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I've been working through this today too and would support a call of the minds. Give me your availability for options tomorrow (4/16) and Friday (4/17) and I'll get something set up.

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I did suggest our state execs study the animal cruelty laws in their states to determine if there would be liability to prosecution if they practice VSD or even mass euthanasia. I've been staying away worrying about this too.

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Sent from my iPad

On Apr 15, 2020, at 3:40 PM, Dr Abbey Canon <canon@aaav.org> wrote:

Yes. I'm in. I'll back our welfare experts, but I agree with Harry's initial comments about more time to consider options, plan, and execute with limited personnel for employee safety.

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My interpretation of the AVMA's guidance on depopulation is that this situation is not applicable which means anyone who does it will not have a leg to stand on as far as AVMA backing it as a method. That would also put us in a tight spot if asked to weigh in. While a crisis for producers there is no government mandated timelines thus there is time for rational planning phase to manage the welfare of the pigs. I don't think we should use the word depopulation at all publically especially now that there is a AVMA definition and guidance. Even though producers use it because of depop / repop protocols we should make great pains not to. So I am using humane euthanasia but could go for rapid, efficient and humane euthanize or high throughput euthanasia. I am up for the brain storm

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Hey guys,

Just wondering if we need to put our heads together and give some thought to what depop might look like when we're doing it for marketing and welfare reasons rather than animal disease? This scenario is a little different than trying to control an infectious animal disease. It seems it wouldn't be quite as rushed with more time to coordinate, less worry about disease spread, etc but there likely would be more concerns about human health relative to COVID infectivity. Does this impact our depop options/strategy? For example, if this is not an animal emergency, is VSD even an option? CO2 is in short supply – what's the impact of that?

Just the ponderings of a man awaiting happy hour all alone,

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