## LCI Board Approves Resolutions

MADISON, Wis.— The board of directors of Livestock Conservation Institute (LCI) approved several resolutions at the LCI annual meeting held April 3-5, 1990, in Louisville, KY.

The Board recommended that LCI establish itself as a coordinating point for the animal product industry, to exchange information on food safety issues, and generate understanding of challenges each group in the chain faces, in an effort to generate appropriate responses to food safety assurance issues. In addition, that LCI develop and promote educational programs for implementation of quality assurance for the animal product industry.

Other actions taken by the board included: 1) Encouraging formal dialogue between APHIS and the National Park Service regarding brucellosis in wild elk and bison in Yellowstone National Park; 2) Supporting the rapid completion plan for brucellosis eradication and that when funds become available they are directed to appropriate program areas; 3) Recommending both the approval of differential pseudorabies diagnostic tests as official disease diagnostics and the recognition of spit-state status to increase the effectiveness of pseudorabies eradication; 4) Recommending that APHIS reinstates its budget to recognize its basic infrastructure and core funding, rather than including them in line item disease programs; 5) Supporting programs to reduce the threat of foreign animal diseases and to increase foreign animal disease preparedness in the United States: 6) Organizing a joint committee to develop strategies to control and eradicate swine dysentery; 7) Recommending pilot projects to develop methods of controlling and eliminating toxoplasmosis at the source of production; 8) Supporting a framework for the development of scrapie control programs and organizing an LCI "Sheep Group" as a new committee; 9) Organizing a "mystery swine disease" committee; 10) Supporting the proper use and storage of medications by veterinarians and producers; 11) Supporting the funding and research of the pathogenesis, management, control, and the development of official, accurate diagnostic tests for Johne's disease; 12) Support-

ing the development of methods other than antibiotics/sulfa for the treatment and prevention of mastitis; 14) Recommending that matters pertaining to the Plum Island Animal Disease Center be directly handled by the offices of the administrators of the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS); 15) Encouraging the United States Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, and the United States Department of Agriculture to support the Pan American Health Organization in its effort to eliminate this disease from our hemisphere; 16) Urging APHIS and USDA to take whatever actions are needed quickly, to make the latest technology on acaricides available so the pilot project regarding bont tick eradication on Antigua can be started; and 17) Recommending that USDA closely monitor the situation in Mexico and provide assistance to control hog cholera and to assure reliable mechanisms to prevent outbreaks of the disease in this country.

A new hog indentification

device was introduced at the LCI Identification Committee meeting by Joe Smith, president of BIO-ID, Inc., Hartford City, IN.

Information is printed on the implanted device, which is made from ingredients "generally recognized as safe" by the FDA. The device is chemically and physically compatible with the host. The implanted carcasses are easily visually detected at the head inspection station on the kill floor. If the identification device is not needed, it is trimmed with the fat and disintegrates during rendering.

## **Meet Eligibility Requirements**

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — ASCS Official Donald Lutz said the grazing period on land designated as acreage conservation reserve and conservation use acreage for pay (including the required 8 percent) closed April 1, 1990. The non-grazing period runs through August 31, 1990. Lutz also reminds farmers to be

sure that cropland designated for

acreage conservation reserve meets the eligibility requirements.

Cropland designated under the 1990 wheat and feed grains acreage reduction programs cannot be hayed or grazed during the principal growing months. Lutz said that haying of these acres after August 31, 1990 has been authorized by the state ASC committee.





