Proposed agenda for the USAHA -Global Animal Health and Trade (GAHT) Committee

Thursday October 8, 2020
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST
(Virtual Connection information to be provided by USAHA)
Updated Sept 25, 2020

Proposed agenda:
1. 1200 – 1210 Introduction and presentation of 2019’s GAHT committee meeting report for approval (Mo Salman, Chair GAHT)
2. 1210 -1340 Panel presentation including Q&A session
3. 1340 – 1400 Business session and presentation of resolutions (Mo Salman)

Panel:
This virtual annual meeting of GAHT Committee will focus on a panel under the theme “COVID19 and its impact on trade of livestock commodities.” All USAHA committee meetings will be shorter this year due to the virtual arrangements. The GAHT Committee will meet from 12pm to 2pm EST on Thursday October 9, 2020. Due to time constraints, we will only have the panel followed by any committee business. The panel speakers will be provided with the following proposed questions to guide their presentations:

1. What are the economic and societal positive and negative impacts associated with COVID-19 in global trade of livestock commodities?
2. What are the supportive evidences 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 following proposed speakers will be invited to be on the panel; each will be requested to respond to these questions in a 15 minute presentation with additional time for the committee members to ask questions of the panelists either through the chatting option or verbally at the end of the presentation:

2. Dr. Josh Maples, Assistant Professor & Extension Economist, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University - confirmed
4. Dr. Silvia Kreindel -USDA:APHIS:IS- China Office - invited
Committee Business:

At the completion of the panel session including the questions and answers, there will be a short business component of the virtual meeting with the focus on presentation of proposed resolutions and other business items that the committee members may consider for discussion. Due to the shortened schedule USAHA leadership has requested that to the maximum extent possible, any new resolutions should be worked out prior to the meeting via email, allowing for a short discussion during the committee meeting and voting. Significant word-smoothing should be done prior to the committee meeting if possible. **Please send any potential resolutions you would like to committee to consider to Mo Salman by September 18, 2020.**

For this virtual meeting we will request and post the conventional report from APHIS of the annual 88th OIE General Session meeting on the website prior to the meeting. Committee members can then comment or ask questions either through the chat option or verbally during the business session of the meeting.