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Invited Presentations

The Journey to Social License – Drew Black, Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Drew Black of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) outlined the social license initiative being advanced by the CFA, grains roundtable and other contributing partners. Regional input sessions have been held to gain the input of over 250 participants in Moncton, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina and Longueuil. A national summary session in Ottawa was held on May 31st where additional feedback was collected to inform the framework under development.

This initiative is positioned as a long-term, generational journey with commitment to continuous improvement. It requires consistent resourcing with a long-term commitment to coordinate activities with full value chain participation and a role for governments. It also allows room for product and corporate differentiation.

Points of agreement in the study:

- Social license/public trust is an important issue and one that must be addressed seriously and proactively.
- Social license is an issue that impacts the entire food system, and one that needs to be addressed collectively by the entire system ... including governments.
- Social license belongs to everyone – it should be integrated into individual enterprise operations, value-chain roundtables and industry initiatives ... and not segregated or handled separately.

The next steps include an update at the FPT Ministerial Roundtable at the time of the FPT Agriculture Ministers' meeting in July 2016 and continued outreach to stakeholders to formalize the framework and to launch the initiative.

Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) – Stewart Cressman, Dr. John Campbell

As designates of the NFAHW Council to the Directors of CAHSS, Stewart Cressman and John Campbell were asked to update the Council on the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System.

CAHSS is a distributed/federated network of networks in which the networks function independently but are connected, united by a common vision and protocol. CAHSS is tasked with doing things through national collaboration through innovation and creative solutions. Progress since the formation of CAHSS in early 2015 includes:

- The formation of the Swine Surveillance Network Group and the Poultry Surveillance Network Group which are both active in bringing surveillance activities in their sectors together.
- The development of a Communications Plan, a logo and a website (www.cahss.ca) which will be live in early summer. The website will have a public and secure area to facilitate a repository of CAHSS information and files.
- The development of a draft paper on Data Integration and Interoperability
- Needs analysis training for an integrated data platform

Some challenges are to be expected when bringing independent networks together in this innovative way. Progress is being made through continued interaction and discussion among the group. CAHSS is developing visibility among stakeholders and participants seem to like the approach.

It was noted that CAHSS will need to demonstrate value through an action orientation and tackling some difficult issues. Included in these are the work of the pork and poultry surveillance networks, data standardization and antimicrobial use surveillance.

Update on development of the Layer Code – Jackie Wepruk, NFACC

The National Farm Animal Care Council facilitates the process of developing Codes of Practice for animal care. The process involves a scientific review, a Code Development Committee and a public comment period resulting in a well-developed and supported Code of practice for individual commodities.

The poultry layer Code will be released for public comment soon. In achieving consensus, the layer Code Development Committee remains focused on the welfare needs of laying hens. There has been considerable attention paid to this particular code so continued engagement in the public comment period is expected.

OIE 84th General Session – Dr. Andrea Ellis, CFIA

Dr. Andrea Ellis, CFIA, provided highlights of the OIE 84th General Session in Paris in May 2016. Once again the Canadian delegation included industry members in addition to the CFIA and AAFC representatives. Industry representatives were Michael Hall, Canadian Livestock Genetics Association; Dr. Nichole Grant, CVMA; and Dr. Mary Bell, Equine Canada.

There were 850 participants from 180 Member Countries and representation from 40 international, intergovernmental, regional and national organizations. Dr. Bruce Archibald, President of CFIA, participated in the opening ceremonies. Other prominent speakers included the President of the World Farmers Organisation and the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Several chapters were adopted covering the areas of animal disease prevention and control, animal welfare, diagnostic methods, and quality of vaccines.

In summary:

- OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code – 16 chapters were revised and a new chapter added
- OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals – 17 chapters of the were revised and 5 new chapters added
- OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code – 9 chapters were revised
- OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals – 1 chapter revised

Other highlights included a global strategy to eliminate Peste des Petits Ruminants by 2030; a global campaign to eliminate dog mediated rabies by 2030; and adoption of the resolution endorsing the basic principles of the OIE strategy against antimicrobial resistance.

Attendance at the OIE allows Canadian officials to participate in numerous side meetings. Canada signed the following arrangements:

- Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Vaccine sharing arrangement with Quads (Canada, US, New Zealand, Australia) and Mexico – to increase the available number of doses of FMD vaccine available to a participant in the event of a FMD outbreak by entering into a sharing arrangement with the FMD vaccine banks of other participants.
- Zoning arrangement with Quads – to describe the principles and understanding reached by the participants that apply to trade between them with respect to the management of the animal health risks associated with a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak.
- International Animal Health Emergency Reserves implementation plan with Quads, Ireland and UK – to enable signatory countries to share personnel in the event of an emergency animal disease outbreak.

