

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2006

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 43 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON SCRAPIE

SUBJECT MATTER: ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION COMPLIANCE IN THE SCRAPIE PROGRAM

DATES: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 12-18, 2006

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The National Scrapie Eradication Program, which includes mandatory identification and record keeping, has been in existence for 5 years. Animal identification compliance is in need of improvement in some states and can be enhanced in all states. This is an issue that needs to be addressed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) Area Veterinarians-in-Charge and State Veterinarians.

Resolution:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) urges the state and federal animal health officials in each state to follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) VS Memo 557.11. Regulatory action is expected to be taken to address lack of compliance with identification requirements. Quarterly animal identification compliance reports will be provided by each state to the APHIS-VS, Regional and National Scrapie Eradication Program staff. These reports will be used to provide ongoing assessment of Consistent State status.

RESPONSE:

New Jersey - Approved

Missouri – In close collaboration with our local USDA-VS Office in making every attempt to meet the specifications of VS memo 557.11.

Louisiana - Although we feel this is a needed program, at this time we are facing a shortage of manpower and can not commit to quarterly reporting.

South Dakota - South Dakota's animal health officials and sheep industry support and follow this resolution on identification and sampling for the Regulatory Scrapie Slaughter Surveillance (RSSS) Program

Utah - We feel that at this point we not only accept Resolution 43 but are in full compliance with not only identification requirements but also quarterly animal identification compliance reports to APHIS-VS, Regional and National Scrapie Eradication Program staff.