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## **Update on Devices Used to Measure Fat Content in Animal Carcasses**

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On November 15 and 16, 2001, ASTM held the first meeting of ASTM Committee F10 on Livestock, Meat, and Poultry Evaluation Systems at the National Pork Board Offices in Des Moines, Iowa with 26 members attending. The Task Group for Executive Committee Officers presented the names of five individuals it was recommending for the officers positions on the Executive Committee. The members present elected the following individuals as officers:

John Edmonds (USDA, GIPSA) Chair  
Leonard Huskey (Swift & Company) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Jennifer Colbert (NIST/Standard Reference Materials) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Chris Calkins (University of Nebraska) Recording Secretary  
Mohammed Koochmaraie (USDA,ARS) Membership Secretary

The following Subcommittee Chairs are also members of the Executive Committee:

F 10.10 Design Specifications; Richard Suiter, Chair  
F 10.20 Device Performance Criteria; Darryl Brown, Chair  
F 10.30 User Requirements; Duane Short, Chair  
F 10.40 Predictive Accuracy; Dave Meisinger, Chair

The Subcommittee Chairs each presented an initial plan for work of their subcommittee. Four task groups were formed from the members present to begin the subcommittee work. The task groups met during the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second day at which time each Subcommittee Chair presented a report to the entire group on progress made. The Sub Committee task groups will continue to work electronically to develop their part of the Standard.

The Executive Committee also held its first meeting at the end of the first day. The Executive Committee reviewed the Bylaws presented by, the Bylaws Task Group. The Executive Committee recommended several small revisions to the Bylaws, which will now be distributed for ballot. No date was set for the next meeting. A full Committee Meeting will be called as needed.

For additional background on this issue see the February and August 2001 issues of the Weights & Measures Quarterly. For additional information on F10 or on becoming a Committee Member, contact Dick Suiter (NIST) by e-mail at [rsuiter@nist.gov](mailto:rsuiter@nist.gov) or by phone at (301) 975-4406.