

## Iowa USDA Foods Council Meeting Minutes

The Iowa USDA Foods Advisory Council met on Friday, April 20, 2012 at the Grimes State Office Building in Des Moines. Council members in attendance were: Jane Heikenen, Lisa Nolting, Marie Miller, Nancy Hogstad, Mary Bellwood, Vicky McVey, Jim Rupp, Sharon Foote, and Linda Mitchell. Those not in attendance were Denise Rawson, Troy Lebeck, and Virginia Bechtold.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Nancy Hogstad. Meeting minutes from the January 27, 2012 meeting were read by Nancy and a change in the date of the minutes listed was made.

Dean Flaws presented an update on the Lean Finely Textured Beef. Iowa USDA Foods will continue to provide beef products containing LFTB next school year; schools may choose to purchase beef that doesn't contain LFTB on their own. Dean also discussed the NOI and DoD budget.

The council discussed how schools can use Iowa USDA Foods to meet the new meal pattern requirements. The council also reviewed the sodium content in the processed items as well as the items that will be re-bid next year and the schedule for sampling those foods. The council discussed dates, locations, and suggestions for the 2012-13 Processing Show. Jane shared communications with brokers. The council planned the SNA Iowa booth for the conference in June.

The next meeting will be Friday, September 28, 2012.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lisa and seconded by Nancy at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

*Lisa Nolting, Secretary*