

**Poultry Species
Committee Report**

2008 Mid Year Report

September 2008



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There has been no activity since the annual meeting.

Current Events:

1. H9N2 Avian Influenza expanding and becoming endemic in Middle East, most likely candidate for a human pandemic per Robert Webster. If it were to combine with H5N1 the hemagglutinin could have the predicted structure if a human pandemic influenza.
2. Russian boycott of US Poultry Imports, 1/5 of US exports, said to be contaminated with arsenic and antibiotics.

Proposed theme for the 2009 annual meeting: Global Economy or Emergency Preparedness. A couple years ago we had a discussion about having a workshop to bring planners from States together to discuss the similarities and differences in their plans, for regionalization we need to harmonize those plans.

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