



National Coordination of Animal Health Surveillance in Canada

National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council Forum
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Background

- ▶ 2011 NFAHWC recommendation: ‘Canada needs, for health, economic, security and trade reasons, a national farmed animal health surveillance program’.
- ▶ Presented to leaders of government and industry entitled ‘Surveillance in a Time of Transition in Farmed Animal Health’.



Background

- ▶ The Council of Chief Veterinary Officers (CCVO) was tasked with implementing a collaborative model based organization to oversee the recommended program.
- ▶ The CCVO commissioned Jim Pettit and Associates Inc. to present a framework with accompanying terms of reference, for an organization that would coordinate and provide insight (governance) of Canada's animal health surveillance system.



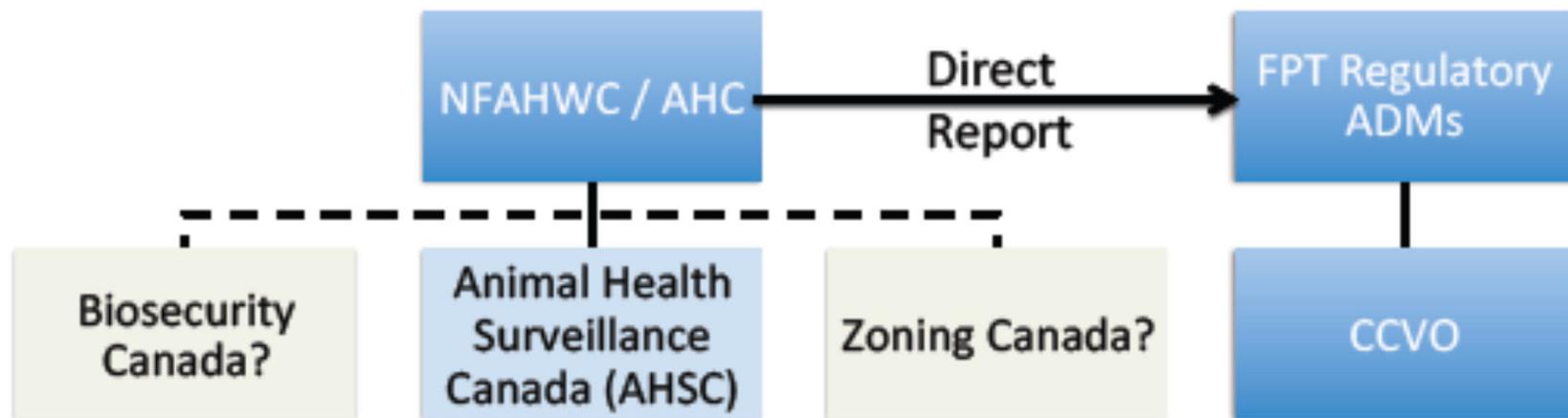
Project Deliverables

1. Framework of a comprehensive, collaborative farmed animal health surveillance system addressing:
2. Terms of Reference for a body that provides national coordination / oversight of the system.



