

# Ohio State Animal Welfare Symposium

## Building Partnerships to Address Animal Welfare

Friday, October 16, 2009 • 8 am – 4:30 pm

Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH



CO-HOSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCES AND  
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The program will help to educate Ohioans on the scientific and ethical issues associated with farm animal welfare, and encourage balanced discussions on how to improve farm animal welfare and sustainability of animal production in Ohio.

This important symposium features internationally renowned scientific experts on farm animal welfare, along with industry leaders, veterinarians, producers and other key stakeholders.

Featured speakers include:

- Wes Jamison, Associate Professor of Communication at Palm Beach Atlantic University, who will review the social issues underlying animal welfare concerns.
- Janice Swanson, Professor of Animal Behavior and Welfare, and Director of Animal Welfare at Michigan State University, who will examine the differing opinions for self-regulation, legislation or auditing of livestock and poultry production practices.
- Ruth Newberry, Associate Professor, Center for the Study of Animal Well-being at Washington State University, who will explain what the science currently tells us about the welfare of laying hens in different housing systems and what research still needs to be done.
- Harold Gonyou, Research Scientist, Prairie Swine Centre, Canada, who will explain what the science currently tells us about the welfare of gestating sows in different housing systems and what research still needs to be done.
- Paul Hemsworth, Director of the Australian Animal Welfare Science Centre, who will discuss lessons that can be learned from the Australian approach to addressing farm animal welfare.

The program will culminate with an interactive panel discussion exploring diverse perspectives on farm animal welfare. The panel features Jack Advent, executive director of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association; Gene Bauer, president and co-founder of Farm Sanctuary; Mike Bumgarner, vice president for Ohio Farm Bureau's Center for Food and Animal Issues; and Julie Maschhoff, co-owner and director of communications of Maschhoff Pig Company.

**Intended audience:** animal producers, industry personnel, extension educators, students, veterinarians and the general public. Continuing education (CE) credit is available for veterinarians and technicians.

**Registration:** \$25 (\$75 for CE credit; \$10 for Students). More information and registration can be found at: <http://vet.osu.edu/AnimalWelfareSymposium.htm>.

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