

**Bobby Moser Animal Care Statement**  
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The **College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences** (CFAES) at The Ohio State University has historically been **an advocate for food animal care and well-being**, for maintaining a safe and adequate food supply, for protecting the safety of farm workers, and for providing Ohioans with access to locally raised food.

We believe in taking a **proactive, comprehensive approach to animal care** in this ever-evolving field. We know that education of those who directly manage animals is the most consistently successful approach to improving animal care and well-being. As such, producer education and the education of 4-H youth in the area of animal care has been and will continue to be a high priority for the college.

The college advocates an approach that is **research-based**. OSU has animal welfare specialists located in CFAES and the College of Veterinary Medicine. CFAES studies multiple food animal species, and conducts research on housing, breeding, feeding, animal care and more. The partnership between the Australian Animal Welfare Science Centre, CFAES and the College of Veterinary Medicine positions us to establish a world-renowned research and education collaboration in animal welfare science.

The Ohio legislature placed on the fall ballot a constitutional amendment that would establish an Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. The 128<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Joint Resolution states that among the thirteen members, *“the dean of the agriculture department of a college or university located in this state”* will be appointed to the board.

My expectation is the proposed board will provide an important mechanism for the state to take a proactive approach to high quality animal care. I would expect the composition of the board to reflect a variety of viewpoints. For success, the selection of people for the board will be critical, not in the titles they hold, but in their ability to seek and listen to reputable and diverse information sources to fill knowledge gaps and stay current with the rapidly evolving science of animal care.

Should the amendment pass, the College is committed to **assisting the board by contributing sound, current science and information** about animal care and well-being issues and policies.

An openness to education and learning will help the board's decisions be fair and effective and result in a level of animal care and well-being that we all seek.