

Texas Commercial Egg Clinic

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United Egg Producers

Egg Industry Regulatory Update

- United Egg Producers
 - ◆ 90% U.S. Production
- United Egg Association
 - ◆ 90% liquid, frozen, and dried egg products

FDA Rules

- Egg Safety Rule
 - ◆ Testing & Biosecurity
 - ◆ Diversion
 - ◆ Inspections
 - ◆ Pullet Survey
- Revising Standards of Identity

FDA Rules

- Bioterrorism Regulations
 - ◆ Facilities Registration
 - ◆ Records Maintenance
- Allergen Labeling
- Feed Rule

USDA NAIS

- Animal Movement Data for Disease Control
- Feather Industry Working Group
- Voluntary/Mandatory Program
- Change in USDA Position
- Feather Industry Opposition
- Proposal

USDA Egg Safety Rules

- Shell Egg Processing Plant Regulation
- FSIS Egg Products HACCP
 - ◆ Status
 - ◆ Risk Assessment
 - ◆ Anxious?
 - ◆ UEA Efforts

HACCP Priorities

- Issues with Current Regulations
 - ◆ Prescriptive requirements, subjective terms, inspection coverage
- Positive Steps in a HACCP Rule
 - ◆ Food safety, CCP's, Approvals, Existing science
- Administrative
 - ◆ Consistency, Directives, Communication

USDA LPAI Program

- Money available
- Need for Program
 - ◆ Preparation
 - ◆ Consumer Confidence
- Egg Producer Issues
 - ◆ Indemnification
 - ◆ Vaccination
 - ◆ Protocol for Quarantine Zones

Avian Influenza

- OIE Reporting Requirements
- Increasing Outbreaks
- Panic approaching?
 - ◆ Within industry
 - ◆ Public
 - ◆ Government Agencies -
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>
- Congressional Hearings
- Prepared

Environmental Issues

- CAFO Rule
 - ◆ Circuit Court Ruling
 - ◆ To Comply
 - ◆ Policy Making
 - ◆ Publication of Proposal

Environmental Issues

- Air Consent Agreement
 - ◆ Determine Current Emissions
 - ◆ Protection
 - ◆ Producer Funding
 - ◆ 400 Farms Applied
 - ◆ Selection of Monitoring Sites
 - ◆ Mitigation Research

Environmental Issues

Clean Air Act Regulations

- Fine and Coarse Particulate Matter (PM)
- Ammonia considered a “precursor” to PM Fine
- Dust considered PM Coarse
- Two proposed regulations for comment
- First – comments due 1-31-06
 - ◆ State implementation of the current PM Fine standard
 - ◆ States regulate ammonia
- Second – comments due in appx 3 months
 - ◆ Proposes new, lower health-based PM Fine standard
 - ◆ Explicitly rejects setting ANY PM Coarse health-based standard for agriculture and mining areas

SPCC Regulations

- 1973 rule, amended in 2002 affects this year
- December 2005 EPA proposed amendments
- Current thresholds, mitigation measures and generally applicability not suited for agriculture
- SPCC application to agriculture late
- UEP part of 150 member agriculture coalition

Immigration

- Politically Divisive
- Not Just the Poultry Industry
- House vs. Senate Bills

Address Challenges!

- Animal Care
- Environmental
- Food Safety
- State Legislation

Questions??