

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2008 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 5 **APPROVED**
SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON JOHNE'S DISEASE
SUBJECT MATTER: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR JOHNE'S DISEASE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The current Johne's Disease Strategic Plan was last updated by the National Johne's Working Group (NJWG) in 2003 to guide the work and efforts of the NJWG and the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) Committee on Johne's Disease through 2008. A new five year plan is needed to incorporate significant changes that have occurred in understanding Johne's disease, its management, availability and performance of diagnostic testing, state and federal funding and awareness of Johne's disease among ruminant producers within the ruminant industries.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) accept the updated Strategic Plan as approved during the 2008 Annual Meeting.

RESPONSE:

USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) appreciates the United States Animal Health Association's (USAHA) interest in Johne's disease. VS accepts the National Johne's Strategic Plan approved by USAHA at the 2008 annual meeting. VS will develop an implementation plan based on the direction provided in the strategic plan. We encourage USAHA to reach out to industry stakeholders, as USDA is only one partner in the updated plan. The efforts of USAHA are needed to engage industry groups and producers to ensure the success of the National Johne's Disease Control Program.