



## LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSED WITH FARM GROUPS

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AFTC met with several farm groups today to discuss issues directly affecting food animal production, livestock transportation and how to confront animal rights and anti-technology activists' agendas.

The groups, representing all aspects of animal production, input industries and processing, agreed that the incoming Obama Administration, and passage of Proposition 2 in California to limit livestock production practices, have re-energized animal rights and anti-technology activists. The objective of the discussion was to develop the most effective counter-punch to that movement and to create programs to educate Congress and the Obama Administration on the issues.

The discussion covered issues brought to Congress and the Bush Administration over the last several years, including federal purchasing standards, nonambulatory livestock, anti-cruelty and horse slaughter. Livestock transportation legislation is expected to be a high priority for radical animal rights groups this year.

The agenda of the coalition is focused on education of members of Congress and the Administration regarding the responsible care of animals used in food production to prevent the advancement of misguided legislation. AFTC will work with industry allies to protect members' interests.