Streamlining Surveillance in Canada: Observe, Connect, Detect, and Protect

The Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS), a division of AHC, is a network of animal health surveillance networks that share a national approach to strive for an effective, responsive, and integrated animal health surveillance system in Canada. The CAHSS Information Sharing Website is a centralized hub for collection, analysis, and sharing of information about animal health in Canada. It brings together information from across various regions and differing animal species. Since the launch of the site in 2020, there have been more than 43,000 page views, with most visitors from Canada, and the remainder of visitors from the US, UK and Australia. The most popular pages are the Covid in Animals Dashboard, Equine Network, AMU/AMR Network, Disease Alerts, and Resources library.

Key Successes

Key features of this website include real-time disease alerts, interactive dashboards, an extensive library of Canadian Animal Health Surveillance initiatives and resources, and podcasts with CAHSS industry partners. In addition, public

facing and member-only pages have been created throughout the website for each of the eight CAHSS animal species networks. Pages have also been specifically dedicated to Smallholdings, Antimicrobial Use and Resistance, Vectors and Vector borne diseases.

Looking Forward

The CAHSS hopes to continue to share and develop more web-based resources and materials to support collection, analysis, and sharing of information for animal health. In addition, strategic use of social media will be built on to support communication, especially for time sensitive or high priority information.