

Mid-Year Report - period ending 03/31/2016

Committee: Production Testing

Committee Chairs: Scott Bice

Committee Members: Elizabeth Ahola, Lynn Benedict, Robert Bourassa, Karen Butler, Linda Grilli Calhoun, Daniel Considine, Margie Dykstra, Sara Koehn-Walberg, Vickie Larson, Laura Lovett, Krista Myers, Christine Owen, Joe Pietrangelo, Joan Dean Rowe, Robin Saum, Michaela Sievers, Karen Torrence, Merle Vanderweyst, Suzanne Veilleux, Trina Voss, Ruth Weaver, Katherine Winters, Shirley McKenzie (ex officio), Lisa Shepard (ex-officio)

1. **Committee objectives:**

- A. Expand DHIR on line tester training; complete DRMS processed records module.
- B. Provide review as needed of records that require oversight.
- C. Encourage DHIR participation, such as informing herd owners about educational resources that are available.
- D. Work with Performance Programs Coordinator to identify and address specific production testing issues and problems as they arise.

2. **Summary of work for the year to date:**

- A. Committee correspondence pending
- B. Chair identified VT review subcommittee (no activity needed to date).

3. **Financial Report – Committee Expenses thus far:** None

4. **Problems encountered:** Delayed start on committee communication.

5. **Plans for remainder of Year:**

- A. Develop DRMS-specific training module to expand online training material.
- B. We will continue to look at the quality & standardization of tester training. Committee will be expanding web-based tester training materials and assessment tools.
- C. Work with Performance Programs Coordinator to address Production Testing issues throughout year, including records with unusual characteristics, as requested by PPC:
- D. Work with PPC to explore identification options to assure complete use/ID consistency of unregistered animal records with “phase out” of USDA tag numbers (distribution) under APHIS Animal Disease Traceability framework
- E. Review Committee mission statement and guidelines per ADGA’s Strategic Plan.
- F. Document the value that ADGA members are receiving for their DHIR fees.

Chairperson’s signature:

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