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**Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board Sets Schedule for  
Regional Public Listening Sessions in May**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (April 30, 2010) – During its first, organizational meeting held on April 27, the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board set the dates and locations for their regional public listening sessions in May.

The purpose of the listening sessions is to allow Ohioans the opportunity to provide input to the board and to educate the board members and public on the various factors the board needs to consider as it begins to establish standards of livestock care.

At each of these sessions the public is encouraged to offer comments to members of the board regarding what important factors the board should consider as it creates standards of livestock care that will maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised food and protect Ohio farms and families.

Written comment may also be submitted. The board will use the unbiased facilitation services of the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management.

All listening sessions will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The listening session schedule is as follows:

**May 6, Geauga County**  
Parkman Community House  
16295 Main Market Road  
Parkman, Ohio 44080

**May 12, Allen County**  
Independence Elementary School  
615 Tremont Ave.  
Lima, Ohio 45801

**May 13, Franklin County**  
Columbus Global Academy  
2001 Hamilton Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

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**May 18, Montgomery County**  
Miami Valley Career Technology Center  
6800 Hoke Road  
Clayton, Ohio 45315

**May 25, Guernsey County**  
Mideast Career & Technology Center  
57090 Vocational Road  
Senecaville, Ohio 43780

**May 26, Ross County**  
Carver Community Center  
165 W. Fourth St.  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

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.

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