

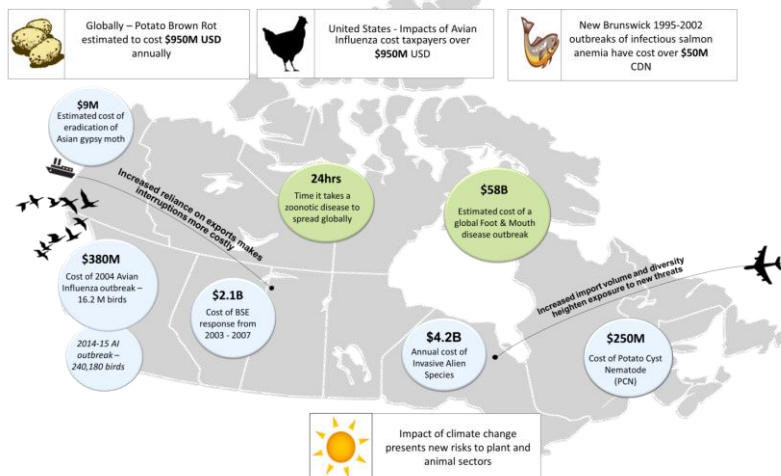


# PLANT *and* ANIMAL HEALTH STRATEGY *for* CANADA

Preparation meets Opportunity  
November 2017



## The Case for Change - The dynamic risk landscape affecting Canadian plant and animal resources



## Background

### How it began

- The agricultural operating environment is changing rapidly and the risks that can lead to outbreaks are increasingly complex
- Emergencies hold significant implications for human and animal health, the environment, production, trade and public confidence in the agriculture sector
- Under the Emergency Management Framework for Agriculture, the creation of a Plant & Animal Health Strategy (PAHS) was identified as a deliverable that would help address these issues

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## Why Develop a Strategy?



Risks that are becoming increasingly complex and continuously changing...

...revealing vulnerabilities in Canada's current approach to safeguarding plant and animal health

Focus on  
costly  
response  
and recovery

Number and diversity  
of partners and  
activities operating  
largely independently

The goal of the Strategy is to **modernize Canada's approach** by **emphasizing prevention** and **increasing coordination and collaboration** among plant and animal health partners

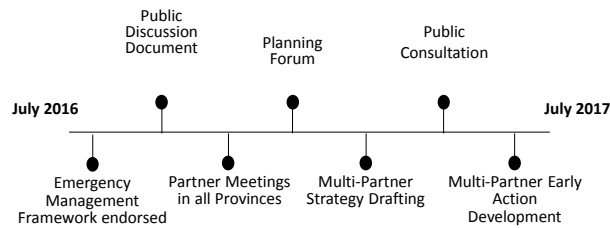
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## Plant and Animal Health Partners



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Multiple engagement opportunities brought partners together to co-create the Strategy, leading to a shared vision for plant and animal health

Partners identified 4 areas for action:



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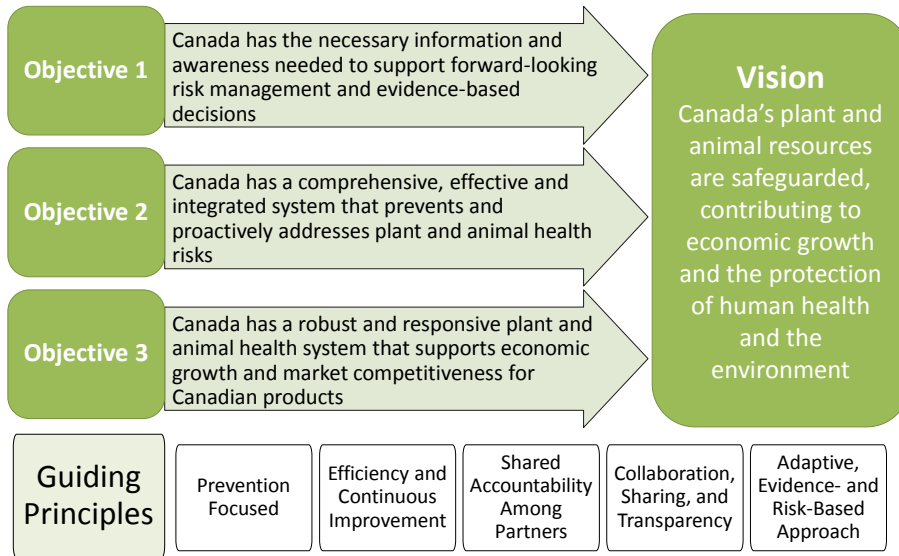
## VISION

