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- ❖ We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr. Rick Grant, William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute, as our new board president. Rick began his tenure at the end of the members' meeting held in July in Indianapolis, IN, in conjunction with the Joint ADSA/ASAS National Meetings. We would also like to thank Spence Driver, Vita Plus Corporation, for his dedication and leadership during his term as president.

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- ❖ Great progress continues to be made on how feed analysis data will be managed by FeedAC, what the master database library will look like, and accessibility of data by members. An ad hoc committee of FeedAC members has been working with Mark Budden and Keely Roy, Information Technologies Department, FASS, to create the website. If all goes well, FASS hopes for a launch of the beta version of the search feature before the end of the year. At that time, member input on all aspects of what has been accomplished will be sought. The first version of the database will be searchable because of the generosity of those involved with CNCPS to make their feed library available to FeedAC.

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- ❖ For those members that were at this year's annual meeting in Indianapolis, you know that the data base will include all values in the latest NRC publications, for all animal species, and that we want you to be able to transfer data from the master library to your ration formulation/diet evaluation program. We currently have an open invitation to all who have ration balancing/animal prediction models, and who would like to collaborate with FeedAC, to submit the name of your model and a spreadsheet that lists all of the analytes required by your model. Please submit that information to Mark Budden MarkB@assoqh.org. Thank you.

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- ❖ The FeedAC board has accepted a proposal (pending additional funding) from the Iowa State University - Grain Quality Laboratory (GQL), a new FeedAC member, and Sapienza Analytica LLC (SALLC), FeedAC's NIRS contract lab, to: 1) explore the nutrient variation in the combined large databases of soy products, distillers grains, and corn grain from GQL and FeedAC, 2) identify 100+ diverse samples of each feed type for "upper end" feed analysis, and 3) move the samples forward for complete analysis, including rates and extent of ruminal and intestinal digestion. Soy products will be the first feedstuff focused on and will serve as the template for the other two feedstuffs.

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- ❖ Discussions continue to explore how CA-ARPAS and FeedAC can work together on the CA-ARPAS alfalfa hay project.

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- ❖ On June 30, FeedAC submitted a concept/pre-proposal, entitled “Methods to better predict the economic and nutritional value of whole soybeans and their co-products (cake and meals)” to the Domestic Marketing Committee of the United Soybean Board. Contributors to the proposal were Don Sapienza, Managing Director, Sapienza Analytica, LLC, Charles Hurburgh, PhD, Iowa State University and Professor in Charge, Iowa Grain Quality Initiative, David Gast, Director of Nutrition and Technical Services, Ag Processing Inc., Mike Cecava, Director of Feed Technology, ADM James R. Randall Research Center, Chuck Schwab, University of New Hampshire and Executive Director, FeedAC, and Frederick Lundy III, Operations Manager, FeedAC. The pre-proposal was not considered a good fit for the committee, so a full proposal was not requested. However, FeedAC was encouraged to watch for RFP’s on animal nutrition and utilization from the Production Committee/ Analytical Measurements and Market Standardization program.
- ❖ If you have not looked at the home page recently www.feedac.org, please do so and read the letter from Dr. Austin Lewis, Program Officer, Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources, National Academies, Washington DC. The need for some organization to maintain an evolving and contemporary data base of feed analysis information continues to mount.
- ❖ FeedAC has six candidates to fill the three open director positions on the board. Those accepting nominations are: Bill Wailes (Colorado State), Charles Sniffen (Consultant), Daryl Kleinschmit (Agri-King), Dave Mertens (USDA-DFRC), Mike Lilburn (Ohio State University), and Tim Johnson (Consultant). On Monday, August 18th, the voting link will be live atop the FeedAC homepage for members to log in and vote for the 3 candidates they think will be the best fit to fill out the board. The voting period will be open for 2 weeks.
- ❖ Thanks to all who visited the FeedAC exhibitor booth and/or attended the FeedAC Annual Meeting in Indianapolis!
- ❖ If this is the first FeedAC update you have received, you can read our past updates by clicking here: <http://www.feedac.org/communications.asp?view=monthlyupdates>.

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