Sustaining Animal Agriculture: Balancing Bioethical, Economic, and Social Issues

Objectives:
1. Discussing the impacts of regulations on food-animal agriculture at all levels including economics of production, rural demographics, and societal and global effects.
2. Analyzing the intended and unintended consequences of these voluntary and involuntary regulations.

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JUNE 8, 2010  Day 1 - General Session - Theme: Overview of Sustaining Animal Agriculture

MODERATOR: Richard Reynnells, USDA/NIFA

Noon - 12:10  Welcome
John Ferrell, USDA Deputy Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Welcome from CAST
Todd Peterson, CAST President

12:10 - 12:40  Integration of competing concepts surrounding the ethical use of food animals
Wes Jamison, Palm Beach Atlantic University

12:40 - 1:00  Impressions from the agricultural community regarding food-animal welfare and agricultural regulation
Gregory P. Martin, The Pennsylvania State Cooperative Extension

1:00 - 1:25  Taking a look back to look forward
R. Douglas Hurt, Purdue University

1:25 - 1:50  Historical perspective of the integration of animal agriculture
Ronald L. Plain, University of Missouri

1:50 - 2:15  Building trust in contemporary food production
Steve Sapp, Iowa State University

2:15 - 2:30  BREAK

2:30 – 3:00  Redefining sustainability: Ethically grounded, scientifically verified, and economically viable
Ray Stricklin, University of Maryland

3:00 - 4:00  Panel: Trends in society and their impact on our future food-animal systems
Charlie Arnot, CMA
Janet M. Riley, American Meat Institute
Jay Vroom, CropLife America
JUNE 9, Day 2 - Morning theme: Bioethical and animal welfare issues, rural and food-animal industry structure

MODERATOR: Nathaniel Tablante, University of Maryland

8:00 - 8:30 Ethical and practical implications of food-animal agriculture
Paul B. Thompson, Michigan State University

8:30 - 9:30 Panel: Different perceptions of sustainable agriculture
James R. (Tres) Bailey, Walmart
Mike Morris, YUM Brands
Bryan Dierlam, Cargill

9:30 - 10:00 Discussion with all Day 2 morning speakers

10:00 - 10:30 BREAK

10:30 - Noon Panel: How can we move forward?; the need for a collaborative vision
Jack Fisher, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Chandler Goule, National Farmers Union
Christine Bushway, Organic Trade Association
Joe Stookey, North American Food Animal Well-being Commission for Beef; Univ. of Saskatchewan

Noon - 1:30 LUNCH BREAK

JUNE 9, Day 2 - Afternoon Theme: Long-term survival and food security

MODERATOR: Candace Croney, The Ohio State University

1:30 - 2:00 Economics of size and scale applied to biological systems
Brian Buhr, University of Minnesota

2:00 - 2:30 Future welfare of farmers and their animals
John Deen, University of Minnesota

2:30 - 3:00 BREAK

3:00 - 4:00 Panel: Comprehensive analysis of certification and regulatory programs; what is the future?
David Townsend, Smithfield Foods (Swine Industry)
Yvonne Vizzier Thaxton, Mississippi State University (Poultry Industry)

JUNE 10, Day 3 - Morning Theme: Societal and global impacts

MODERATOR: Chuck Conner, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

8:00 - 8:30 World and U.S. population growth: How can we feed everyone?
William Weldon, Elanco Animal Health

8:30 - 9:15 Should there be biotechnology in our future?
Val Giddings, PrometheusAB, Inc. – Advanced Expertise in US and Global Biotechnology

9:15 - 9:45 Agricultural productivity strategies for the future
Gale Buchanan, Retired Under Secretary, USDA/REE

9:45 - 10:15 BREAK
10:15 – 11:00  **Sustainability myths and musts**  
Jason Clay, World Wildlife Fund

11:00 – 11:30  **Trade considerations and OIE guidelines**  
Phil Seng, US Meat and Export Federation

11:30 - Noon  Discussion with all Day 3 morning speakers

Noon - 1:30  **LUNCH BREAK**

**JUNE 10, Day 3 - Afternoon Theme: Societal and global impacts**

1:30 - 2:00  **Are the poor a recognized stakeholder?**  
Joseph Glauber, USDA Chief Economist

2:00 - 2:30  **Are farmers and rural communities destined to be second-class citizens?**  
Paul Lasley, Iowa State University

2:30 – 3:00  General Discussion

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