

Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production

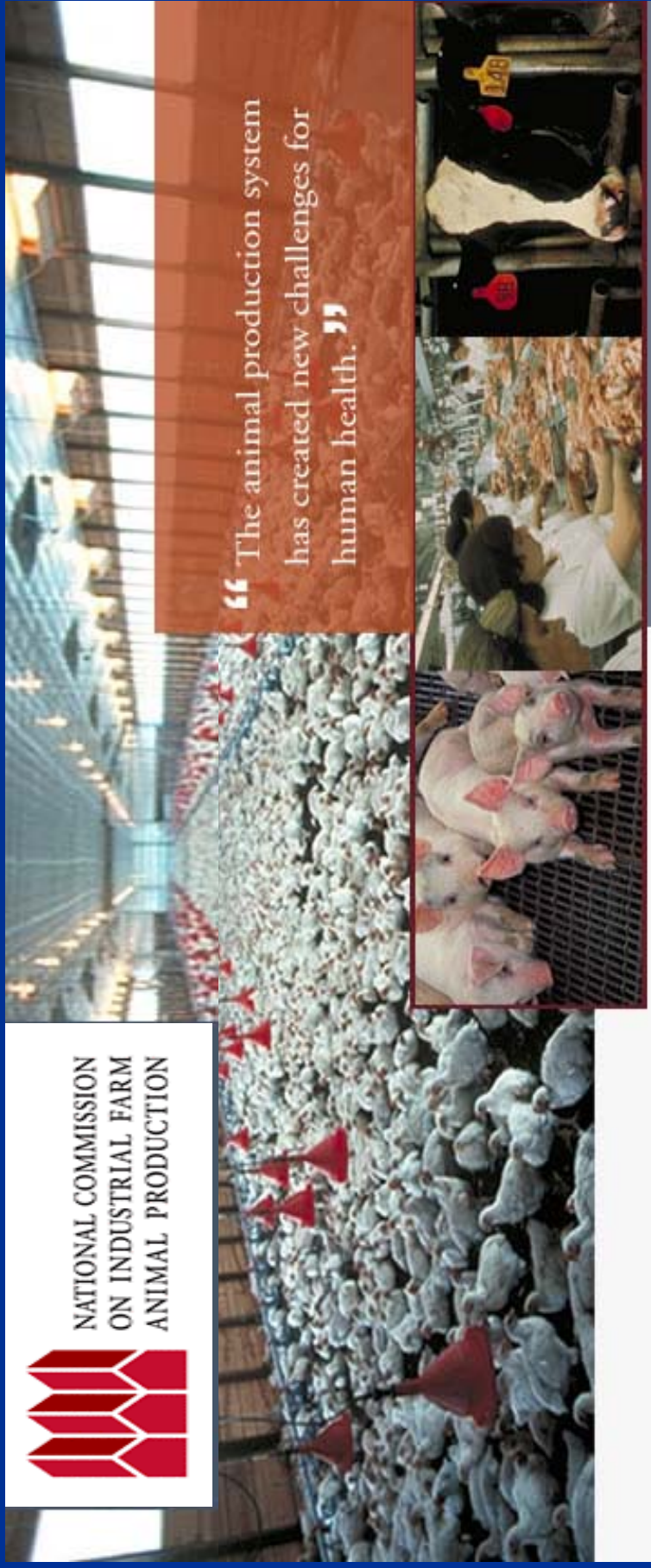
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“The animal production system
has created new challenges for
human health.”





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The Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production (PCIFAP) was formed to conduct a comprehensive examination of key aspects of the farm animal industry.

- The Commission will conduct a two year study on the impact of animal agriculture on the public's health, the environment, farm communities, and animal health.
- ...Report and recommendations to policymakers, industry stakeholders, and the general public in March 2008.

Commission Issue Focus:

- Antibiotic resistant bacteria
- Air and water quality
- Shifts in social structure
- Farming economy
- Animal health and well-being issues
- Public health threats - acute and chronic



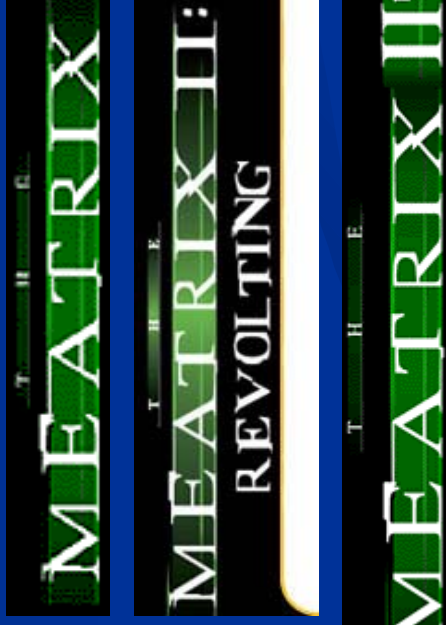
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Initial Concerns

