears to be increasing in the US. Mechanism of spread is unknown. Cause is unknown but PCV2 is known to be associated with triggers either management or disease agents.

**Dr. Harry Snelson, American Association of Swine Veterinarians and Dr. Paul Sundberg, National Pork Board, PRRS Eradication: Point and Counter Point**

PRRS cost to the industry is in neighborhood of \$560 million per year. Long-term goal is eradication of PRRS. Tools do not exist today to implement successful eradication program. Some investigation of regional PRRS eradication is underway. We know how to eradicate PRRS from an individual farm. What is unknown is how to control spread and eliminate risk of re-infection.

**Old Business:**

Reviewed Resolutions and updated 3 as noted in separate document.

**New Business:**

- No new resolutions
  - Asked those present to sign up as member of committee.
- Only 3 members of about 37 in attendance listed as committee members.
- No resolutions or position statements were removed

**Committee Session adjourned at 11:50 am.**