Inspection and Sampling Committee Andy Gray (MT) Chair

The Inspection and Sampling Committee (ISC) held a meeting during the AAFCO Annual meeting, August 6, 2006 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Andy Gray, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:18 pm. There were 37 people present, with 10 committee members present. All committee members were introduced. An agenda was given to all attendees at the meeting. Reading of the previous minutes was omitted due to the fact the minutes had just been approved at the general session.

Tony Claxton, Missouri Department of Agriculture, presented the committee with a presentation of the results of the Feed Tub Sample Study. Discussion and questions were taken after the presentation. **Stephen McMurry, University of Kentucky, volunteered to have the results run with statistical comparison for accuracy**. He is to report his findings back to the committee at the Mid-year meeting in January.

Mike Davidson, California Department of Food & Agriculture, gave a presentation on the upcoming Advanced Inspectors Training Seminar at the Pines Resort at Bass Lake on October 3-5, 2006. All information for the training is now available and needs to be sent in immediately. Scholarships are available for anyone who needs help with registration and travel. He presented the committee with an agenda and asked for help with a review for any needed corrections or suggestions. Send any to him immediately.

Andy Gray, chair, presented the committee with the Certification Sheet for the training in California. He stated that the word "Certified" can not be used and asked for suggestions for possible wording to be used on the sheet. Brett Groves-Office of Indiana State Chemist, Ben Jones- Office of the Texas State Chemist, and Kerry Krum-United Feeds, will work on the wording for the certificate and send the final version back to the committee before the meeting is ended. Finalizations of all test questions are to be sent to Andy Gray by September 15, 2006. Andy will finalize the tests and prepare for distribution at the training. Discussion and questions on the training followed.

Andy Gray called for a recess, to continue at 3:30 pm.

Andy Gray called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

Mike Davison, California Department of Food & Agriculture, gave a presentation on the Drug Calculation Spreadsheet Evaluation. He stated that the calculation programs worked accurately and correctly. He recommends that we get permission to use it from the FDA. Discussion and questions followed.

Aaron Elam, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, gave a presentation on the 2005 Oklahoma Basic Inspectors Training Seminar. He reported that the seminar was attended by 60 inspectors, all went well, and the training came in under budget. Monies were returned to each association. Discussion followed on the need for a Basic Trainers Seminar for 2007 and the committee asked for a volunteer host. Stephen McMurry, University of Kentucky, gave a report and review of the Inspector Certification Levels. He reviewed with the committee the levels for certification, consisting of a Level I and Level II inspector. Questions and comments were taken on this topic.

Chad Linton, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, gave a report on the working CAG for Inspection and Sampling Committee. He stated that he had spoken with Jim Fear, FDA, and was currently going to start putting together a module for sampling. He will contact Judy Thompson and Stephen McMurry for any needed assistance.

Jamey Johnson- Arkansas Division of Feed and Fertilizer State Plant Board, gave a presentation on the dedication of the 2005 Inspector training to a fellow co-worker, Larry Simms, in Arkansas that was killed on the job. He thanked everyone for their support and help with this matter.

Andy Gray, chair, asked a question to the committee about letting industry representatives attend the inspectors training. Question and discussions followed. The general opinion of the committee is to do a case by case basis for allowing extra people to attend. Industry is attending some parts of the training, presenting several topics. Andy Gray stated that we need a host for the 2008 Feed Administrators Seminar, he would take volunteers; contact him if you would like to volunteer. Andy Gray also asked the committee if they would purchase sample probes from Purdue to cut costs of manufacturing and shipping. He will check on the costs and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Andy will send out and ask for feedback via e-mail on the possibility to buy and distribute sampling probes and the AITS/BITS Guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Chad Linton.