



AFIA COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES: As a membership-driven organization, AFIA depends heavily on the dedication, commitment and involvement of its members to ensure the vitality and success of the Association’s mission, objectives and programs. Committees oversee ongoing activities, interests and programs in very specific disciplines and reflect all segments of the total feed industry. Typically, committees meet face-to-face at least once a year at AFIA’s Spring Committee Meetings or International Feed Expo, and may have conference calls in-between. Committee terms are for three years and appointments are made in May. If you are interested in being considered for a committee, contact AFIA’s membership department or the AFIA staff contact for that committee by February 1.

AQUACULTURE **PURPOSE:** Informs members of opportunities within aquaculture industry; assists in solving industry-related problems; educates membership on needed products, technologies and services.
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EQUINE **PURPOSE:** The Equine Committee is composed of member companies interested in the manufacturing, marketing, sales and trade of equine feeds and ingredients. The Committee exists to provide a forum for AFIA members to represent the regulatory, legislative and trade interests regarding the equine feed and ingredient industry and to educate members regarding the changing regulatory environment related to equine feeds and ingredients. The primary objectives are to address and communicate key issues and concerns with stakeholders and to impact the policies impacting equine feeds and ingredients.
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EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS **PURPOSE:** Represents the interests of equipment manufacturer members. Activities include OSHA and EPA regulatory compliance. Sponsors a national safety sign program and the continuing development of new safety signs and placement guidelines. Also conducts an annual conference.
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FEED REGULATORY **PURPOSE:** Monitors the federal and state regulatory agencies. Meets with FDA and AAFCO to represent the interests of the feed industry on manufacturing practices, labeling requirements, and the uniform feed law. Maintains a Good Manufacturing Practices subcommittee and liaisons with all segments of the feed industry. Note, committee appointments are subject to AFIA’s President’s approval.
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY **PURPOSE:** Serves as the nucleus for assessing IT opportunities that may enhance regulatory compliance; provides direction and education to member companies. The XML standards, mock recall and the electronic traceability are current projects.
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INGREDIENT APPROVAL AND DEFINITION (IAD) **PURPOSE:** The Ingredient Approval and Definition Committee (IAD) is composed of member companies interested in the approval or recognition of new feed ingredients or new “intended use.” The committee exists to provide a forum for AFIA members to represent regulatory and legislative interests regarding the feed ingredient approval/recognition process to government officials and to educate members regarding the changing regulatory environment related to feed ingredient approval/recognition. The primary objectives are to address and communicate key issues and concerns with stakeholders and to impact the approval/recognition and definition process of feed ingredients.
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INTEGRATORS **PURPOSE:** Identifies and addresses feed related issues specific to integrated animal feed operations.
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LIQUID FEED **PURPOSE:** Represents the interests of liquid feed manufacturers, suppliers and distributors. Responsible for the annual Liquid Feed Symposium and the liquid feed tonnage survey. Works with AFIA staff providing regulatory representation for the liquid feed industry, maintains subcommittees for research and education, finance and sponsorship and membership.
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MARKETING **PURPOSE:** Provides counsel and assists in marketing the value of AFIA, develops strategic marketing recommendations, and supports the Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program, offers information current and basic to identifying broad-based industry issues, and promotes the use of market information to the industry.
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NETWORKING, EDUCATION & MENTORING IN AGRICULTURE (NEMA) **PURPOSE:** Provides networking, education and mentoring opportunities for those in agribusiness, conducts programs and discussion of topics of interest to members and promotes exchange of ideas among industry and related groups.
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NUTRITION **PURPOSE:** Offers a medium through which feed and pet food industry persons responsible for information, research, quality control, technological services and regulatory compliance can explore new technologies and issues affecting animal nutrition. Note, unlike other committees, appointments to this committee are by the person, not by company.
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PET FOOD **PURPOSE:** Sends regulatory and legislative updates on specific issues and develops educational programs specific to the pet food industry.
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PRODUCTION COMPLIANCE **PURPOSE:** Represents the production and manufacturing facility segments of the industry as well as the industry's interests before the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as it writes regulations affecting the feed industry. Conducts production schools and provides compliance leadership for the members.
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PURCHASING & INGREDIENT SUPPLIERS **PURPOSE:** Oversees feed ingredient activities; sponsors the Feed Industry Institute and the Purchasing & Ingredient Suppliers Conference; provides representation to the Soybean Trading Rules Committee of the National Oilseed Processors Association.
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QUALITY **PURPOSE:** Examines and develops model quality programs for the production of animal feed and feed ingredients, and produces an AFIA Quality Management Guideline, based on ISO principles recognized around the world. The guidelines are being established for use in developing quality programs for manufacturing operations, including on-farm feed production. Provides program input to AFIA's Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program.
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