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New Guide for Veterinarians on National Scrapie Eradication Program Now Available

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – A new publication, "A Guide to the National Scrapie Eradication Program for Veterinarians" is now being distributed to small ruminant practitioners across the nation and is available to other veterinarians and veterinary clinics upon request.

"This publication is an extremely handy, user-friendly reference piece on the National Scrapie Eradication Program (NSEP) and scrapie genetics, the use of genotyping in the eradication program," says Dr. Cindy Wolf, chair of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture's (NIAA) Sheep and Goat Health Committee and a small ruminant specialist at the University of Minnesota.

"What makes this publication so useful is its format as well as the information it contains. It's designed similar to a wall calendar with tabs representing seven sections, allowing practitioners to quickly find what they need," states Dr. Wolf. "Further, we've prepared this guide so that a veterinarian can use it in explaining the rather complicated subject of scrapie genetics/genotyping to clients."

The guide is being distributed to members of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners (AASRP) as well as state and federal animal health officials. Other veterinarians who would like a copy can email Julie Jones at jjones@animalagriculture.org. The guide can also be downloaded on the Internet at www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie. The Web site also contains a number of other informational resources on the NSEP and scrapie, most of which are aimed at producers.

The guide is the latest resource developed by the National Scrapie Education Initiative, a collaborative effort conducted by NIAA on behalf of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, which administers the eradication program. AASRP provided technical assistance during the guide's development.

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