

**Animal Health Emergency Management Council
Report**

2018 NIAA Annual Conference

Tuesday, April 10, 2018



The Animal Health Emergency Management Council met on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the 2018 NIAA Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, with approximately 58 people present. Drs. James Averill and Nick Striegel served as Co-Chairs.

The Animal Health Emergency Management Council session focused on 2018 Farm Bill role for animal health and traceability during an emergency event. Ms. Aline DeLucia shared with attendees the animal health discussions around the 2018 Farm Bill. A panelist of Mr. Jamie Jonker, Dr. Tiffany Lee, and Dr. Patrick Webb shared their perspective on traceability during an emergency event:

Ms. Aline DeLucia – Associate Director, Public Policy, NASDA, presented on “2018 Farm Bill Animal Health Components and Process”

- Animal Health portion of the 2018 Farm Bill is modeled after the 10007 Plant Health Title Component of the 2014 Farm Bill.
- Key components of Animal Health Portion of 2018 Farm Bill:
 - Prevention: focus on grants to address research to help address biosecurity and emerging/foreign animal diseases
 - Surveillance: fully fund the National Animal Health Laboratory Network
 - Vaccine Bank: Fund the North American Foot and Mouth Vaccine Bank
- Impediments of new Farm Bill
 - Budgetary as no additional funding allowed for this Farm Bill cycle
 - Time/Mid-Term election
 - Trade
- Hope to have three tiers authorized but may not be fully funded.

Panel Discussion: “Livestock Industry Panel Discussion on Farm Bill and Traceability during an Emergency”

- Dairy - Jamie Jonker, PhD– Vice President, National Milk Producers Federation
- Processor - Tiffany Lee, DVM, PhD– Director, North American Meat Institute
- Swine - Patrick Webb, DVM - Director, Swine Health Programs, National Pork Board

Key Points of Discussion

- Panelist members fully support mandatory identification program
- Industry expects government to respond in a timely and effective manner when an animal health emergency occurs
- Panelist stated that restricted movement is unrealistic, and term control movement should be utilized
- Panelist emphasized that government needs to identify relevant data needed from industry to respond an animal health emergency in a timely and effective manner

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

- Committee Mission statement was reviewed and reaffirmed
- Action was taken on 14 resolutions.
 - POU2 Amendment to the National Organic Poultry Program to Provide for Confinement During Outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) was sunset
 - EQ4 National Forum on Selected Equine Infectious Diseases with Federal/State Regulatory Implications was amended
 - Following resolutions were reaffirmed: AHM6, BOV8, BOV9, POU1, SW11, SR8, EQ1, EQ2, EQ3, EQ4, EQ7, GAHFS9
- Consensus Points for NIAA White Paper Development
 - Members encouraged to become engaged in 2018 Farm Bill through Congressional Members for benefit of Animal Health
 - Industry expects government will respond in a timely and effective manner when an animal health emergency occurs
 - Panelist emphasized that government needs to identify relevant data needed from industry to respond an animal health emergency in a timely and effective manner
 - Panelist are in favor of a mandatory identification program

General Discussion:

Council Co-Chairs Drs. Averill and Striegel would like to share the following comments for consideration by the Board of Directors:

- What is the vision for Councils and Committees:
- Developing/renewing policy
- Forum for new ideas or discussion of issues
 - Either way this may require more time for meetings, and/or look at ways to be more efficient. Such as further consolidation of committees/council meetings and/or doing more business electronically prior to the meeting.
- Need to look at staggering policies as now have a majority up for renewal in five years