

# Future Trends in Animal Agriculture Symposium

## *The Polarization of Animal Welfare and Animal Rights Issues: Good or Bad for the Animals?*

**Date:** September 21, 2011

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Jefferson Auditorium, South Agriculture Building; Enter at Wing 7

**Audience:** Decision Makers; All USDA Personnel, Open to the Public

### **Welcome**

Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary, US Department of Agriculture—Invited

### **The Urban: Rural Divide and the Impact on Animal Welfare**

Ray Stricklin, University of Maryland

### **How Can a Better Understanding of Ethics Reduce Polarization of the Issues?**

David L. Gies, Executive Director, Animal Assistance Foundation

### **Impact of Federal Legislative Initiatives on Animal Welfare**

Rep. James Moran, VA-D: Congressional Animal Welfare Caucus; author of Truth in Fur Labeling Act; protection of wild horses, alternatives to animal tests by EPA—Invited

Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-NY: former Chair of the House Rules Committee; advocate to restrict antibiotics from animal agriculture

### **Animal Care Standards Board-One Year Later—Progress?**

Tony Forshey, Ohio State Veterinarian

### **Cooperation, Ballot Initiatives and the Humane Agenda**

Paul Shapiro, Senior Director, End Factory Farming Campaign, HSUS

### **Does Meeting Consumer Demands Using Certification Programs Reduce Polarization of Animal Welfare Issues?**

1. Miyun Park, Executive Director, Global Animal Partnership—Invited
2. Tim Amlaw, VP American Humane Association, Certified Farm Animal Program
3. Dena Jones, Farm Animal Program Manager, Animal Welfare Institute
4. Adele Douglass, Executive Director, Humane Farm Animal Care

### **Impact of State Legislative Initiatives on Animal Welfare, What State Model is Preferred?**

1. Joe Miller, General Counsel, Rose Acres
2. Bret Marsh, Indiana State Veterinarian

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