

Policy Advisory Group Report

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Livestock & Animal Policy Advisory Group

Members of the livestock & animal care policy advisory group met in December to review existing policy in the areas of livestock and animal care and make recommendations to the 2016 policy resolutions committee.

The group discussed existing INFB and AFBF policy language. The group charged staff to explore clarification on bonding requirement for the Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Act (GIPSA). Additionally, staff was charged to work with AFBF on clarification of AFBF policy language on biotechnology. It was noted the biotechnology language was focused primarily on plants rather than animals. The balance of the meeting focused on reviewing existing state policy language and identifying areas for consideration by county Farm Bureau policy development.

CALL TO ACTION

As part of the ongoing public discussion of animal care issues, land use and regulatory oversight of animal agriculture:

County Farm Bureaus can

- Review AFBF 2016 policy section 337 - biotechnology, page 117, to discuss if there needs to be differentiation language separating policy on plants versus animals.
- Review AFBF policy section 312 - Packers & Stockyards Act, page 107, #5 - Bonding requirements & discuss if current bonding requirements adequately cover today's market exposure. For explanation of current situation, click [here](#).
- Talk and work with local elected and appointed officials to voice their concerns regarding local land use ordinances role in siting livestock barns.
- Ask INFB staff Greg Slipher, to meet with your board to review current zoning ordinance language in your county for possible local policy position.
- Discuss whether the county Farm Bureau should develop a policy for taking positions of support on local livestock expansion projects. INFB staff will assist in the discussion.

- Review INFB 2016 policy sections for relevant and/or obsolete language. Contact Greg Slipher for questions pertaining to these sections:
 - 504.01 - Local Planning
 - 504.02 - Agriculture Land Protection
 - 504.03 – Property Rights
 - 506.04 - Wetlands

Questions regarding the activities of the livestock & animal care PAG can be directed to one of the group members or to [Greg Slipher](#), 317-432-3816, the Farm Bureau staff member facilitating the group.