

**Global Animal Health, Food Security and
Trade Council Report**

2015 NIAA Annual Conference

Tuesday, March 24, 2015



The Global Animal Health, Food Security and Trade Council met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. during the 2015 NIAA Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, with approximately 25 people present. Dr. David Meeker and Ms. Joy Philippi are co-chairs of the committee. Mr. Jon Caspers assisted Ms. Philippi due to the absence of Dr. Meeker.

The Global Animal Health, Food Security and Trade Council session focused on disease response in the US and the international reaction and possible trade restrictions or retaliation would inhibit international trade opportunities. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to current outbreak of High Pathogen Avian Flu in the United States:

Joe Baker, DVM, Washington State Veterinarian, presented "HPAI Industry Perspective and Update". Dr. Baker discussed the economic value of the poultry industry in Washington and in the United States. He placed special emphasis on the trade restrictions being implemented by countries that do not want to accept live poultry, and poultry products that originate or pass through states where AHPI has been identified in flocks. Much discussion took place following his presentation with committee members and guests asking about biosecurity, exposures to both commercial and backyard flocks. Dr. Baker also discussed the recent west coast port strike and how that also had a negative effect on poultry exports for his state.

Jack Shere, DVM, PhD, Associate Deputy Administrator, USDA APHIS VS, presented "USDA HPAI Perspective and Update. In his presentation Dr. Shere outlined the various strains of avian flu, and strains that had been or were currently present in the US. He showed detailed information explaining the flyways around the world and the threat to commercial herds from wild bird migration.

Dr. Shere discussed the urgency for producers to depopulate as soon as the flock tests positive for HPAV. The highly contagious nature of the HPAI expedites flock fatalities and often times limits the amount of indemnity payments as the USDA only pays indemnity on birds that destroyed to depopulate flocks.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

New Business:

- The committee reaffirmed the following resolutions GAHFST2, GAHFST7 and GAFST10.
- Following discussion a motion was made and seconded to sunset GAFST3, as it is no longer relevant.

Jon Caspers presented a new resolution The National Institute for Animal Agriculture supports the adoption of Trade Promotion Authority. Following discussion a motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution forward it to the resolutions committee and board of directors.

General Discussion: Members of the council discussed the meeting format and all agreed that the presentations were relevant to the mission of the council.

Global Animal Health, Food Security and Trade Council Session adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

