



Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

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ACAF Forward Work Programme

High Priority - position of ACAF to be considered proactively

Item no.	Topic	Progress
1	<p>The manipulation of animal feed to enhance the nutritional value of food (milk, meat, eggs). Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enhancing the selenium content of livestock produce; - enriching foods with polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs); - developing foods with reduced concentrations of saturated fatty acids; - livestock feeding regimes that are designed primarily to improve the nutritional quality of products; - supplementing animal feed with requirements for a healthy diet (e.g. omega-3) that remain 	<p>The Committee first considered this issue in 2004-2005. A horizon scanning workshop organised by the GACS took place on 24 June 2009 and was attended by a number of ACAF Members. ACAF was requested to take forward the ideas discussed. At ACAF's September 2009 meeting Prof. Ian Givens agreed to carry out a literature review of research being carried out in this area. The report of the review was circulated to Members on 27 November 2009 and the key areas of research summarised.</p>

	in the end product for human consumption.	
2	<p>Biofuels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possible impact of the availability and cost of widely used selected feeds ; and • the use of feed co-products from the production of biofuels. 	<p>The Committee has considered this subject area in depth and its position paper was published on 30 April 2008.</p> <p>At its 3 March and 3 June 2010 meetings the Committee received presentations on biofuels. The Committee agreed that its position paper should be revised and adapted to take account of quantifiable data and new developments.</p> <p>The Committee will update its Position Paper on biofuels in 2011.</p>
3	<p>GM issues including future developments in biotechnology (e.g. use of second generation GMOs) and possible links with GM nutritional work.</p>	<p>The Committee receives a report from the GM Sub-group Chairman at every meeting; this includes future developments in biotechnology and the possible links that GM has with animal and human nutrition.</p> <p>Additionally, the Secretary provides an oral update on EU developments at each meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The issue of asynchronous approvals of GM varieties and its future impact on the security of feed supply has been brought to the attention of the Committee and is being monitored.</p>
4	<p>Updates on BSE and TSE developments</p>	<p>Update on TSE and Bone meal issues was provided by Mr Patrick Burke (Defra) at the Committee's December 2008 meeting.</p>

		The Committee also received a presentation from Mr Neil Leach (Defra) on an update of EU Animal By-Product Controls at its meeting in December 2009. Members agreed that this item should remain on its work plan and be periodically reviewed.
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Medium Priority - position of ACAF responsive to developments and considered regularly:

5	EU developments – including providing advice on UK negotiating lines.	<p>The Committee receives EU development updates at every meeting and provides valuable input to the UK delegation on a range of issues.</p> <p>During 2008, the Committee provided inputs to the UK negotiating line on the proposed EC Regulation on the Marketing and Use of Feed. The Regulation was adopted in June 2009 and came into effect in 1 September 2010.</p> <p>The Annexes to the Regulation are subject to amendment, and it is envisaged that an extended Catalogue of Feed Materials and Codes of Practice on Feed Labeling will be drawn up. The Committee’s views have also been sought on these developments.</p>
6	Aquaculture	The Committee will continue to be updated on developments and will give advice as required. It is intended that ACAF will visit a aquaculture business prior to its out of London meeting in June 2011.
7	Climate change and the impact on feed production	The Committee received a presentation from Professor Tim Wheeler (University of Reading/Deputy Chief Scientific advisor to DFID) at its 22 September 2010 meeting. The Committee agreed to keep this item on its workplan.

8	Global demand for livestock and prices for primary production	This item stems from a GACS horizon scanning workshop held on 24 June 2009. The Committee agreed it would like to explore this area further at a future meeting. It was agreed that the Secretariat should arrange for presentations to cover: (a) the UK position; (b) the European position; and (c) the worldwide position. The Committee envisages that these presentations will help it determine its formal stance on these issues.
9	Work of EFSA including opinions on additives and contaminants relating to animal feed	The Secretariat will continue to draw relevant EFSA Opinions and documents to the attention of ACAF for discussion.
10	Feed additive developments and issues	<p>An information paper was prepared by Secretariat for ACAF's March 2008 meeting. The Committee will consider this topic again after November 2010, when the EFSA will commence assessment of applications for re-authorisation of feed additives according to Article 10 of Regulation 1831/2003.</p> <p>In 2005, the Committee considered the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition's (SACN) Report on Vitamin A. At its 4 March 2009 meeting, the Committee was advised that EFSA had published an Opinion on vitamin A in February 2009. ACAF was informed that the Commission had sought the views of Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs) in September 2009. Following this advice, the Commission has decided to await the outcome of the re-assessment of vitamin A under Article 10 of the EC Feed Additives Regulation 1831/2003 before considering whether the current maximum permitted levels for this feed additive should be changed. The matter will then be discussed again by ACAF.</p>
11	Forge closer links with other Advisory Committees and	ACAF will take the opportunity to develop links with other SACs in any cross-cutting issues.

	tackle issues of common interest.	
12	Animal production including feeding systems and the effect on the environment.	The Committee received a presentation from Professor Chris Reynolds (University of Reading) at its 3 March 2010 meeting. Members agreed that the work area would remain in the Committee's forward work plan.
13	Establish if there are any feed implications from research on the potential for multiple residues of pesticides and veterinary medicines in food to produce effects on human health.	Yet to be considered.

Low Priority - items to be kept under observation but major changes not expected.

14	Nanoscience	Members have been briefed on issues by an EFSA Opinion on nanoscience. A House of Lords Select Committee paper on this issue was published in January 2010, but contained little information relating to animal feed.
15	Feed issues relating to organic production.	Yet to be considered.