

Draft Agenda – September 13 PM  
Animal & Plant Industries Committee  
Gus Douglass, Chairman  
Commissioner, West Virginia Department of Agriculture  
2004 Annual Meeting, St Paul, MN  
September 26, 2004 1:30 – 5:00 PM

**Roll Call, Introductions and Overview of Agenda**

*Gus Douglass, Commissioner, West Virginia*

**USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Update**

*Bill Hawks, Under Secretary*

**Reports from Federal Agencies**

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services

*Dr. Ron DeHaven, Administrator*

*Dr. John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services*

*Dr. Ric Dunkle, Deputy Administrator, Plant Protection and Quarantine*

*Dr. Bill Clay, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services*

FDA *Richard Barnes, Director, Division of State-Federal Relations (invited)*

Questions & Answers and Committee Actions

**Report from Affiliates and Other State Organizations**

*Dr. David Thain, President, NASLHO (someone else will attend)*

*Dr. Rod Noel, NASDA Liaison, AAFCO*

*Dr. Bill Dickerson, National Plant Board*

*William Krueger, National Food and Agriculture Laboratory Committee (invited)*

*Others*

**Biotechnology Task Force Update meeting to be held Sept. 26 from 9:00 to 10:30 AM.**

*Dr. Miley Gonzalez, Task Force Chair*

*Dr. Cindy Smith, Deputy Administrator, USDA, APHIS, BRS (invited)*

**Industry Communications and Cooperation—Issues of Mutual Concern**

*Tom Bius, Vice President, Government Relations, National Farmers Union*

*Mary Kay Thatcher, Director, Public Policy, American Farm Bureau Federation*

*John Adams, National Milk Producers Federation (invited)*

*Mark Gage, President, National Association of Wheat Growers*

*Lawrence Williamson, DowElanco, new animal health technologies*

*Others*

**Consideration of Policy Amendments, Action Items, Other Business**

**Workplan Discussion and Miscellaneous Issues**

Communication issues

NASDA/COSDA agreements (APHIS, FSIS)

Monthly calls – ways to improve

Emergency Contacts

Homeland security efforts, e.g., Steering Committee for on-farm planning, coordination of vulnerability and needs assessments

Expansion of stakeholder contacts (e.g., DHS - Ag Spec CBP Presentations, NAPPQM, Industry)

Priorities with APHIS & Other Priorities