

DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISES FOR INDUSTRY SUPPORT



Voice

- Developed science-based African swine fever mitigation strategies, such as AFIA's biosecurity guidance, in coordination with industry stakeholders and the U.S. government.
- Supported science-based international standards in a variety of areas, including food hygiene, general principles, antimicrobial resistance and radioactivity, which harmonize trade. Helped members attain broader global market access by engaging in the Codex Alimentarius (Codex), which sets international food safety standards, including feed.
- Worked to harmonize state feed laws and regulations to ensure consistency in interstate commerce, including pursuing ingredient approvals and recognition through the independent Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) conclusion and the resolution of several state ingredient issues that would have drastically impacted ingredient suppliers.
- Developed the North American feed life cycle analysis (LCA) database to measure the industry's environmental footprint. The AFIA is a founding member of the Global Feed LCA Institute and is working on the second phase of the project to gather environmental data from members on micro ingredients and feed additives.
- Improved U.S. Department of Agriculture officials' understanding of the feed industry via AFIA's Feed 101 and 102 courses while building a stronger relationship and dialogue between the USDA and AFIA staff.

Representation

- Supported the continued operation of "essential" animal food manufacturing, transportation and retail facilities in state and federal response plans to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Worked to reduce ingredient review times and provided more options to feed manufacturers by maintaining \$5 million in appropriations to hire 12 new FDA staff. Secured legal changes to the animal food ingredient review and approval process.

- Urged federal and state regulatory bodies to streamline, reduce or improve regulations impacting the industry to enhance the safety of America's animal food supply.
- Identified market access opportunities in Vietnam through funds from the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Emerging Markets Program (EMP).
- Improved the industry's access to the Chinese market by streamlining facility registration requirements and removing ruminant and avian product bans in the U.S.-China phase one trade agreement.
- Advocated for industry interests and concerns regarding trade discussions through AFIA's involvement in Agricultural Trade Advisory Committees.

Expertise

- Increased members' understanding of the Food Safety Modernization Act by developing resources based on information learned from Freedom of Information Act requests and post-inspection surveys.
- Provided confidential business and regulatory expertise on a variety of issues related to approval processes, feed and worker safety and environmental concerns.
- Provided valuable insights and business trend information to the industry, such as the animal food consumption report (2021) and the pet food report (2020) through support of the Institute for Feed Education and Research.
- Provided advice to numerous members related to exporting and importing products.

Engagement

- Offered networking opportunities with buyers, sellers and other industry professionals and valuable educational opportunities at AFIA's Purchasing and Ingredient Suppliers Conference and the International Production & Processing Expo.
- Provided an understanding of the animal food industry by hosting several education and training programs throughout the year such as the Feed Industry Institute.
- Hosted regular member webinars on legislative and regulatory issues the AFIA is actively working on with timely suggestions for industry action.

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