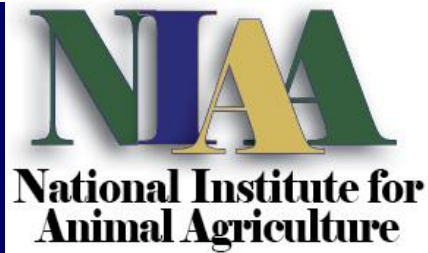


Aquatic Livestock Committee Report

2016 NIAA Annual Conference

Tuesday, April 5, 2016



The Aquatic Livestock Committee met on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the 2016 NIAA Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, 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 biosecurity and Key Performance Indicators:

Kathleen H. Hartman, MS, DVM, PhD – Aquaculture Program Leader, USDA APHIS VS, presented “Commercial Aquaculture Health Program Standards (CAHPS).” Dr. Hartman provided an overview of the CAHPS program. While the program components are not new, it is important that USDA taking a lead role in aquatic animal health to provide legitimacy. The program is flexible to meet the needs of aquatic operations and compliments existing efforts in other livestock sectors.

Marty Matlock, PhD, PE, BCEE – Executive Director, Office of Sustainability, University of Arkansas, presented “Review and Prioritization of Top 3 Sustainability Indicators” & “Development of Metrics for Top 3 Indicators.” These presentations are the next steps in KPI development for the aquatic livestock sector. Dr. Matlock is working with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture on KPI’s for recirculating and aquaponics systems and these KPI will be a pilot for other systems both in Hawaii and on the mainland. Discussion focused on collaboration between KPI and the CAHPS programs.

Both CAHPS and KPI programs identified the need to secure or build an information framework that can protect the confidentiality of operations while aggregating data for mining and policy making.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1 resolution amended.
- Aquatic Livestock Committee wants NIAA to seek funding for the following:
 - A data security, collection and management process for US aquaculture
 - Support for CAHPS, the KPI development process, and other complimentary programs.

General Discussion: None.

Aquatic Livestock Committee Session adjourned at 12:45.