

Animal Health Canada

Who Are the Drivers for Animal Health Canada?

VISION

A sustainable agriculture and agri-food sector strengthened by an inclusive industry-government partnership protecting the health and wellbeing of farmed animals.

MISSION

Animal Health Canada provides leadership in building a collaborative, multi-partner model that clarifies the respective roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of each partner in implementing an animal health strategy for Canada, beginning with emergency management.

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By July 2019

Initiate an inventory and gap analysis of animal health activities which will inform the identification of key criteria for the development of a new governance model for animal health in Canada

Initiate analysis on existing models nationally and internationally that may assist in the development of a new governance model for Canada

Provide a progress report to Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers

By November 2019

Identify the key desired criteria required for a new governance model for animal health in Canada

Develop an inventory of available resources, programs and organizations that currently support animal health in Canada

Compare the key desired criteria to the available resources, programs, and organizations that currently support animal health in Canada

Complete analysis on existing models nationally and internationally that may assist in the development of a new governance model for Canada

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MANDATE

Through consultation, gathering, analyzing and interpreting evidence, and discussion Animal Health Canada Working Group participants will generate recommendations and develop new partnership in support of a results-driven governance model for emergency response and animal health issues. The recommendations will focus on:

- Alignment of respective organizational responsibilities as well as legal and financial systems for accountable program delivery in areas such as disease surveillance, biosecurity standards and disease prevention, diagnostic capacity building, animal traceability/premises ID systems, emergency response operations, financial recovery framework, human resource capacity building, and animal health scientific infrastructure; and
- Leading initiatives to bring industry and government bodies (federal, provincial and territorial) into partnership(s) regarding resource-sharing and actions to be taken to maintain an evergreen animal health strategy for Canada for the management of programs in priority areas as agreed.

Animal Health Canada Overview

Animal agriculture is vital to Canada's food production and our nation's prosperity. The government has identified agriculture as a primary industry for growth and exports for Canada, with the Agri-Food Economic Strategy Table recommendations to increase ag exports to at least \$85 billion annually by 2025. The Strategy recommends strengthening the Canadian Agri-Food Sector by building "an agile regulatory system that supports innovation, provides certainty to industry, and protects health and safety". The importance of effective animal disease prevention, preparedness, response and recovery programming is essential to meeting that objective. Animal Health Canada believes a collaborative new animal health strategy is the best delivery mechanism for that programming.

Animal Health Canada provides a new collaborative approach to animal health management. We envision developing a holistic, results-driven governance model for animal health that will better ensure the health and wellbeing of Canada's farmed animals. The strategy will be informed and shaped with input and shared values of the livestock production value chain and federal, provincial, and territorial partners.

Demonstration of an effective collaborative approach may also enhance public trust regarding food safety, zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial stewardship, and animal care. It is important that government and industry align on the Animal Health Canada approach. Sharing resources will ensure effective implementation of programs and emergency response operations and improve vital capacities and scientific infrastructure.

If you would like additional information on Animal Health Canada, or if a representative from your organization would like to participate in the Animal Health Canada working group, please feel free to contact Megan Bergman at megan@ahwcouncil.ca