RESOLUTION NUMBER:  35  APPROVED

SOURCE:  COMMITTEE ON TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES OF POULTRY AND OTHER AVIAN SPECIES

SUBJECT MATTER:  Upland Gamebird Secure Poultry Supply Plan

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The upland gamebird industry is a $1.9 billion industry that produces pheasants, bobwhite quail, chukar and Hungarian partridges for the United States gamebird hunting industry.

To minimize business interruption during a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) event, Secure Poultry Supply (SPS) plans for the table-egg layer, broiler and turkey industries are continuing to be developed using new risk assessments and past experience to act as tools to help emergency decision makers to provide rapid science-and risk-based decisions on the issuance or denial of movement permits within a Control Area.

The North American Gamebird Association, through its gamebird secure poultry supply plan working group, is attempting to develop a SPS plan for upland gamebirds that will be based upon a specific science- and risk-based plan that will include completed risk assessments.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association supports the current funding from United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services for the Upland Gamebird Secure Poultry Supply Plan risk assessments and encourages continued funding for these risk assessments beyond the current cooperative agreement.