



# NFAHW COUNCIL

Forum 2013 update

NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

# NFAHW Council

- Formed in 2010 as a result of the NFAHW Strategy (2009)
- 3 year mandate - Mandate renewed – 2013
- 14 Members from industry, federal, provincial and territorial governments
- Government representation includes animal and public health
- Funded by industry, federal and provincial gov't

# Vision

“Canada values and supports the health, care and welfare of the farmed animal population and its contribution to the well-being of people, the environment and the Canadian economy.”

# 2012-13 Highlights

- Council scheduled regularly on the Reg. ADM agenda
- Renewal of mandate by Reg. ADMs and other stakeholders
- Implementation of animal welfare and surveillance recommendations has begun
- Relationships around the table continue to grow

# Work Areas

- Governance
- Strategy renewal
- Antimicrobial Use/Antimicrobial Resistance
- Emerging Issues
- Animal Welfare Research Capacity Project

# Governance

- Stakeholder input – Forum 2012
- Consultation within Canada and internationally to develop a model for presentation at Forum 2013
- Stakeholder input on the model at Forum 2013

Supported by the Institute on Governance

# Strategy Renewal

- The NFAHW Strategy (2009) due for renewal
- Intent is:
  - To continue the path established in the original strategy
  - Ensure the strategy is owned by stakeholders
  - Process to demonstrate stakeholder contribution to Strategic Outcomes

Supported by Nora Abercrombie – AB Agriculture

# Antimicrobial Use/Antimicrobial Resistance

- Working group established – includes Council, Public Health and Health Canada (VDD)
- Progress has been interrupted by changes in representation
- New chair will be appointed



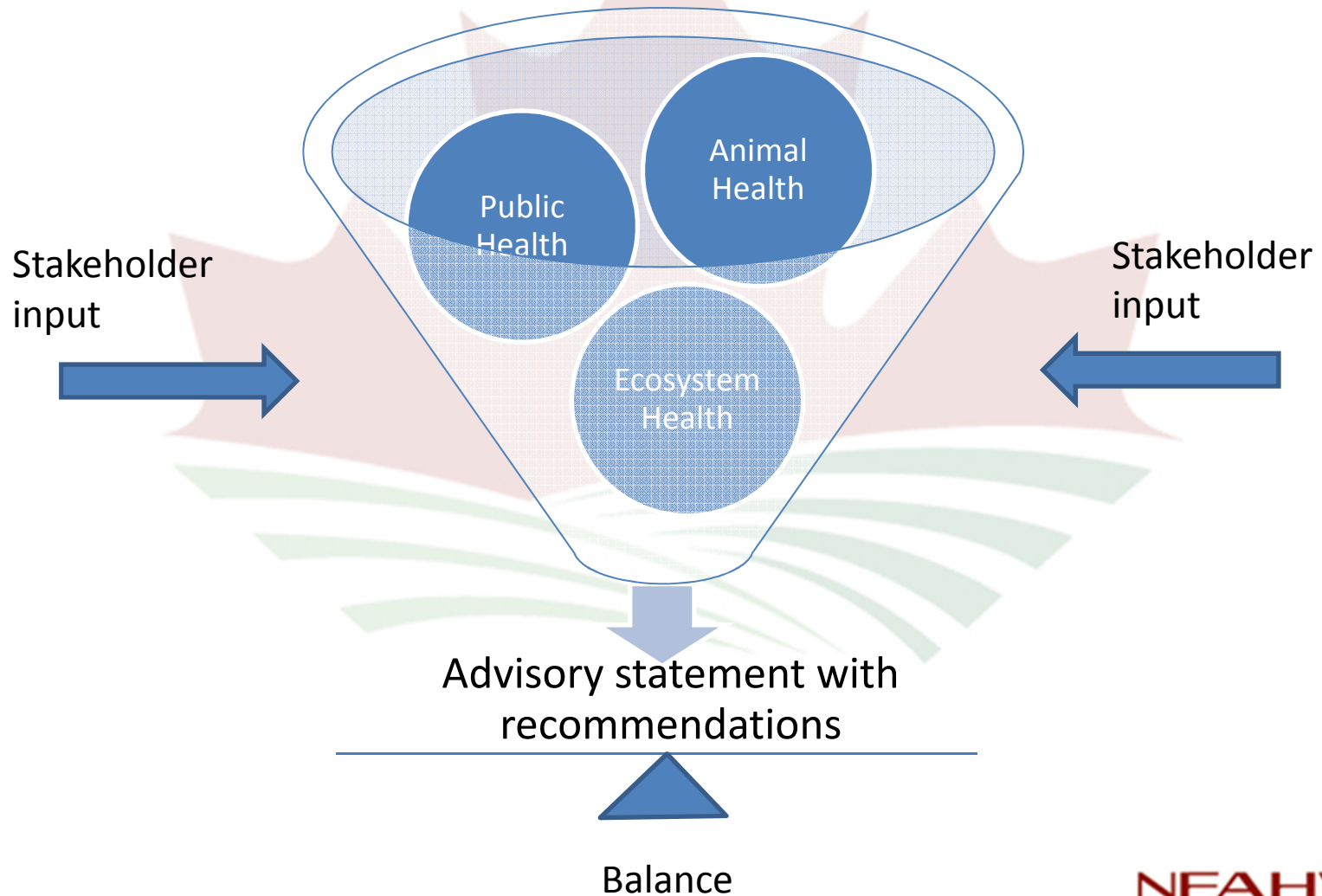
# Emerging Issues

- Used Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea as a model to consider how Canada should respond to emerging and re-emerging issues.
- Report from the working group and the implementation later in the agenda

# Animal Welfare Research Capacity Project

- A new project which comes as a result of recommendation 7 in the animal welfare advisory paper (2012)
- Led by AAFC and Council
- Initiated in November 2013
- Completion planned for April 2014.

# One Health, Collaborative



# Value of advice

- Recommendations advisory statements – surveillance, animal welfare and emerging issues have provided opportunities for organizations to begin implementation.
- Some organizations will report later on how they have used the recommendations.
- Recommendations have broad value in providing a vision of longer term outcomes.

# Reporting to FPT Reg. ADMs - workplan

- Improve animal health – one health principles -  
Governance
  - Collaborative approach in AHW programs
  - Surveillance linked – animal, human, wildlife and food safety – enhance anticipation
  - Animal welfare assurance system improved
  - Implementation of one health model
  - Renew NFAHW Strategy
- Antimicrobial Resistance
  - Implementation and linkage of surveillance systems monitoring use

# 2012-13 Annual report

- Available on the Council website
- Some printed copies at registration
- Outlines progress on the strategic outcomes of the NFAHW Strategy during the year

# Thanks for your vision and participation

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