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**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 17 and 41 Combined**

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**SOURCE:**

**COMMITTEE ON SCRAPIE  
COMMITTEE ON SHEEP AND GOATS**

**SUBJECT MATTER:**

**Goat Scrapie Genetic Resistance**

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Genotype selection for scrapie resistance in sheep has proven to be a great asset in efforts to eradicate scrapie in sheep. The availability of genetic tools for goats should have similar benefits. Based on information presented by the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service researchers, sufficient data exists to support further efforts toward testing for goat scrapie genotype resistance and development of field applications in the National Scrapie Eradication Program.

## **RESOLUTION:**

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to pursue efforts to develop pilot projects to explore the use of goat scrapie genotype testing in the National Scrapie Eradication Program. USAHA also requests that USDA-Agricultural Research Service conduct surveys to assess the frequency of resistant genotypes in United States (US) goats and identify methods to expand the availability of resistant genotypes to US goat producers.