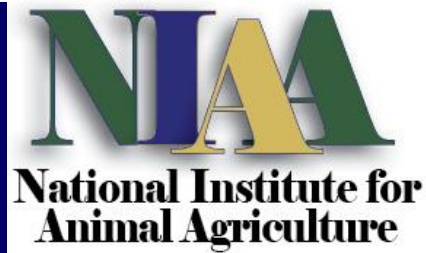


Aquatic Livestock Committee Report

2017 NIAA Annual Conference

Tuesday, April 4, 2017



The Aquatic Livestock Committee met on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the 2017 NIAA Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio, with approximately 11 people present. Mr. Todd Low and Ms. Angela Caporelli served as Co-Chairs.

The Aquatic Livestock Committee session focused on developing foundational programs for improving the aquaculture industry. The following speakers presented relevant information pertaining to continuing the development of aquaculture key performance indicators started at the National Roundtable for Sustainable Aquaculture meeting in Indianapolis:

Dr. Marty Matlock – University of Arkansas, Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability, presented on “Lifecycle Assessment of Aquaculture and Aquaponics Systems in Hawaii and How They Can Improve your Operation”. Dr. Matlock presented the Life Cycle Assessment results on aquaculture, hydroponic and aquaponics systems in Hawaii and on typical pond, raceway and recirculating systems. His results validate that aquaponics makes the most sense economically due to cash flow and shared equipment costs.

Dr. Marty Matlock – University of Arkansas, Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability, presented on “Aligning Aquaculture KPI Metrics with Other Livestock Sectors to Accelerate Industry Growth”. Dr. Matlock showed the close alignment with the other livestock sectors that are going through the KPI development cycle. The aquaculture KPI represent a milestone for the aquaculture industry because it now has a common metric framework with traditional livestock.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- One new resolution was accepted.
- The NIAA Aquatic Livestock Committee requests that NIAA continue its support of the National Roundtable for Sustainable Aquaculture as it coordinates aquaculture development on a national level.

General Discussion:

Aquatic Livestock Committee Session adjourned at 12:15pm.