**Meeting Minutes**

 **NCCC308: Nutrition and Management of Feedlot Cattle to Optimize Performance, Carcass Value and Environmental Compatibility**

**Hosted by University of Florida**

**Tuesday May 16th**

2:00 pm Welcome to Florida: John Arthington, Department Chair

Secretary: Jessica Sperber

Goal: Generate discussion and collaboration

$50 fee per member

Report turned in 60 d after the date of this meeting

Transferring the Iowa State email list

* Stations with 2 members currently at risk of not receiving the email (Loerch will email Dan Loy to figure out best email option moving forward)

Submitting Appendix E - new members need to get submitted to be an official member

2:15 pm Discussion of 2024 location for NCCC308

UNL - 2024

Fort Collins - 2025

Illinois - 2026

Texas - 2027

SDSU - 2028

2:30 pm Report of Journal of Animal Science Special Issue – Kendall Swanson

 25 papers and was well commended

2:45 pm JAS report from Editor in Chief Dr. Elisabeth Lonergan – discussion on criteria to move journal articles from JAS to TAS

Dr. Lonergan commended the committee on special collection

JAS: Focus on fundamental/basic papers, can be applied, but focus needs to be "new & novel", the question has to have a significant aspect to it, aspect driven

* Papers need to be "unique"
* Global appeal (geographically or biologically)

TAS: Focus on applied work, ready to be translated to industry, extension, etc

* Includes papers focused on validation of established concepts, regional work, limited to breed or type, research that is easily extrapolated to broader region
* Work that is ready to be used by practitioners

Encouraged in cover letter to make a statement on which journal you believe your article should get published in. Be more clear that your idea is a “novel” idea if you believe that it is.

Need more reviewers.

Are we creating an elite journal vs. a non-elite journal?

Anticipated that TAS will have an impact factor next year

*Comments*

Tara Felix: If the author disagrees with section editor- is there opportunity for discussion?

Response: Happy to discuss, possible resubmission - encourage author to push more on the new & novel aspect

Zach Smith: Used to be an applied section in JAS - how is it determined that papers are pushed from JAS to TAS? Is it possible to have one specific section editor for each specialization?

Response: Open to doing a pre-submission or post-submission discussion

Kendall Samuelson: Where did the process come from? What is the intent to divide JAS & TAS?

Response: TAS has had growing pains while getting started - not the intent to divide

3:00 pm Experiment Station Reports

Station reports have been submitted by committee members & will be attached in the final report

6:00 pm Dinner at the hotel

**Wednesday May 17th**

7:30 am Depart for University of Florida, North Florida Research and Education Center (UF-NFREC) for Facility Tours. Address: 3925 Hwy 71, Marianna, FL 32446.

9:00am Tour of UF-NFREC

12:00pm Transport to University of Florida/IFAS, Jackson County Extension Office: 2741 Penn Ave, Marianna, FL 32448

1:00pm Lunch

1:30-4:30pm Experiment Station Reports

6:00 pm Dinner at Mr. Bruce and Ms. Nola (Dr. Che Trejo’s family), sponsored by Merck Animal Health. Location: 4297 Old US Rd., Marianna, FL

8:00 pm Bus departs to Hotel in Panama City, FL

**Thursday May 18th**

7:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am Start meetings (coffee and snacks provided)

8:15 am NIFA Rep Report—Angelica Van Goor, NIFA National Program Leader for NCCC308, and Bob Godfrey Director, Division of Animal Systems (Zoom)

* Focus on climate change, resiliency, competitive marketplace, provide safe food, economic development, build agricultural workforce
* Consideration for AFRI: FY2023= $455 M
* Aug 10 due date
* Partnership opportunities
* Have emphasis on new investigator seed grants
* 6 farm bill priority areas & cross cutting
* Feb 17, 2023: call for mitigating methane emissions in ruminants
* Secretary Villsak stated they have interest in doubling the awards for mitigating methane emissions, 2 awards of $5M (will use letters of intent that were submitted)
	+ Main priorities: Climate, bioeconomy, nutrition security

Inter-disciplinary engagement in animal systems

* 2019 new program with focus on precision management
* Angelica is open to meeting one-on-one and discussing review packages

IDEAS integrated program

* Research
* Extension: Informal education
* Education: formal classroom/lab instruction, teaching methodologies
	+ Does not consider grad student routine use
* \*no more than 2/3 of a project budget can be allocated to any single activity)

Pedro suggested we consider volunteering on USDA panel

8:45 am Administrative update- Steve Loerch

- Committee expires 9/30/2023; Renewal already approved.

* Critical to get all information turned in within the 60 d time frame after the meeting
* Concern for facilities & infrastructure
	+ Suggests to lobby through farm bill, state departments of Ag, commodity groups

Proposed dates for next year:

May 21-23, 2024 (not earlier than May 20)

9:00am Experiment station reports (and/or further discussion)

Overall meeting thoughts/comments:

* Committee should go to BIF to suggest that a marbling score standard is created – important for publications to all have footnote
* Include corn silage nutrient analysis in publications (specifically starch)
* Submit an annual white paper to TAS each year that highlights a topic (state of the science) – Review paper

Order of station reports:

Tara Felix, Pennsylvania State University \*

Kendall Samuelson, West Texas A&M University

Zachary Smith, South Dakota State University \*

Jerad Jaborek, Michigan State University \*

Jon Schoonmaker, Purdue University \*

Jessica Sperber & Pablo Loza, University of Nebraska \*

Josh McCann, University of Illinois \*

Pedro Carvalho, Colorado State University \*

Alejandro Pittaluga, Ohio State University

Kendall Swanson, North Dakota State University \*

Nicolas DiLorenzo, University of Florida \*