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- ❖ The soy product expert group is currently reviewing the initial screening data to select what samples will move forward for complete analysis. Initial screening data includes proximate analysis on all samples (48% meal and 3 types of heat treated products) and amino acid analysis on 12 different samples.
- ❖ The distillers' grains expert group is currently reviewing the initial screening data to select what samples will move forward for complete analysis and what sample types to focus our future collection efforts on. We have initial screening data on distillers grains with solubles (DDGS), high protein distillers grains (DDGS – HP), corn germ (DDGS – germ) and a fractionated byproduct (DDGS – byproduct). Initial screening data includes proximate analysis on all samples and amino acid analysis on 16 different samples.
- ❖ Later this week the alfalfa hay expert group will be reviewing the initial screening data on the alfalfa samples that have been collected. The screening data will be used to determine where future alfalfa samples will be collected from.  
  
*(Just a reminder, the above datasets were compiled by sending split samples to 3 different commercial feed testing labs and the Amino Acid analysis was conducted at the University of Missouri.)*
- ❖ We are excited to announce that Feedstuffs will be running an article outlining the collaborative effort between FeedAC and NFTA in its April 14<sup>th</sup> edition, which will have a “Feed Quality” special content focus. Please be sure to check out the article, along with the article by Al Kertz in the same issue where he recaps the Joint Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

- ❖ A special Thank You to all Joint Conference speakers who agreed to allow their presentations to be viewable via the web. You can visit the FeedAC ([www.feedac.org](http://www.feedac.org)), NFTA ([www.foragetesting.org](http://www.foragetesting.org)), or NIRSC (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/forage/NIRS/home-page.htm>) websites to view PDF versions of the presentations.
- ❖ We are still accepting nominations for the two director positions that will become available this summer. The board is also considering the possibility of expanding the board from 7 members to 9 members. The board seeks members who wish to take an active leadership role in helping FeedAC accomplish its goals and objectives. If you wish to nominate a colleague or yourself, please email Fred Lundy III ([fred.lundy@feedac.org](mailto:fred.lundy@feedac.org)) with your nominations. The closing date for nominations will be April 30<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ If you or someone in your company would like to be nominated to serve on the FeedAC Board and you are not FeedAC members, you need to become a member. Only current 2008 members can be nominated to serve on the board of directors.
- ❖ Thank you to all sponsors who returned your member lists. If you are a 2008 Sponsor and haven't returned your membership list yet, please do so as soon as possible. We need this information to update our membership list and grant website privileges.
- ❖ Thank you to all new sponsors and members of FeedAC for 2008...we have now exceeded 25% of our financial goal for the year. If you haven't become a sponsor or a member yet, please consider doing so. The success of the consortium depends on your participation and involvement! Please see our homepage for sponsorship/membership materials and the 2008 Scope of Work document.
- ❖ If this is the first FeedAC update you have received, you can read any of our past updates by clicking <http://www.feedac.org/communications.asp?view=monthlyupdates>).
- ❖ April 2008 Conferences:
  - ◆ April 20-23; Alltech 2008 Intl. Feed Industry Symposium, Lexington, KY, <http://www.alltech.com/Symposium/symp2008/index.htm>.
  - ◆ April 22-23; Tri-State Dairy Nutrition Conference, Fort Wayne, IN, <http://tristatedairy.osu.edu/>.

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