Canada's plant and animal resources are safeguarded, contributing to economic growth and the protection of human health and the environment

Endorsed by Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Ministers of Agriculture  
July 21, 2017

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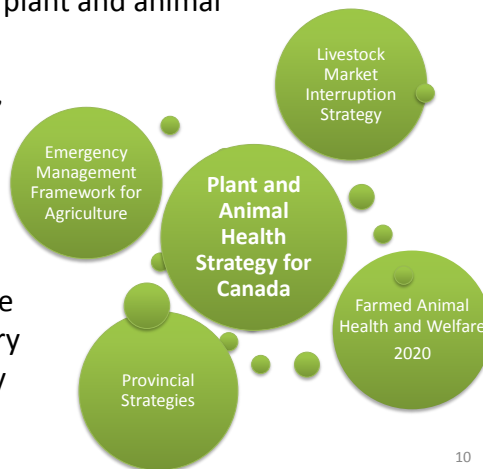
## Objectives for the Strategy



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## Related Initiatives

- There are many initiatives related to the Strategy that will advance plant and animal health as illustrated here
- Through ongoing dialogue, opportunities for collaboration will be identified
- The Strategy will aid in informing activities that are linked to the FPT Regulatory ADMs' National Regulatory Agenda



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## The Plant and Animal Health Strategy enables collaborative action

### Consultation on the draft Strategy: What We Heard

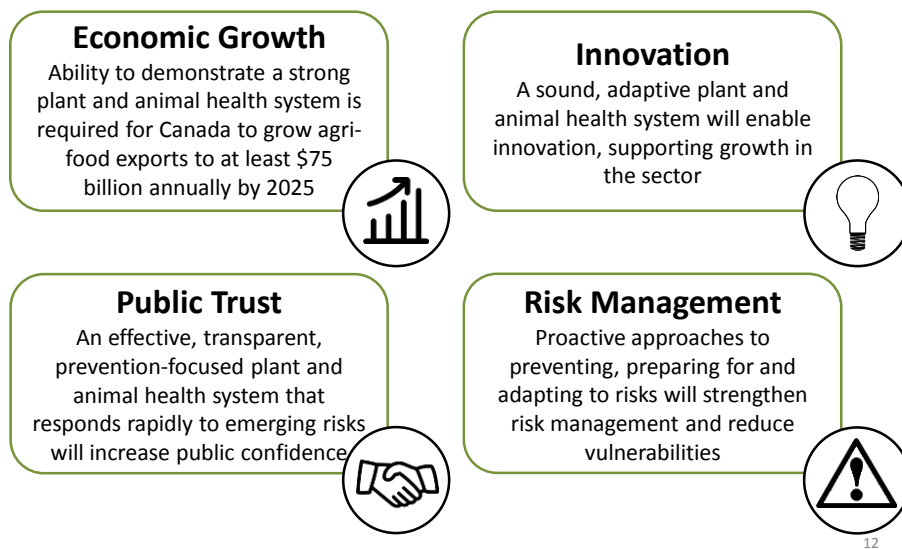
- Overall support for the Strategy
- Desire to set a sound foundation for implementation, with many questions on:
  - Resourcing
  - Roles and responsibilities
  - Timing/prioritization of activities
  - Measuring success

### Collaboration is the key to sustainable success

Two coordinating bodies will be established, one for plant health and one for animal health

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## Taking action will support key goals



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## Areas for Action

<p>Coordination through Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish processes, agreements, tools, communications plans and governance to support coordination</li> <li>• Pursue opportunities to engage internationally to collaborate on risk reduction</li> </ul>
<p>A System Founded on Prevention...  ...and Defended through Effective Response and Recovery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate and address capacity of partners to mitigate biosecurity risks at critical points</li> <li>• Develop a research strategy for plant and animal health that supports prevention and mitigation</li> <li>• Develop and /or regularly update plans and processes for responding to and recovering from emergencies</li> </ul>
<p>Collection, Analysis and Sharing of Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and deliver an approach to coordinate the collection and sharing of information across the System</li> <li>• Expand national capacity for analysis</li> </ul>
<p>Enabling Desired Behaviours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop capacity, awareness, and skills to enable desired behaviours</li> <li>• Promote behaviours using incentives and disincentives</li> </ul>

