

Sheep & Goat Committee Report

2010 NIAA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2010



The Sheep and Goat Committee met on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am during the 2010 NIAA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri with 20 people present. Ms. Eileen Kuhlmann served as Chair and Ms. Linda Campbell as Vice Chair.

The committee session focused on One Health. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to Scrapie, antimicrobials and Q-fever:

Dr. Alan Huddleston, USDA/APHIS/VS, presented “Scrapie Update.” There is a decrease in percent positive black-face sheep since 2003, an 8% decrease for 2009. OIE has declared Nor98-like Scrapie is not a disease of trade concern. In January 2010 was the first field case (clinical signs) of Nor98-like Scrapie. This is the first case in the US found as result of clinical signs. There is a proposed rule being developed, which may be published later in 2010 in the Federal Register.

Dr. Linda Campbell, Khimaira Farm, presented “Q-fever.” Dr. Paula Menzies, University of Guelph, Canada provided a powerpoint with background, history, and case reports. Linda presented this powerpoint, providing perspectives as a producer.

Dr. Jim Logan, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, and **Dr. Greg Lewis, United States Sheep Experiment Station,** were the Q-fever Panel. Dr. Greg Lewis talked about the history of Q-fever in USSES. He handed out a Q-fever pamphlet produced by USSES. Dr. Jim Logan gave a history of a case in Wyoming and cautioned of overreacting. What, if anything, is to be done from a regulatory perspective? Some states treat Q-fever as an endemic disease. We need to develop an educational program to make available to physicians, public health officials, wildlife, general public and producers. Biosecurity and liability is also a concern for producers.

Dr. Cindy Wolf, University of Minnesota, presented “Antimicrobial Use in Sheep and Goats, Past, Present and Future?” AVMA is considering a wording change in the use of antimicrobials. The use of OTC and feed grade antimicrobials for food animals are under attack. Industry information available for producers regarding antimicrobials is located at the following sites: ASI - SSQA site (http://sheepindustrynews.org/sheep_safety) and MUMS site (<http://www.nrsp-7.org/mumsrx/Species>). Dr. Wolf also suggested an FDA site for veterinarians to review for guidance for antimicrobial use in feed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- One resolution was amended.
 - Official Sheep and Goat Identification

General discussion:

We discussed the possibility of developing Q-fever educational material in the future.

Committee Session adjourned at 11:00 am.