

Equine Science Center Stakeholder Meeting
Key Identified Issues
Friday, October 16, 2009
New Jersey Museum of Agriculture, New Brunswick, NJ

The Equine Science Center's Stakeholder Meeting was a tremendous success as horse owners and farmers, businessmen, breeders, and equine enthusiasts gathered to address issues within the equine industry in New Jersey. The annual event was well attended with more than 60 stakeholders focusing their attention on horse health, integrity of equestrian sport, land use and environmental stewardship, the future of the equine industry and other areas of concern.

Horse Health

- Laminitis research project
 - Information is available on the Equine Science Center website
http://www.esc.rutgers.edu/recruiting_announcement.htm
 - For more information about the research project, contact Dr. Jan Onishi or Dr. Michael Fugaro at 732-932-9711 ext. 286 or Onishi@aesop.rutgers.edu
- Concern about colic
 - Freely available forage recommended
- Resistance to parasitic medication
- What can the Equine Science Center do to educate about diseases
- TIM system horse research project
 - Dr. Robert Havenaar
 - In vitro gastrointestinal tract model of the horse
- Education for non-English speaking employees
 - Basic horse care information translated in Spanish
- Medication
 - Equine Science Center Fact Sheets on treating horses and administering medication

Integrity of Equestrian Sport

- Testing protocols for Epogen
- The Equine Science Center's role in educating the overall well-being of the horse
- Research on "natural" supplements
- Association of Racing Commissioners International, INC
 - <http://www.arci.com/>

Land Use and Environmental Stewardship

- Solar source of energy
- Smaller composting units for small farms
- Soil disturbance
 - What does it mean?
- New interpretation of storm water runoff
 - DEP Rule # 2
- Animal Waste Rule and Animal Waste Plan
- Horse industry “going green”
- SADC
 - Expanded Right to Farm Rule
 - Farmer/neighbor relationship booklet
 - Available on the Equine Science Center website
 - SADC website <http://nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/>
- Drainage issues

Future of the Industry

- Expanding the Youth Component of the Equine Science Center website
 - Include a “going green” educational element
- Therapeutic use of the horse
- Hay and alternative sources of forage
- Unwanted horse issues
- Industry support of the New Jersey department of agriculture
- Equine industry support of local chamber of commerce
- Reinvigorate the horse racing industry