Centre for Emerging and Zoonotic Disease – Integrated Intelligence Response (CEZD-IIR) – Harry Gardiner

Harry Gardiner, CFIA, reviewed the plans to move CEZD-IIR from a successfully completed project to an integral part of Canada's animal health system.

CEZD-IIR uses electronic scanning of media coupled with review by analysts and a community of users to rank the risk of emerging and zoonotic disease identified in the various sources. It also has the ability for users to enter information on disease for consideration by the community.

Reports are generated weekly in both languages. The current method of distribution through the website will be replaced by email distribution in the near future. Other reports are possible and being more formally developed.

CEZD-IIR has a two-year implementation plan that began on April 1, 2016 on completion of the project.

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Work Areas

Antimicrobial Use/Antimicrobial Resistance – With the release of the advisory paper, “Antimicrobial Stewardship for Food Animals in Canada” which is now posted on the Council website, the Council is examining next steps on antimicrobial use and antimicrobial resistance. The advisory paper will provide input to the development of the pan-Canadian strategy on antimicrobial resistance being led by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The Council anticipates participating in that process.

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association will be hosting its annual summit in Niagara Falls on July 7, 2016 in conjunction with the CVMA convention. This year’s summit is titled Antimicrobials in Animal Health – the New Reality. Presenters include representatives of the food animal industry.

Emerging Issues – Domestic Market Access in an Emerging Disease

Planning is underway for a webinar with the livestock commodities to validate and refine the recommendations resulting from the study of domestic market access in Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea.

Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020

An update was provided on the contract with Dr. Jeffrey Spooner who will assist the Council in developing the stakeholder engagement and data input required to demonstrate progress on the strategic outcomes and priorities of the strategy. Participants of a pilot group have been identified and initial interviews are proceeding. The contract will be complete by September 30, 2016 and will be reported at Forum 2016.

Transport of Cull Dairy Cows

The project is underway under the direction of Dr. David Fraser and the support of Loblaw. An expert committee comprised of individuals active in different parts of the value chain and science met in Ottawa in March. With the leadership of Dr. Jane Stojkov, a PhD student leading the project, they began the process of describing the movement of cull dairy cows in Canada, understanding the extent of the animal welfare problems observed and developing a draft statement of best practices. The working group has identified some related projects underway in Canada and will take those into account.

This project will be reported more fully at the Council Forum in November 2016.

Monitoring recommendations

The Council regularly monitors the implementation of the recommendations which have been made since its inception. In the case of “An National Farm Animal Welfare System for Canada”, Dr. Jeffrey Spooner was contracted to assess the implementation progress through direct contact with stakeholders.

The knowledge gained allows Council to improve the quality of its recommendations and to revisit recommendations to reposition or deactivate them. There are times when conditions have changed, a more suitable stakeholder could have been identified or the issue was captured in a recommendation in another advisory statement.

In the future, stakeholder input to identifying progress on the strategic outcomes and priorities of Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 will provide further demonstration of implementation.

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International One Welfare Conference

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The Council is a sponsor of the [International One Welfare Conference](#) being held in Winnipeg September 26–28, 2016. The conference is designed to address the many facets of complex social situations where the welfare of both the humans and the animals involved are carefully considered in a positive solution.

Priority work areas

Council began the process of identifying priority work areas for the next year in a brainstorming session.

Upcoming meetings

Council meetings:

July 14, 2016 (teleconference)

August 11, 2016 (teleconference)

September 29–30, 2016 – in conjunction with the International One Welfare Conference in Winnipeg.

International One Welfare Conference – Winnipeg – September 28–29, 2016

CVMA Summit – July 7, 2016

SAVE THE DATE!

**The NFAHW Council Forum 2016
will take place in Ottawa on
November 29th and 30th**

Would your board like an update from the Council?

Member organizations are invited to request a presentation from Council at board or committee meetings. These can be done in person or electronically.

Council reports, meeting dates and other information can be found on the Council website at www.ahwcouncil.ca.

The NFAHW Council is composed of individuals designated or elected from the three stakeholder groups – industry, provincial/territorial government and federal government – which support the Council. Members are non-representational when working on Council. Animal health and welfare and public health are included in the Council membership. Additionally, Dr. Harpreet Kochhar sits as an ex-officio member in his role as CVO of Canada.

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