

**Sheep & Goat Species
Committee Report**

2008 Mid Year Report

September 2008



Chair: Eileen Kuhlmann, University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine

Vice Chair: Stephanie Sexton, Premier Sheep Supplies, Ltd.

The Sheep and Goat Committee's last meeting was at the NIAA annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

At the Sheep and Goat committee meeting no change or revision was made regarding the mission or objectives, and two resolutions were amended. The two resolutions amended were,

- Drug Availability for Sheep and Goats, pertaining to funding MUMS & NRSP-7 programs, and
- Scrapie Eradication resolution, continuation of funding the Scrapie Eradication program.

The Sheep and Goat Committee's focus at this time is on;

- The continuation of funding for the Minor Use/Minor Species and the NRSP-7 programs.
- Also, a concern is the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) order prohibiting the extra label use of the cephalosporin class of antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals. This will go into effect on October 1, 2008. This will remove an antimicrobial with a short withdrawal time from use in sheep and goats. Animals that are destined for slaughter would not be treated due to long withdrawal times of other antimicrobials, a situation that could be considered an animal welfare concern.

The committee has continued to be involved with ongoing development and updating of the National Scrapie Eradication Program educational materials.

Lastly, the committee could possibly become more involved in leading the US sheep and goat industries in contending with the emergence of anthelmintic-resistant parasites, which is truly an economic crisis.

Seminar topics for the next committee meeting at the annual meeting are still being discussed by the chair and vice-chair. Input from the committee is welcome; please contact Eileen Kuhlmann or Stephanie Sexton.