

**FASS SAC on Animal Care, Use, and Standards**  
***Report on Activities***  
March, 2007

The FASS Scientific Advisory Committee on Animal Care, Use, and Standards has been working on several items of interest. This committee met last November 2-3, 2006, in Scottsdale, AZ, and discussed several important issues that should be addressed by this committee. A few of the issues that this committee discussed are described below:

1. The development of the Poultry Worker Training Module, the last in the “Farm Animal Worker Training Series” was discussed. Financial support for this module has been coming in, but more support is needed in order to complete the project. Currently, most of the video has been taken at the five universities which are involved. There was discussion of putting this material on-line rather than producing a video/CD package. This was discussed because of the cost involved to produce such a product. It is anticipated that this project will be completed later this spring or summer.
2. There was also considerable discussion about various legislative issues. These included:
  - a. PEW foundation sponsoring California dairy tours and a meeting on Animal Welfare and environmental issues
  - b. The banning of horse slaughter issue
  - c. The proposed Farm Bill
3. The committee also discussed the possibility of our committee sponsoring an animal welfare symposium to be held at the joint meetings this summer in San Antonio, TX. Our objective of this symposium was to get retailers to think about science when they make their animal welfare regulations. At this point, however, nothing has been submitted for the meeting.
4. A majority of the meeting was spent discussing the revision of the “Ag Guide” which was last printed in 1999. It was agreed upon that Dr. Janice Swanson, Kansas State University and Dr. John McGlone, Texas Tech University would serve as overall co-chairs. The subcommittee chairs also were appointed which included Dr. Pam Ruegg, University of Wisconsin, Dr. Frank Mitloehner, University of California-Davis, Dr. Janeen Salak-Johnson, University of Illinois, Dr. Greg Lewis, USDA, ARS, Dr. Carolyn Stull, University of California-Davis, and Dr. Ken Koelkebeck, University of Illinois to oversee the re-write of the Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep/Goats, Equine, and Poultry selections, respectively.

The committee mapped out a time-line for getting the “Ag Guide” republished. It is anticipated that this project could be completed by summer of 2008.

5. Lastly, the committee has suggested that its name be changed to FASS Scientific Advisory Committee on Animal Care.

6. Thus, the activities of this committee for 2007 is to begin the work of revision of the current “Ag Guide.”

Respectfully submitted,

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