The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed new administrative rules 901:12-3-01 to 08 and 901:12-4-01 to 04.

These rules relate to the general considerations for the handling of livestock and the handling of disabled and distressed livestock.

The hearing will be held March 17 at 8:30 a.m., in Hearing Room 133 (Seminar "B") Bromfield Administration Building, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the new administrative rules may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the new rules, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

To obtain copies of these rules, please visit the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

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