ADVANCING FARM ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
WITH IMPROVED METHODS TO RECOGNIZE AND MANAGE PAIN

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Research on how to recognize and manage pain in livestock will be the subject of a National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR) ‘virtual’ Lunch~N~Learn webinar on Wednesday, May 13 at noon Eastern. The presenter is Dr. Hans Coetzee, Professor and Head of the Department of Anatomy and Physiology at Kansas State University.

"Federally funded research on livestock health has been critical to the advancement of technologies and livestock management practices that benefit veterinarians, farmers, and food animal practitioners. Providing pain management is a significant component of assuring farm animal well-being," says Coetzee. "In this session we will discuss some of the challenges with recognizing pain in livestock, and we will highlight practical tools that we have developed to assist livestock caregivers to manage pain in cattle and pigs."

“This presentation provides an excellent example of the value of federally funded food and agricultural research, extension, and education in producing the scientific outcomes and outreach needed to meet 21st century challenges and opportunities,” says Andy LaVigne, President of NCFAR.

**Highlights:** Hear from Dr. Hans Coetzee, a leading expert in the field of pain management in cattle who is internationally recognized for his work in developing objective assessments of pain experienced by livestock animals during routine management procedures. Dr. Coetzee’s novel research has been instrumental in transforming the attitudes and practices of veterinarians, farmers and food animal practitioners. He has been awarded over $6.7 million in research funding from that US Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture, including a $1.7 million NIFA grant as the principal investigator to develop novel ways to assess and manage pain in livestock. This ‘virtual’ Lunch~N~Learn will explore Dr. Coetzee’s research on how to recognize and manage pain in livestock and discuss the impact this research breakthrough will have on farm animal management.

The webinar is open to the public and the media.

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Go to [http://www.ncfar.org/Hill_Seminar_Series.asp](http://www.ncfar.org/Hill_Seminar_Series.asp) for more information about the seminar series and past topics. Interviews with NCFAR President Andy LaVigne, President & CEO of the American Seed Trade Association, are available by request. For additional information, go to [www.ncfar.org](http://www.ncfar.org); or contact Tom Van Arsdall, Executive Director, at [tom@vanarsdall.com](mailto:tom@vanarsdall.com) or (703) 509-4746.