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NEW MEMBERS AND ANIMAL ATTENDANTS

ATA has no new members at this time.

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### NEWS

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## **1. Japan Sees 'High Risk' of Foot-And-Mouth Expansion (Update1)**

Business Week, June 9, 2010

Japan faces a "high risk" that an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease may spread from southwestern Miyazaki prefecture to other livestock regions, new Agriculture Minister Masahiko Yamada said today.

"Japan is in a critical situation where the disease may break out anywhere, anytime," as infected animals are still alive, Yamada told reporters in Tokyo today. "We must speed up culling and burying them."

Foot-and-mouth is one of the most contagious livestock diseases and can have high mortality rates in young animals, according to the Paris-based World Organization for Animal Health, or OIE. Miyazaki is Japan's second-largest pig-farming region and third-largest producer of beef cattle.

The country has so far discovered 185,999 cases of the disease, of which 152,871 were in pigs and 33,111 were in cows and cattle, according to the agriculture ministry. They represent 1.5 percent of Japan's total swine herd and 0.7 percent of total cows and cattle.

The government has buried about 154,000 culled animals, Tomohiro Nishio at the ministry's animal health division said today by phone. Japan plans to slaughter an additional 122,000 animals, including uninfected ones, to prevent the disease from spreading further, Nishio said.

Yamada, 68, took office yesterday as Naoto Kan replaced Yukio Hatoyama as Japan's prime minister and established a new cabinet. Yamada was a deputy to former Agriculture Minister Hiroataka Akamatsu, who stepped down amid criticism from opposition lawmakers that he was slow in arranging measures to contain the disease.

Kan is the fifth premier in four years and second since the Democratic Party of Japan overturned five decades of mostly one-party rule last August. He retained 11 Cabinet members from the predecessor's administration as he sought to demonstrate stability before mid-term elections in July that are a referendum on the DPJ's nine months in power.

[Source:<http://www.abc.net.au>]

## **2. PROFITING FROM ANIMAL WELFARE: AN ANIMAL-BASED PERSPECTIVE**

Gateway to Farm Animal Welfare, June 10, 2010

The animal welfare debate has been developing in the UK since the 18th century and for much of that time the emphasis has been on the use of legislation to protect animals. More recently in farm animals there has been a focus on using market-led approaches to improve animal welfare. In this paper we argue that there is a strong case for examining more closely supply-side solutions to improving animal welfare, in effect asking how much animal welfare can farmers' afford to deliver. The answer appears to be more than some might think. Using a range of examples we illustrate that improving animal welfare need not penalise business returns and indeed may increase profits. A greater focus on delivering improved animal welfare within a competitive livestock industry would allow farmers to gain the initiative in the animal welfare debate. To realise this requires interdisciplinary research combining economic analysis with high quality scientific information on the animals' welfare combined with effective knowledge exchange

that positively influences farmer behaviour.

[http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/animalwelfare/lawrence%2009.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/lawrence%2009.pdf)

[Source: <http://www.fao.org>]

### **3. Greece - Animal welfare under fire**

Meat Trade Daily News, June 9, 2010

According to Eurogroup for Animals, Greek central authorities have been criticised by the FVO for failing take sufficient action to ensure the welfare of animals in its import/transit control system and border inspection posts. For example, the authorities were unaware of legislative requirements for the entry of birds and pet animals.

Most remarkably, inspectors' findings cast serious doubt over the ability of the Greek authorities to 'ensure satisfactory and uniform implementation of animal welfare requirements'.

FVO concludes that the lack of guidance from the central level is at the heart of the faulty control system and instructs Greece to further develop manuals and instructions for checks on live animals and accompanied pets.

[Source: <http://www.meatradenewsdaily.co.uk>]

### **4. An education and training programme for livestock transporters in Canada**

Gateway to Farm Animal Welfare, June 9, 2010

The transport of live animals is known to be stressful and therefore can have a direct impact on animal welfare and on food safety and quality. The livestock production and transport industries are increasingly interested in improving animal well-being. This can be accomplished through the use of careful animal handling and good driving practices before, during and after transport. The recently developed Certified Livestock Transporter (CLT) training programme in Canada is aimed at ensuring livestock transporters are educated and have access to up-to-date information regarding the humane handling of animals. An overview of the CLT includes examples from the main training manual and species-specific modules. The relationship between education and improved animal welfare is discussed and

possible future directions proposed. The examples provided may be modified by other users to develop new education and training programmes relevant to their geographic locations and livestock industries.

[http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/animalwelfare/An%20education%20and%20training%20progr\\_for%20livestock%20transporters%20in%20Canada.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/An%20education%20and%20training%20progr_for%20livestock%20transporters%20in%20Canada.pdf)

[Source:<http://www.fao.org>]

## **5. Universities Federation for Animal Welfare News-Sheet, Spring 2010**

Gateway to Animal Welfare, June 7, 2010

### CONTENTS:

- Genetic welfare problems in companion animals;
- Welfare aspects of rodent control;
- Wild Bird Care in the Garden;
- Small Project and Travel Awards;
- The Professor William Russell Fellowship;
- UFAW Handbooks;
- Recent Advances in Animal Welfare Science;
- The UFAW University Links Scheme;
- UFAW Vacation Scholarships/Student Scholarships;
- 12th Annual Vacation Scholarship Meeting – University of Nottingham, 9th December 2009;
- Animal Welfare, the journal;
- UFAW SAWI Fund;
- Animal welfare advice and consultancies.

