



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

DATE: May 11, 2017
TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
FROM: Ben Brancel, Secretary *Ben Brancel*
SUBJECT: Dissolution of the Johne's Advisory Council
PRESENTED BY: Ben Brancel

REQUESTED ACTION:

The Wisconsin Johne's Disease Advisory Council was created in 1982 to recommend legislation for the control of the disease, to establish and maintain a Johne's disease-free herd, and offer suggestions to improve the program.

The council reconvened over the years to assist with updating the program and providing input for rule changes and the utilization of State and Federal Johne's Disease funding. Participation in the official control program has dramatically decreased when state funding was eliminated in 2011 and federal funding in 2010.

Between 2001 and 2011, the state provided \$1.975 million in funding. At the federal level a total of \$6.24 million was provided between 2004 and 2010. The funding was largely used to offset the costs of testing and for the development and implementation of herd management plans. The funds were also used to evaluate the effectiveness of vaccination as a tool in Johne's disease management and to develop tools and resources for producers and veterinarians. Training modules, risk assessment tools and educational materials were developed for veterinarians and producers and are still in use today.

The committee last met in June of 2010. Because of these changes, the Animal Health Division recommends that the Johne's Disease Advisory Committee be dissolved.

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