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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Lee Hamm at
Chairperson

9:05 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on Tuesday, February 4, 1992 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Rock, excused
Representative Neufeld, excused

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research
Pat Brunton, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Walter R. Woods, Director
Agricultural Experiment Station
Kansas State University
Manhattan

George E. Ham, Associate Director
Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station
Kansas State University
Manhattan

Curtis L. Kastner
Meat Scientist
Department of Animal Sciences and Industry
Kansas State University
Manhattan

Michael D. Lorenz, DVM
Dean of Veterinary Medicine
Kansas State University
Manhattan

Fred Schwenk
Head, Department of Plant Pathology
Kansas State University
Manhattan

Walter R. Woods, Director, Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, appeared before the committee to report on research developments in Food Safety and Livestock and Crop Protection--topics that impact the health and economic well-being of Kansas citizens. Dr. Woods reported that Kansas is a leader in food safety and livestock and crop protection research. He stated he is impressed with the depth and progress of Experiment Station research with biological control.

George Ham, Associate Director, Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, reported on the Experiment Station strengths. He stated the mission of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station is to conduct basic and applied research in agriculture and related fields that will help ensure an adequate supply of wholesome food and fiber for a growing world population while providing reasonable incomes for producers and related agribusinesses in the state. He further stated the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station supports numerous research projects that deal directly and indirectly with food safety and crop and livestock protection. These include Kansas-focused projects, regional research projects, and cooperative research with other states and other agencies where KSU is a major contributor.

Curtis Kastner, Meat Scientist, reported the scope of food safety is frequently summarized as physical, nutritional, chemical, and

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microbiological. The avoidance of physical contaminants in food is readily achieved by industry and does not pose the challenges of the other areas.

Michael D. Lorenz, DVM, Dean of Veterinary Medicine, reported that scientists in the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station conduct basic and applied research in identifying and controlling diseases that cause economic loss to livestock in Kansas and the North Central Region. Scientists in several departments and colleges at KSU are collaborating effectively in seeking answers to both basic and applied problems in diagnosing, treating, and preventing livestock diseases.

Fred W. Schwenk, Department of Plant Pathology, reported that crops provide the building block for production agriculture. He stated we use crops for our own food and as food for livestock. It is extremely important that we maintain a reliable supply of good, edible food. Kansas State University is committed to developing the crops and cropping systems needed to produce good food.

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

The report entitled Food Safety and Livestock and Crop Protection is on file in the Legislative Research Department, Room 545-N, State Capitol.

Representative Gatlin made a motion to approve minutes of January 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1992. Representative Correll seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting of the House Agriculture Committee will be Wednesday, February 5, 1992, at 9:00 a.m. in room 423-S, State Capitol.

