

**Animal Care
Committee Report**

2006 Mid-Year Report

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Animal Care Committee members have been individually tracking a number of issues (1-2 per species actually) at several levels, but there has been no formal action since the Louisville 2006 meeting.

- Perhaps the most noteworthy topic is the National Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production sponsored by the PEW Charitable Trusts at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. This is not only an animal care issue – it impacts animal agriculture on several levels. We are sure NIAA is aware of this, but Animal Care is certainly cognizant of the activities.
- Arizona's Proposition 204 would ban sow gestation stalls and veal crates in that state by 2012. The Arizona public will vote on this matter, Fall 2006.
- The Horse Slaughter bill and the fact it has come out of committee. The US House of Representatives will vote on this soon.
- US Animal Health Association will address tail docking in dairy cattle at the Minnesota meeting in Oct.06. Dr. Ashworth is particularly mindful of that issue.
- There is growing interest in transportation of livestock. Animal activists have focused attention on traffic accidents involving livestock.

In short, it behooves NIAA to keep abreast of these emerging and ongoing Animal Care issues. With the help and passion of Dr. Ashworth, this committee will do its part to provide information and leadership when appropriate.