



AFIA COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES: As a membership-driven organization, the American Feed Industry Association 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 animal food industry. Typically, committees meet face-to-face at least once at an AFIA industry event or other major industry event 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 Feb. 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:** Composed of member companies interested in the manufacturing, marketing, sales and trade of equine feeds and ingredients. The mission is to educate members regarding the changing regulatory environment related to equine feeds and ingredients, communicate key issues and concerns with stakeholders and track policies impacting equine feeds and ingredients.
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EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS **PURPOSE:** Represents the interests of animal food equipment manufacturing members. Activities include Occupational and Safety Health Administration and Environmental Protection Agency regulatory compliance. Sponsors a national safety sign program and the continuing development of new safety signs and placement guidelines. Also conducts an annual conference and oversees the equipment manufacturers scholarship fund.
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FEED REGULATORY **PURPOSE:** Monitors the federal and state regulatory agencies. Meets with the Food and Drug Administration and Association of American Feed Control Officials to represent the interests of the feed industry on manufacturing practices, labeling requirements and the uniform feed law. Note, committee appointments are subject to the AFIA's president's approval.
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INGREDIENT APPROVAL AND DEFINITION (IAD) **PURPOSE:** : Provides a forum for AFIA members to represent regulatory and legislative interests regarding the feed ingredient approval/recognition process to government officials and 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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INTERNATIONAL TRADE **PURPOSE:** A forum for members to represent the international trade interests of the U.S. animal food industry and provide information regarding the changing regulatory and policy environment related to the import and export of animal food. Coordinate and direct members' international trade interests into a unified strategy; to collaborate with organizations with similar objectives; and to cooperate with departments or agencies of federal and foreign governments charged with responsibilities relating to the import or export of animal food.

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LIQUID FEED **PURPOSE:** Represents the interests of liquid feed manufacturers, suppliers and distributors. Responsible for the annual AFIA Liquid Feed Symposium. Works with AFIA staff providing regulatory representation for the liquid feed industry, maintains subcommittees for research, education and finance.

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MARKETING **PURPOSE:** Provides counsel in marketing the value of AFIA, its certification program and its events and products; develops strategic communications recommendations for branding the animal food industry; and oversees the development of AFIA's member and public communications tools.

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NUTRITION **PURPOSE:** Offers a medium through which feed and pet food industry personnel responsible for information, research, quality control, technological services and regulatory compliance can explore new technologies and issues affecting animal nutrition. Sponsors the Feed Industry Institute.

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PET FOOD **PURPOSE:** Represents the pet food industry on regulatory and legislative issues and develops educational programs specific to the pet food industry, such as the AFIA Pet Food Conference.

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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 regulatory agencies as they write regulations affecting the feed industry. Conducts educational programs and provides compliance leadership for members.

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PURCHASING AND INGREDIENT SUPPLIERS **PURPOSE:** Plans and sponsors the annual AFIA Purchasing and Ingredient Suppliers Conference.

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QUALITY AND ANIMAL FOOD SAFETY **PURPOSE:** Examines quality and food safety issues of animal feed, feed ingredients and pet food. Provides direction to the AFIA's quality and animal food safety programs, particularly the Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program, and supports compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act.

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SUSTAINABILITY **PURPOSE:** Provides leadership for and representation of the animal food industry in the area of sustainability. Communicates the industry's role not only in continuously reducing animal agriculture's carbon footprint in the United States, but also in being part of the solution by developing tools and resources that help the industry improve its practices globally.

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