

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2008 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4 **APPROVED**

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON JOHNE'S DISEASE

SUBJECT MATTER: NATIONAL JOHNE'S DISEASE DEMONSTRATION HERD
PROJECT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The National Johne's Disease Demonstration Herd Project was initiated in 2003 as a long-term project (at least five years) with the objective of validating management tools needed for a science-based National Johne's Disease Control Program.

Preliminary evidence indicates a reduction in prevalence and incidence of Johne's disease in the demonstration herds to date, but additional time is needed to complete the project.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) continue to prioritize funding for the National Johne's Disease Demonstration Herd Project to complete the collection of eight years of data from cooperating herds.

RESPONSE:

USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) appreciates the United States Animal Health Association's interest in the National Johne's Disease Demonstration Herd Project. Due to budget considerations, VS is setting priorities for all its programs, and some adjustments in program activities are necessary. Regarding the National Johne's Disease Demonstration Herd Project, we will continue to collect data from herds that currently have less than 8 years of data. Our goal is to continue testing through 2011 until all herds have 8 years of data, reducing the budget by approximately \$400,000 each year. However, this funding will depend on the budget set by Congress.