

**ANIMAL HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2008  
DREC**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Sehnert  
Richard Zinn  
Jose DeSoto  
Mark Barros  
Victor Lukas  
Phillip Burrel

Debra Driskill

**CALL TO ORDER  
INTRODUCTIONS**

Jose DeSoto

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Inspection of facilities was conducted on Monday September 15 and Tuesday September 16, 2008. Training records were reviewed. Protocols were reviewed.

There was discussion regarding wet pens. Dr Zinn explained some of the factors that lead to pens being more wet than others:

1. The amount of shade over the pen which blocks the sun keeping the pen from fully drying out.
2. The behavior of Heifer cows and that they tend to stand and lay right next to each other or on top of one another which keeps the pens from drying.
3. Recently had rain

Victor Lukas informed the Committee that as part of the UC Green House gas reduction, he is working with Dan Sehnert to put together a report of the number of animals used by researchers at UC. It was suggested that Mark Barros check with Brian Oatman on who is reporting the numbers for the REC's. There was discussion on the amount of methane gas produced by cattle in California and the effect on global warming.

**Meeting adjourned**