

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

FEED TECHNICAL COUNCIL

TO: Feed Technical Council Members and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Bruce A. Nicely, Secretary

SUBJECT: Agenda for Feed Technical Council Meeting

TIME: Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

DATE: July 9, 2009

PLACE: Amelia Island Plantation Resort  
6800 First Coast Highway  
Amelia Island, FL 32034  
Phone (904) 261-6161

This meeting is open to the public.

AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Review of Minutes of July 10, 2008.
3. Old business.  
Council Membership
4. New business:
  - a. Feed Program Compliance Update – Bruce Nicely
  - b. BSE Surveillance Update – Bruce Nicely
  - c. Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) Update – George Hayslip
  - d. Election of Officers
5. Future Meetings.
6. Other Business.

**MINUTES  
FEED TECHNICAL COUNCIL  
Longboat Key Club  
301 Gulf of Mexico Drive  
Longboat Key, Florida 34228  
July 10, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Lee Jackson, Mr. Larry Mack, Mr. Bruce Nicely, Mr. Chuck Syfrett, Mr. Marnie Ward

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Howard Adams, Mr. Steve Dwinell, Mr. Steve Furst, Mr. Jim Harding, Mr. Richard Sellers,

**ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. It should be noted that a quorum was not present therefore no official action was voted on.

**ITEM #2 – REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes from the meeting of July 12, 2007 were reviewed and accepted with the following modifications:

- The date of the minutes reviewed from previous meeting was changed from July 12, 2007 to July 11, 2006.
- In the item, new business, Federal Department of Agriculture was changed to Food and Drug Administration

**ITEM #3 – OLD BUSINESS:**

- Council Membership

580. 15 1(1) a) The Commercial Feed Technical Council is created in the department and shall be composed of 13 members to be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture of which there shall be 3 representatives of commercial feed manufacturers; 2 representatives of the poultry industry; 1 representative from a dairy feed cooperative; 1 representative from the dairy industry, who purchases feed commercially; 1 representative of the beef industry; 1 representative of the horse industry; 1 representative of the swine industry; 1 representative of the aquaculture industry; 1 representative of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences of the University of Florida; and 1 representative of the department, who shall serve as secretary of the council.

Council membership now is:

- 3 commercial feed - Chuck Syfrett, Lee Jackson, and Larry Mack
- 2 poultry industry - representatives were Mr. Obermeyer (Purdue Farms), Mr. Mattox Ward (Hillandale), Marnie Ward (needs to be appointed)
- 1 dairy feed coop - was Tim Moore (need a replacement)
- 1 dairy industry - was Wayne Olfke (need a replacement)
- 1 beef industry - Frank Smith (need to check on status)
- 1 horse industry - Richard Hancock (need to contact)
- 1 swine industry - was Chad Lyons (need a replacement), contact Frankie Hall at Farm Bureau
- 1 aquaculture - Ronald Slay (need to check on status)
- 1 IFAS - Dr. John Arthington (need to contact)
- 1 DACS - Bruce Nicely

DACS will establish a web site with links to all this information for future reference.

- Ban on feeding poultry litter to cattle. Feed industry wants to implement ban on state level - FDA choose to ignore this in recent rule - meat and bone meal is found in chicken feed, theoretically a BSE risk. No other states have banned poultry litter feeding. National Cattlemen Beef Association discourages practice. Need science on which to base argument that practice should be banned. Problems with ban - Contracting BSE appears to be an issue with young cattle - not fed poultry litter. Compliance issue - poultry litter is not a product in commerce. Hard to contain - cattle will go into fields where poultry litter used as fertilizer. In some cases poultry litter a major portion of the diet of pasture fed cattle. This is an on-farm practice (integrated poultry and cattle operations). Does IFAS have a position? Bruce Nicely will check.

**ITEM #4 – NEW BUSINESS:**

- Compliance Update:  
Written report provided by Bruce Nicely. See attached report.

Council concerned about non compliance with reporting requirement. A proposal was made to conduct a mandatory workshop on sampling and reporting. Web broadcast could be used.

- New Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) will provide automated reminders to feed registrants as to amount of samples required. This system will be tested as early as next month.

- Cost reduction measures taken by the Bureau of Compliance Monitoring were described. These include closing of numerous field offices, and implementation of electronic file sharing with field inspectors. This reduces costs for rent, utilities, and travel.
- BSE program results presented. (see written report)
- FDA rule amendment discussed. (see written report)
- Fee increase discussed. Industry was ok with this when presented last year. Their intention is for the program to be self sufficient.
- National Feed Safety Legislation is being considered. This will establish HACCP type system. The Council will have to monitor this.
- Election of officers  
Chair - Chuck Syfrett nominated, seconded - unanimous  
Vice Chair - Larry Mack, nominated, seconded - unanimous

**ITEM #5 – FUTURE MEETINGS:**

The next meeting will be in July 2009 at Amelia Island - see FFA website

**ITEM #6 – OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other comments were provided. The meeting was then adjourned.

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**Feed Program Update –**

Feed Master Registrations

- FY 2005-2006 – 636 licenses issued
- FY 2006-2007 – 696 licenses issued (9% increase)
- FY 2007-2008 – 722 licenses issued (4% increase)

Approximately 50% of new registrations are pet food and pet treat manufacturers.

Feed Sampling during FY 2006-2007

- 3,117 feed samples submitted to Department certified labs
- 10,820 determinations were made
- 98 samples were reported as deficient or excessive
- \$14,000 in fines were issued
- 3.1% overall sample deficiency index

Feed Sampling/Analysis Compliance for 2006-2007 (18 month period)

- 52 of the 696 registrants were issued an administrative action
- Nearly 7.5% of licensees were out of compliance

**BSE Program Update –**

Ruminant Feed Ban Inspection/Surveillance Program

- 350 BSE Inspections were conducted during FY 2007-2008
- Of the 350 inspection, only 3 minor recordkeeping violations were identified

Prohibited Material Sampling During FY 2007-2008

- 333 samples collected
- 11 of the samples were found to be presumptive positive for bovine material
  - 6 were ruminant feeds
  - 2 were non-ruminant feeds
  - 2 were feed ingredients
  - 1 was a pet food
- 6 of those 11 samples recognized excluded materials (i.e., bovine blood, milk, whey, etc.) in the ingredient statements

- 4 of those 11 samples were found to contain unspecified animal protein and were referred for further investigation

**FDA Amendment to BSE Rule –**

- The US Food and Drug Administration is amending the agency’s regulations to prohibit the use of certain cattle origin materials in the food or feed of all animals
- Shall come into effect on April 27, 2009
- These materials include the following:
  - the entire carcass of BSE-positive cattle;
  - the brains and spinal cords from cattle  $\geq 30$  months;
  - the entire carcass of cattle not inspected and passed for human consumption that are  $\geq 30$  months from which brains/spinal cords were not removed;
  - tallow that is derived from BSE-positive cattle;
  - tallow that is derived from other materials prohibited by this rule that contains more than 0.15% insoluble impurities;
  - and mechanically separated beef that is derived from the materials prohibited by this rule.

**580.041 Statute Changes**

Feed Program License Fees

<u>Tons Distributed</u>	<u>Registration Fee</u>
0-25	\$40
>25-50	\$75
>50-100	\$150
>100-300	\$375
>300-600	\$600
>600-1,000	\$900
>1,000-2,000	\$1,250
>2,000-5,000	\$2,000
>5,000	\$3,500

**LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System)**