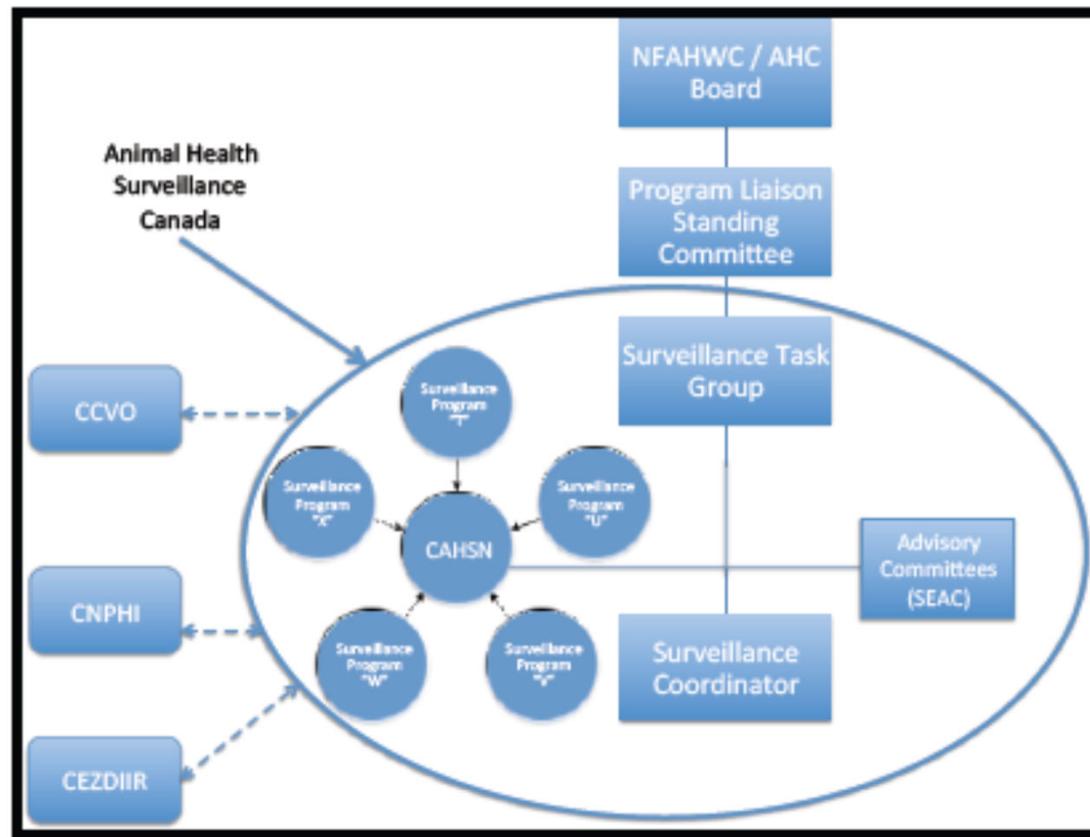
Framework

Positioning Surveillance within Canada's Broader Animal Health System



Framework

Components within the organizational unit (AHSC) – Elements



Terms of Reference

- ▶ Purpose of the Organization
 - AHSC will enhance animal health surveillance in Canada by
 - Providing coordination and governance;
 - Ensuring stakeholder engagement;
 - Enabling funding and allocation of required funds in an equitable manner;
 - Effectively integrating surveillance – and related elements and programs – within the larger context of Canada’s animal health system;
 - Recognizing programs that fulfill the required activities of surveillance, e.g. collection, collation, analysis and dissemination;
 - Defining appropriate dissemination methods and processes for surveillance outputs to appropriate recipients.

Terms of Reference

- ▶ Role of the Organization
 - AHSC is a tool to assist the stakeholders. It reports to stakeholders through the NFAHWC / AHC. It is not a decision making body in and of itself, unless it has been delegated to do so by the NFAHWC / AHC.
- ▶ Owners / Stakeholders
- ▶ Positioning and Legal Status
- ▶ Reporting Structure
- ▶ Internal Governance (Oversight)
- ▶ Components of Framework
- ▶ Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding



Recommendation 1.

1. That an 'Interim Champion' be engaged to determine whether there is buy-in to the framework of Animal Health Surveillance Canada and support for development of an implementation plan; by consulting one-on-one with leaders of owner & stakeholder organizations, using a clearly articulated and concise package that sets out the framework of the organization and how it enables national coordination in the context of refined problem and vision statements.



Recommendation 2.

- ▶ That a ‘Surveillance Coordinator’ be engaged, by the CCVO reporting to the NFAHWC pending formation of the AHSC, to: further develop Terms of Reference and an implementation plan, support and help develop the Program Liaison Standing Committee and Surveillance Task Group, establish connections with various surveillance elements and programs, assist the development of a strategic plan for animal health surveillance in Canada, and may also develop a recognition program for surveillance programs and dissemination plan for their outputs.

Recommendation 3.

- ▶ That the CCVO – comprised of both federal and provincial government representatives – continue in its role as an enabler of change.



Recommendation 4.

- ▶ Develop or establish the following, in a collaborative environment led by the (Interim) Champion with support from the Surveillance Coordinator, and ultimately accepted by the Board of Directors NFAHWC / AHC:
 - An Implementation Plan for AHSC, to be developed in Year 1 and implemented over the following 2 years and including the following;
 - Terms of Reference, using those provided here as a starting point;
 - Program Liaison Standing Committee and Surveillance Task Group;
 - Reporting relationship for CAHSN, within AHSC;
 - Dissemination Plan, for distribution of surveillance outputs to appropriate recipients, if not addressed in strategic plan;
 - Strategic plan for a national animal health surveillance system in Canada;
 - Evaluation and Recognition process for Surveillance programs, if not addressed in strategic plan; and
 - Prioritized disease categories, if not addressed in strategic plan.

CCVO Discussion

- ▶ The subcommittee working on this project has outlined two potential options in response to the report:
 1. Take no further action at this time and wait to see the outcome of other initiatives that would be necessary to fully implement the recommendations. Other initiatives include work on governance by the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council and the Regional Western Canadian Animal Health System.
 2. Proceed with working towards a nationally coordinated animal health surveillance system using the report as a guide to future activities. If this option is selected, how should the CCVO proceed?
 - What are potential solutions?
 - What is the CCVO role?
 - What are the next steps?

CCVO meeting outcomes

- ▶ The CCVO recommends that CAHSN play a larger role in a National Integrated System for gathering, storing and sharing data.
- ▶ The CCVO to look for a way to implement a surveillance coordinator dedicated to this file.



Questions??