[http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/animalwelfare/UFAWSpringNews2010\\_2006.qxd\\_000.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/animalwelfare/UFAWSpringNews2010_2006.qxd_000.pdf)

[Source: <http://www.fao.org>]

## **6. Boeing Increases 737 Output**

ATA Smart Brief, June 16, 2010

Backlog of Orders for Narrow-Body Jet, the Company's Best Seller, Totals 2,000, and Air Traffic Is Up

Boeing Co. on Tuesday said it would increase production rates of its best-selling 737 passenger jet, aiming to produce 35 of the planes per month by early 2012, up from its current rate of 31.5 per month.

It is the second increase announced by Boeing in the past month. On May 17, the company said it would increase the rate to 34 a month, leaving open the possibility for further increases.

Though its airline and air-cargo customers were hit hard during the global economic slump, neither Chicago-based Boeing nor European rival Airbus reduced

production rates on their narrow-body jets. Now that air traffic appears to be recovering, Boeing officials say they are trying to meet continuing demand and clear out a backlog of more than 2,000 orders for the single-aisle, twin-engine jet.

"Our customers continue to show their preference for the Next Generation 737 by exercising order options as well as by placing new orders," Jim Albaugh, chief executive of Boeing's commercial-airplanes unit, said in a prepared statement. "We will continue to monitor demand as we go forward."

In March, Airbus, a unit of European Aeronautic Defence & Space Co., announced its own rate increase on the A320 family of jets, which compete with the 737. Airbus said it would increase production of A320s from 34 to 36 a month, starting in December, to tackle a backlog of about 2,300 orders.

The decision to ramp up production comes as both manufacturers are trying to decide whether to undertake costly redesigns of their popular jets. At the start of the year, it was widely assumed within the industry that Airbus and Boeing would simply decide to incorporate the latest fuel-efficient engines and make other minor tweaks to their narrow-body products, and wait until early next decade to spend the billions of dollars required to design entirely new planes. The redesigned planes would enter service around 2015. Those decisions were expected to be announced as early as next month's Farnborough Air Show in the U.K.

But both Boeing and Airbus are being forced to re-evaluate their decision as they face competition from new quarters, such as Bombardier Inc. of Canada. Bombardier's new CSeries jet will for the first time compete head-on with some Airbus and Boeing models. Looming on the horizon are new planes being designed by Chinese, Brazilian, Russian and Japanese manufacturers.

If either Boeing or Airbus decides to redesign a jet it could have a significant impact on the broader market.

Last month, Heidi Wood, aerospace analyst at Morgan Stanley in New York, published a research note asserting that Boeing would choose to build a new plane partly as a pre-emptive strike against Airbus and other competitors, even though the costs would be significantly higher.

Boeing officials declined at the time to comment on her report.

At an investor conference on June 3, Boeing Chairman and Chief Executive Jim McNerney said the company was studying how quickly Boeing could get an entirely new plane to market—and whether its customers would buy it—before making a decision.

"The No. 1 thing I want to know is during what time frame we can get an all-new airplane done that our customers will pay for?" Mr. McNerney said. If a new plane can't be brought to market by 2025, he said, then Boeing would be more inclined to take the less costly approach of first refitting its 737 with new engines.

Mr. McNerney also said he didn't want to jeopardize the 737 backlog of orders more than necessary by having customers cancel orders if a new plane is coming just a few years later. "I'd rather not put the backlog at risk twice unless we have to," he said.

Much of the decision hinges on new technology, largely based on increased engine fuel efficiency, reduced emissions and reliability of high-tech materials. Airbus officials have said they don't envision those ingredients will align until the mid-to-late 2020s.

While both companies hash out the details, decisions about the future of their narrow-body jets are now not expected until year end.

[Source: [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704009804575308922974369074.html?mod=dist\\_smartbrief](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704009804575308922974369074.html?mod=dist_smartbrief)]

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## Calendar of Events . . .

| Conference Name                                                 | Conference Dates                 | Location             | Contact Information                                                                                                                 |
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| Association of Zoo & Aquariums                                  | September 11-16, 2010            | Houston, TX<br>USA   | <a href="http://www.aza.org/annualconference/">http://www.aza.org/annualconference/</a>                                             |
| European Association of Zoo & Aquariums                         | September 22-25, 2010            | Verona, Italy        | <a href="http://www.eaza.net/News/verona2010/Pages/Information.aspx">http://www.eaza.net/News/verona2010/Pages/Information.aspx</a> |
| The Zoological Registrars Association<br>2010 Annual Conference | September 29-<br>October 3, 2010 | Alberta, Canada      | <a href="http://www.zooregistrars.org">http://www.zooregistrars.org</a>                                                             |
| IPATA Conference                                                | October 16-19, 2010              | Montreal, QC, Canada | <a href="http://www.ipata.com/">http://www.ipata.com/</a>                                                                           |

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