

MINUTES

JOINT INDUSTRY BEEF SAFETY COMMITTEE 2011 Cattle Industry Summer Conference – Orlando, FL Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Jeff Clausen, Chair
Todd Allen, Vice-Chair

Call to Order

Chairman Jeff Clausen called the meeting of the Joint Industry Beef Safety Committee to order at 2:30 PM, welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting. All attendees introduced themselves.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and minutes from the 2011 Cattle Industry Annual Convention & Trade Show were reviewed and approved by the committee.

Moved: Jerry Jones

Second: Jason Sandefur

Approved

Invited Presentations

Policy Update

Kristina Butts, M.S., from the Washington D.C. NCBA office provided a policy update to the joint committee. Discussed was the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act passed and signed into law in 2010 and FDA is now in the process of promulgating regulations based on the law. Also discussed was FSIS' recent effort to increase surveillance and testing of residues at the packing and processing level. FSIS is also working closely with FDA to collect producer information when there is a residue that violates FDA's tolerance levels. Kristina showed the Committee how this list is publicly available on FSIS' website. FSIS recently announced a proposed rule to label "enhanced" meat products. This effort was originally started with a consumer petition in 2006 with regards to how poultry products are labeled, but the proposed rule from FSIS includes beef and pork in addition to chicken. FSIS continues to have non O157:H7 STEC as a top priority for this Administration. FSIS submitted a proposal to the Office of Management and Budget for their review and this document has not been released yet. NCBA anticipates the document being released in the near future but it is not clear if this is a proposed regulation or a guidance document for FSIS personnel and industry. At this point in time, very little is known as to the contents of the document but FSIS continues to focus efforts to learn more about the non O157:H7 STECs. Kristina wrapped up her presentation by answering questions and visiting about NCBA's continually efforts to educate Members of Congress and the regulating agencies on the beef industry and their commitment to producing safe, wholesome and affordable beef products.

Resolutions

No resolutions were brought before the committee.

Fiscal Year 2010 Plan Review

Dr. Mandy Carr Johnson reviewed each tactic in the recently completed 2010 AR (ended May 2011) in a printed summary. Deliverables were reviewed for each tactic in the AR as well as a short summary of results for each research project. These project summaries will

also be posted on www.beefreseerach.org for open access by anyone interested in the information once submitted to CBB in the end of year evaluation later this month. Additionally, an in-depth summary of the outreach opportunities captured by the program staff related to the Beef Industry Safety Summit was reviewed. Beyond the event itself, numerous printed magazine articles, interviews, on-line news stories, radio interviews and newsletter updates were documented across the country.

Fiscal Year 2011 Plan Review

Dr. Mandy Carr Johnson reviewed current checkoff funded projects and program successes that have occurred since the beginning of FY 2011 in October of 2010. A printed summary was provided in the committee packets. Additionally, an clarification on BIFSCo expenditures and Safety Summit registration was provided to the committee.

Fiscal Year 2012 Authorization Request

Dr. Mandy Carr Johnson presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Authorization Request (AR) for Beef Safety Research. Committee members discussed the proposed tactics and after dialogue among the committee, the AR was recommended to be forwarded on to the Operating Committee for funding through the Beef Checkoff with minor changes.

Moved: Don Smith
Second: Keith Burgett
Motion Passed

Adjournment

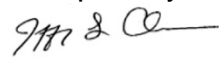
Motion: Jerry Jones
Second: Dennis Swan
Approved

Respectfully
Submitted by:



Mandy Carr-Johnson, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Research

Accepted by:



Jeff Clausen, Chairman
Joint Industry Beef Safety Committee

Committee Members in Attendance

Todd Allen
Marty Andersen
Keith Burgett
Willie Bylsma
Jeff Clausen
Nelson Curry
Ed Field
Charlie Higdon
Jerry Jones

Jim Maxey
Dina Reitzel
Jason Sandefur
Don Smith
Dennis Swan
Rudie Tate
Kevin Thielen
Diane Weston
Anne Wirtz

Guests

Eloise Seaman
John Blanton
Tony Bryant
Janna Stubbs

