Animal Welfare as it relates to Production Agriculture

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• The AVMA represents more than 78,000 veterinarians.
• The mission of the Association is to improve animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession.
• AVMA is a leading advocate for, and an authoritative, science-based resource on animal welfare.
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AVMA members serve as volunteer leaders on:

• 7 Councils and approximately 25 Committees/Task Forces
• This gives AVMA a very broad and diverse representation for all animal health and welfare and public health issues
• Councils/Committees/Task Forces review issues and provide recommendations to the AVMA Executive Board
American Veterinary Medical Association

Animal Welfare Committee
• 18 members representing all areas of veterinary medicine
• Proactively identify and prioritize animal welfare
• Critically evaluate related information
• Welfare Policy Statements available at the AVMA website
  http://www.avma.org/animalwelfare
Animal Welfare Division

Division Director: Gail Golab, PhD, DVM, MACVSc

• Proactively addresses developing issues related to animal welfare
• Provides scientific analyses of issues
• Supports the committees that develop AVMA policy on animal welfare, the human-animal bond, and euthanasia
• Implements approved AVMA policies
AVMA is committed to our responsibilities in animal welfare.

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