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The Committee met on October 8, 2020, virtually, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). There were 218 participants at one point during the meeting. Dr. Salman initiated the meeting by introducing the agenda and then presented the theme of the panel discussion for this year *COVID19 and its impact on trade of livestock commodities* with a list of four questions that were shared with the invited panelists as presented below:

1. What are the economic and societal positive and negative impacts associated with COVID-19 in global trade of livestock commodities?
2. What is the supportive evidence to demonstrate the above positive and negative impacts (these can be direct or indirect) impacts?
3. Are we expecting changes in the normal operation of global trade of livestock commodities due to the COVID-19 and if so what type of modifications are expected? Both temporary and sustained changes.
4. Are we expecting modifications to the livestock operational systems in the USA due to the COVID-19 and its impact on the trade? If so, what are these modifications?

The speakers based their presentations on these questions in a 15-minute presentation with additional time for committee members to ask questions of the panelists either through the chatting option or verbally at the end of the presentation:

Erin Borrer - Economist, U.S. Meat Export Federation

Dr. Josh Maples - Assistant Professor and Extension Economist, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University

Ms. Callie McAdams - Senior Economist - Office of Chief Economist - USDA

Dr. Silvia Kreindel – USDA, APHIS, International Services (IS) - China Office

Dr. Elizabeth Parker introduced the four panelists with their bios with the following statements:

Erin Borrer, U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF)

Erin joined USMEF in July 2006 after receiving her M.S. in Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. She received her B.S. in Agribusiness at California Polytechnic State University. As an economist, Erin is responsible for USMEF's red meat export forecasts, trade policy related analysis, global market analysis for U.S. exporters, and U.S. market analysis for international customers. In 2014, Erin also became Chairman of the Economics Committee for the International Meat Secretariat.

Raised on a cow/calf operation in Colorado, Erin has a background in production agriculture and a passion for the red meat industry. Working remotely for USMEF, she and her husband, Bryce Borrer, along with their boys Clayton and Nolan, raise purebred and commercial cattle at Tehama Angus Ranch in northern California.

Josh Maples, Mississippi State University

Dr. Maples' primary extension and research area is livestock market analysis. He is a regular speaker on livestock markets to groups across the Southeast and on RFD-TV. He writes a weekly regional cattle marketing newsletter, and his work is often featured in national cattle media outlets. In the classroom, he teaches the undergraduate Agricultural Policy course at MSU which helps students understand the policy process and the impacts on agriculture. He was raised on a beef cattle farm in Elkmont, Alabama.

Callie McAdams, USDA

Callie McAdams works for USDA where she focuses on domestic policy, including livestock and nutrition policy. Prior to her current position, she was Deputy Chief Economist at the House Committee on Agriculture, where she handled agricultural economics, budget, and trade, as well as working on a range of agricultural, nutrition, and conservation policy issues. She was also previously a senior consultant at Informa Economics, focusing on strategic analysis for farm organizations and businesses on agriculture, transportation, and energy topics. Ms. McAdams received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Agricultural Business Management from North Carolina State University and her Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University.

Silvia Kreindel, USDA-APHIS

In this capacity, Dr. Kreindel manages one of the most important APHIS portfolios on agricultural and livestock market issues. Prior to China, Silvia was USDA's expert on loan to Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)'s Animal Health Division where she worked on risk analysis and epidemiology. In that capacity, she provided epidemiological analysis on suspect and confirmed outbreaks of transboundary animal diseases (TADs) and other high-impact diseases and their impact on food security and food safety. Dr. Kreindel has worked extensively throughout Latin America, different countries in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Prior to being detailed to FAO Rome, Silvia worked as a Senior Veterinarian for APHIS, Veterinary Services (VS), Regionalization and Evaluation Services (RESI), analyzing animal disease status of exporting regions/countries to determine the risk of introducing livestock diseases into the United States. In this role, she led many of the foot and mouth disease (FMD), bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), poultry, and swine diseases evaluations conducted by APHIS. She received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina and her Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the University of Massachusetts.

The presentations of the four panelists were shared with attendees of the committee. Statistics, trends, and predications were presented during the responses by the panelists. Few questions were raised during the Q&A session with the ability for the panelists to respond.

Committee Business:

There were no resolutions offered. There were some brief comments in the chat and discussion requesting for the committee to include aquaculture and trade issues in the future.

Due to time constraints, in lieu of a presentation, USDA-APHIS provided a written summary report of the annual 88th OIE General Session meeting and was provided to all committee members.