

Workgroup deliberations

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Overview and concluding remarks. H Glenn Gray

This proceedings volume contains a number of important, well-documented and well-written papers. It is greatly to the credit of the USDA and Purdue University that these valuable contributions to the farm animal welfare debate have been so promptly made available in the public arena. The very reasonable price being charged for this well-produced volume should help ensure that it is widely circulated and used.

Food Animal Well-Being 1993 Conference Proceedings and Deliberations Produced and published by USDA and Purdue University: West Lafayette (1993). 140pp. Paperback. Obtainable from Purdue University Office of Agricultural Research Programs, 1140 Agricultural Administration Building, Purdue University, West Lafayette IN 47907-1140, USA (ISBN 0 931682 36 3) Price US\$6 including postage.

Animal welfare in New Zealand

The above named publication, produced by the New Zealand (NZ) Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) and the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, gives an overall account of the governmental side of the animal welfare scene in New Zealand. It covers the welfare situation of farm and laboratory species, working and companion animals, and that of wild and feral mammals and birds. The main emphasis, as is right in a country which depends upon the export products of pastoral farming for nearly 50 per cent of its export income, is on the animals used in agriculture.

The booklet is clearly written, lavishly illustrated and uses a number of diagrams to explain the interacting roles of the various governmental and non-governmental bodies involved in the development and practice of animal welfare in the country.

Some critics, no doubt, will suggest that this stylishly-produced document paints too perfect a picture. This may or may not be true, but there is no doubt that it contains a mass of well-presented factual information. The document looks back to the past and forward to the future. The history of the current legislation is covered, as well as predictions as to how it must be improved. The point is well made that as a society changes, so that society's animal welfare expectations change.

All in all, this is a well-produced, useful and informative booklet.

Animal Welfare in New Zealand New Zealand MAF and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (1993). 16pp. Paperback. Obtainable from MAF New Zealand, ASB Bank House, 101-103 The Terrace, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand (ISBN 0 478 07334 8) Price \$NZ10.