

Poultry Committee Report

2013 NIAA Annual Conference

Tuesday, April 16, 2013



The Poultry Committee met on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the 2013 NIAA Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky with about 17 people present. Mr. Ray Hilburn served as Chair.

The committee session focused on sustainability, role of veterinary diagnostic labs and regulatory programs. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to nutritional influence on phenotype, disease surveillance, production pathology and NPIP.

Dr. Kate Jacques, Director of Nutrition, Alltech USA, presented “Feeding the World.” The poultry and agricultural industries must find a way to feed the world’s growing population. One key component of this will be through technology such as nutritional genomics. This concept involves determining which nutritional requirements enhance genetic potential.

Dr. Joel L. Cline, Laboratory Director, J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab, Elba, AL, presented “The Role of the Diagnostic Laboratory in the Poultry Industry.” The role of diagnostic labs must now include production pathology as seen through surveillance programs in addition to traditional pathology diagnostics.

Dr. Suzanne Young Dougherty, Director of Veterinary Services, Keystone Foods, presented “What Regulatory Programs Mean to the Poultry Industry.” The commercial poultry industries recognize the importance of regulatory programs such as NPIP in sustaining their security of their products. This is seen through surveillance and testing for diseases such as Salmonella, Mycoplasmas, and Avian Influenza.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

General Discussion:

Discussed the importance of supporting the Poultry Committee of NIAA in the future.

Themes/Potential Consensus Points

- Achieving genetic potential through nutrition will play an important role in feeding the world as we meet future demands
- Diagnostic labs will play a varied role in the future of food animal production health programs
- Regulatory agencies must work with industry to develop programs that safeguard food animal production systems

Committee Session adjourned at 12:00 p.m.