

**Animal Health and International Trade
Committee Report**

2008 Mid Year Report

September 2008



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The Animal Health and International Trade Committee has not had a meeting since the 2008 Annual meeting. There is no follow up or actions for the committee.

Recommendations for 2009 Annual Meeting theme or topics to be considered:

- Would like to have analysis and discussion around what the economic impact could/will be to each of the U.S. Livestock industries (beef cattle and meat, swine, poultry, dairy, etc) when the countries with foreign diseases are able to meet the USDA import regulations (importing to U.S.).
- Economic impacts to domestic producers, feeding industry, packing/processing, retail, consumer confidence, etc.
- Brazil is one with specific concern since there is significant presence with JBS in the U.S. today.
- Economic impact to North America livestock industries.
- Economic impact to U.S. and North America if we are not nor do not have an International preparedness plan. Including conducting (NIAA working to bring industries and government together to conduct preparedness simulations).
- Address increasing food safety regulations, testing, and charges which are being levied against industry.

Support and urge NIAA leadership to help committees figure out how to best and most efficiently bridge the communication gap between the committees where there is overlapping concerns, issues, and regulations.