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## Implementation of the Strategy

- The strategy will be “evergreen” and evolving, being updated via a governance structure with co-ordinating bodies
  - All partner review during each five year cycle
- Plant and Animal Health partners would convene to review:
  - Changes in external environment e.g., risks/opportunities
  - Performance of the strategy
  - Medium and long term activities
  - Information to help build activities for the next 2-5 years

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## Need for a Coordinating Body

- Purpose and Mandate
  - Leadership and oversight of PAHS implementation and continuous evolution and adjustment of the Strategy
  - Advice and recommendations to partners: industry, FPT regulatory ADMs, federal departments, provinces and territories, academia and other stakeholders

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## Overview of Coordinating Body

- Representation of Partners and Involvement of Stakeholders
  - Government, industry, academia, +/-NGOs
- Responsibilities could include
  - Build relationships, communications, collaborations
  - Coordinate and monitor partners' implementation of activities
    - Take stock of partners' existing activities
    - Facilitate planning and priority setting and adjust as needed
    - Lead discussion on roles, responsibilities, and resources
- Mutual responsibilities of the two bodies (plant & animal) include
  - Share information, lessons learned
  - Prepare joint products (e.g., briefings) when required

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# Leveraging the Opportunity

Some thoughts on how we build on FPT ministerial endorsement of PAHS

## Demonstrate value

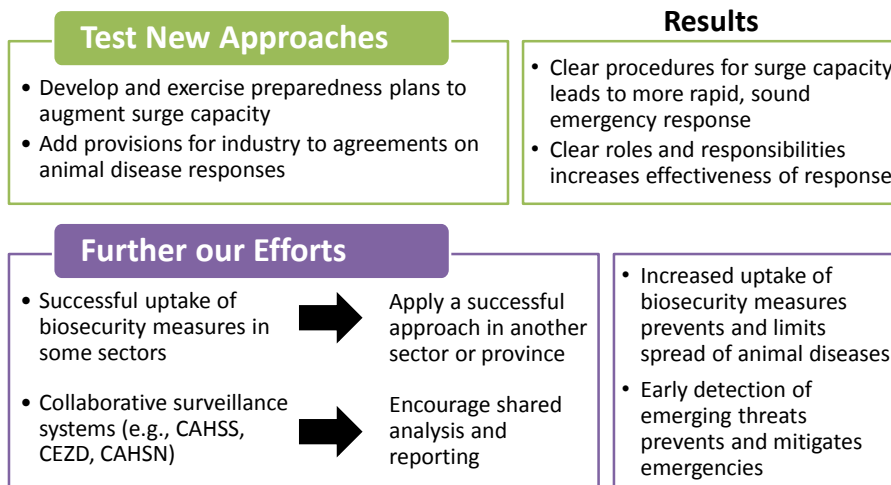
- Partners proceed with early stage implementation of the PAHS

## Near-term

- Planning for successful launch of the implementation of the PAHS in April 2018
  - Moving to simplified animal- and plant-specific PAHS-implementation governance structures
  - Creating separate ADM champions for plant and animal health implementation activities
  - Establishing the implementation coordination councils as outlined in the Strategy

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## Early actions are being explored to continue momentum



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## Next Steps

- Launch the implementation of coordinating bodies:
  - Continue discussions to agree on a coordinating body for animal health and welfare
  - Initiate FPT senior plant health official dialogue as first step towards facilitating the creation of *Plant Health Canada* as the plant health coordinating body
- Plan for and contribute to:
  - Short-term PAHS activities commencing in April 2018
  - Identifying roles, resources & contributions for longer-term PAHS implementation activities. Activities to be coordinated by the coordinating body.

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## The Strategy is a Unique Opportunity...

- To explore new ways for all partners to work together
- To identify best practices and harmonize them across the system
- To identify ways to make the system more efficient
- To recognize and help advance related initiatives



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## Annex 1: Plant and Animal Health Strategy for Canada - Envisioned System, Challenges, and Solutions

