

## Small Ruminant Committee Report

2012 NIAA Annual Conference

Tuesday, March 27, 2012



The Small Ruminant Committee met on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm during the 2012 NIAA Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado with about 20 people present. Ms. Eileen Kuhlmann & Dr. Greg Lewis served as Co-Chairs.

The committee session focused on sheep and goat production practices. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to the overall theme of the meeting.

**Dr. Jack Morgan, USDA/ARS**, presented “Grazinglands and Global Climate Change: What is the Science Telling Us?” Dr. Morgan stated that there is a global climate change that each area of the US will be affected differently and that it is not necessarily negative. Production practices and/or species produced in the area may need to change as the plant species change.

**Dr. Shawn Archibeque, Colorado State University**, presented “Air Emissions and Livestock Production.” Ms. Crystal Warner, graduate student presented for Shawn discussing the NAQSAT and informed the group that a grant was recently received for a second version. At this time sheep and goats are not currently included however, the group recommended inclusion of these species.

**Dr. David Anderson, Texas A&M University, Colorado State University**, presented “Supply Chain and Economic Effects of Regulations.” Discussed the cost and benefit of regulations with regards to producers, consumers, retail and wholesalers. He mentioned that there had not been substantial research on the actual cost and benefit return on most regulations, including inadequate follow up.

**Mr. Tom Boyer, President, American Goat Federation**, presented “Lack of Approved Pharmaceuticals Restrains U.S. Goat Industry.” He gave an overview of the segments of the goat industry and addressed the lack of pharmaceuticals available to the goat industry in the US (only 15 drugs that are approved for goats). Funding is needed for MUADP.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- Resolutions
  - 1 new resolutions- Science-based USDA programs for disease control in sheep and goats.
  - 1 amended (66 to include MUADP)
  - 1 removed (72 –is too specific and is already covered under NSEP)
- Consensus Points for NIAA White Paper Development
  - 1) Science-based approaches to regulations affecting agriculture
  - 2) Economic impact of agriculture regulations
  - 3) Retrospective economic analysis of agricultural regulations periodically

**General Discussion: None**

**Committee Session adjourned at 12:05 pm.**