

**Animal Health and International Trade
Committee Report**

2010 NIAA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2010



The Animal Health and International Trade Committee met on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am during the NIAA 2010 Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri with 12 people present. Ms. Marcine Moldenhauer served as the Chair.

The committee session focused on Impact of Salmonella on International Trade.

Dr. Liz Wagstrom, National Pork Board, presented, “Food Safety Issues from Salmonella in Pork” Wagstrom talked about the incidence of Salmonella in pork, the Denmark project and what the most effective interventions take place relative to on farm vs at processing plants; how this is directly related to size at both locations.

Dr. Patricia Curtis, Auburn University, presented, “Food Safety Issues from Salmonella for Eggs and Egg Production” Curtis talked about the process by which eggs are handled, interventions to prevent or treat Salmonella in eggs. Presentation discussed elements of research review of testing, processing, handling, and consumer issues.

Kate Leese Burgers, MPH , James Lee Witt Associates, presented, “ Systems Based Approach to Assessing and Protecting Food and Agriculture” Burgers talked about what Witt is doing for collecting, prioritizing, and working with industry around what are the critical issues for each segment and what is at risk to protect our food supply and agriculture who produces the food.

Dr. Geraldo Ramirez, FDA, presented, “FDA Activities Associated with Salmonella in Foods” focused on the new FDA regulations for shell eggs industry.

Jon Caspers, Chairman, U.S. Meat Export Federation, presented, “International Trade Limitations Caused by Salmonella Status in the U.S.” Caspers talked about International trade issues and differences in regulations, trade barriers around pathogen, microbiological, pesticide, antibiotic, and hormones which are tested for by other countries which are tied to trade.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

General discussion:

There was very little discussion on any of the resolutions. Please refer to Animal Production Food Safety and Security Committee report for additional discussion points.

Committee Session adjourned at 11:35 am.