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### **Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board Passes Vote on Euthanasia Standards**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Oct. 5, 2010) – The Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board today unanimously voted to create new euthanasia livestock care standards—the first such set of standards created in the state’s history. Proposed euthanasia rules will be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) to begin the rule making process.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs, who also serves as the board’s chairman, said through a careful, transparent and diligent process, the board is delivering its promise to Ohio voters.

“As chairman of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board, I am proud of the hard work the board has put forth to craft our state’s first livestock care standards,” said Boggs. “Through an open and deliberative process, the board has created standards that address acceptable methods of euthanasia for all livestock that are clear and practical for Ohio’s livestock producers.”

The standards will be posted to the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board’s website and distributed through the E Notification System for comment. The proposed rules will be posted for a two-week period on the board’s website, and during this time, comments may be e-mailed to [Ecomments@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:Ecomments@agri.ohio.gov). The proposed euthanasia rules will then be filed with the JCARR to begin the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 administrative rule process. For more information about the JCARR process, visit <https://www.jcarr.state.oh.us/>.

The Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board is charged with establishing statewide standards governing the care and well-being of livestock while promoting food safety, preventing animal and human diseases and encouraging local food production.

For more information about the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board, visit [www.ohiolivestockcarestandardsboard.org](http://www.ohiolivestockcarestandardsboard.org).

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