- Commission staffed & administered by the Johns Hopkins *Center for a Livable Future*
 - Largest school of public health in U.S. 25% of all federal public health school grants
 - JHU CLF Known Significant Bias against CAFOs
- Commission Members Appointed by Pew/JHU; Majority have known bias against large farms
- 2 technical reports by JHU; 2 by commission members
- All recommendations based on existing information & science – not seeking to ID needs
- Anticipation of Pre-determined Outcome
- Lobbying for Policy Change Recommendations – Hill Visits & Media Outreach Began Early in Process

Johns Hopkins University's Center for a Livable Future – Known Bias Against CAFOs

Blaming Modern CAFOs for Environmental Destruction,
Human Disease & Domestic Abuse



- *School Teachers Offered Cash Reward to Use Meatrix in the Classroom*
- *GRACE requested State Education Depts. promote The Meatrix to teachers*
- *GRACE & HSUS pushing Dept. of Education to require Humane Education as Standard of Learning (similar to Environmental Education requirement)*
- *GRACE Holds Workshops Training Citizens to Sue CAFOs*



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Planned Process

- The process is supposed to be based on the National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
- Technical reports will be authored by experts/scientists and will provide basis for final recommendations
- Reports will go through peer review before approval by Commission
- Each writing group must respond to, but need not agree with, reviewer comments in a detailed “response to review
- Reports will be released in January – April 2008
- Final Report will be issued
- Policy Recommendations will be provided to both federal and state government legislative bodies

Industry Efforts & Impact

- Formed an Animal Ag Alliance Coalition: Alliance, NCC, NPPC, NPB, UEP, NTF, USPEA, NMPF, AFBF, AHI, AMI, USB; assistance from CMA Consulting
- Worked cooperatively with the Commission to provide info, arranged farm & ranch tours, coordinated expert participation in public hearings & in other meetings
- Put a face on the issue by enlisting experts, scientists and livestock and poultry producers and processors to communicate industry positions, policies and actions
- Held weekly meetings with PCIFAP staff to offer assistance and gain insight and understanding about the commission plans and actions

Agriculture's Efforts & Impact

- Attended all commission meetings & coordinated presentations when possible, and interacted with members on ongoing basis
- Offered credible alternatives for the commission to consider
- Held accountable & responded to mischaracterizations and inaccuracies or lack of balance in public information
- Developed background info on all key issues and a list of third party experts; letters-to-the editor; talking points – all available on Alliance website: www.animalagalliance.org
- Provided counter voice to media
- Developing Resource Guides to send to Congress & State Governors, other key policy representatives



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Congressional Briefings on Technical Reports

Jan. 30, 2008

Antimicrobial Resistance

Feb. 29, 2008

Environment/Farm Waste

March 13, 2008

Economics/Rural Communities*

April 2, 2008

Animal Welfare*

April 11, 2008

Public Health*

April 29, 2008

Final Report & Recommendations
Released

** Briefing date subject to change*



- Final Report & Recommendations were released April 29, 2008
- To date – Only one technical report has been published
- Recommendations were not favorable to animal ag, but just as anticipated from the start

Key Recommendations to Feed Industry

“Putting Meat on The Table: Industrial Farm Animal Production in America”

■ Public Health

- Phase Out & Then Ban Non-therapeutic Use of Antimicrobials for food animals
- Immediately ban any new approvals of antimicrobials for non-therapeutic use in food animals and retroactively investigate those previously approved
- Require reporting of antimicrobial use in food animals and incorporate the data in the USDA’s NAIS.
- Restrict public access to agricultural sources of antimicrobials
- Enforce restricted access to prescription drugs
- Enforce veterinary oversight & authorization of all decisions to use antimicrobials in food animal production

Key Recommendations to Feed Industry

- Implement a tracking system for animals as individuals or units from birth to consumption
- Require federal oversight of all aspects of this tracking system with stringent protections for producers against lawsuits

Environmental

- Lower the number of animals defining a farm as a CAFO
- Federal government should be responsible for environmental regulations – (Regulate IFAPs under the CERCLA/EFRA laws)
- Create one Food Safety Administration: USDA, EPA, FDA, other agencies

Other

More stringent enforcement of anti-trust laws, restricting ability for packer owners of animals



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Public Hearings & Meetings

- June 2006: Des Moines, IA – industry invited to make presentations; tour 2 Iowa State Univ. sow farms; closed meeting
- September 2006: Washington, DC – closed meeting with government officials & activists; press conference to launch NCIFAP
- November 2006: San Francisco – industry & activists invited to make presentations; tour dairy farm; closed meeting
- February 2007: Fayetteville, AR – public hearing; tour Tyson integrated facilities; closed meeting
- April 2007: Durham, NC – public hearing; tour 2 sow farms coordinated by industry coalition, alternate tour arranged by Niman & Hatch with activists; closed meeting
- June 2007: Ft. Collins, CO – tour feedlot and egg farm (cages & non-cages); closed meeting
- September 10-12, 2007: *Minneapolis, MN (closed meeting)*
- November 12-14, 2007: *Kansas City, Missouri (closed meeting)*
- March 2008: *Washington DC (closed meeting)*