

Feed Roundup Notes from Group 2

Opportunities

- Need to integrate energy into the discussion
- New thinking should incorporate cross-livestock sector collaboration between commodities
- Current “Buy Local” movement acceptance
 - Smaller carbon footprint
 - Supports higher prices benefitting producers
 - People recognize benefit to local economy
- Higher input prices affect all livestock sectors – “common enemy”
- Multi-generational workforce brings new business skillset – ex: Ho Farms
- Shipping costs force larger purchases than needed to fill containers
- Science & technology advances in feed research need to be leveraged
- Renewable energy projects produce viable feed co-products
- Recycle waste – outputs from one operation may be valuable to another operation

Challenges

- Competing initiatives for limited resources creates confusion
 - Initiatives lack prioritization
- Need further alignment of research and industry
- Food safety concerns – testing regimes need to be developed and implemented
- Jones Act holding back industry
 - Opposing view from Paul Brewbaker – no impact / not cost effective

Needed Resources

- Can Hawaii produce/obtain enough feed inputs to make a feed mill economically feasible?
- A food system approach needs to be developed / implemented – Ag cannot drive solutions alone