

**Sheep and Goat Health
Committee Report**

2007 NIAA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2007



The Sheep and Goat Health Committee met on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM PDT, during the NIAA 2007 Annual Meeting in Sacramento, California with 15 people present. Dr. Cleon Kimberling, Vice-Chair of the committee presided over the meeting since Dr. Lyndon Irwin, Chair was in route to the conference.

The committee session focused on sheep and goats. The following speakers presented relevant information for the industries:

Alecia Naugle, DVM, PhD, USDA, APHIS, VS, NCAHP - "Update on National Scrapie Eradication Program activities."

All states are making progress toward achieving their consistent state status except for one. Dr. Naugle summarized the current statistics of the National Scrapie Eradication program from FY 2003 through FY 2007. These slides demonstrate that real progress has been made in moving forward in controlling Scrapie. Dr. Naugle's training is in epidemiology so her involvement should assist the program in achieving its goal of eradicating Scrapie by 2017. See USDA APHIS Scrapie website for monthly program updates.

Cindy Wolf, DVM, University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine - "Sheep and Goat ID update"

Dr. Wolf presented the recently completed 'How to ID Your Sheep' CD that was developed as a team effort with the University of Minnesota, NIAA staff and USDA Scrapie program staff. This CD is available through NIAA.

Cleon Kimberling, DVM, PhD, American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners - "Ovine Progressive Pneumonia (OPP), Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE) Disease Syndrome and Control Utilizing Radio Frequency ID (RFID)"

The use of RFID technology has worked well and simplifies the OPP eradication effort in large flocks.

Cleon Kimberling, DVM, PhD, American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners - "Sheep Measles, Cysticercosis, and its Economic Impact"

Dr. Kimberling reviewed the disease, its pathogenesis, control and cost to industry. A brochure describing these details was handed out.

Old Business:

Revised Scrapie Education materials are available. Resolutions were reviewed and amended as needed.

New Business:

Passed a new resolution requesting the Environmental Protection agency exempt animal waste from Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) legislation as was originally intended.

Committee Session adjourned at 11:00 am.