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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the Committee to order.

Vice-Chair Cole assumed the Chair, the time being 10:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Courser, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett.

Representative Franz made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Chair Lauwers returned to the Chair, the time being 10:43 a.m.

Sam Hines, Executive Vice President of the Michigan Pork Producers Association, and Mary Kelpinski, Michigan Pork Producers Association Executive Director, spoke to the Committee and reviewed the following topics: world meat/poultry consumption shares (2011); top 10 pork-producing countries (2013); state rankings by hogs and pig inventory (2013); America's top 10 pig counties (2012); the current market hog; USDA guidelines; U.S. hog operations; number of operations by size group; percent of U.S. hog inventory by operating size, 1998-2002; size groups and percent of inventory (2012); U.S. breeding herd and production; world population growth; world pork shares (2013); U.S. Pork exports and net exports; and top 10 markets for U.S. pork exports in 2013.

Subject to discussion, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:39 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

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