

# Animal Health Canada

Progress Report – May 2019

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## PROGRESS TO DATE

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- 15 industry associations and companies pledging \$140,000 to support the exploration and recommendation of options
- \$40,000 contribution from Quebec and \$30,000 contribution from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to support the animal health planning, preparedness, response and recovery gap analysis for Canada
- Secretariat support from AAFC
- At least \$73,875 in kind contributions from industry partners
- **Working Group Representation From:** Canadian Animal Health Coalition, the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association, the National Cattle Feeders Association, the Canadian Meat Council, the Canadian Pork Council, the Canadian Sheep Federation, the National Sheep Network, the Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Dairy Processors Association of Canada, Maple Leaf Foods, the Canadian poultry industry, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec
- Monthly AHC Working Group Calls, and two AHC Working Group Face to Face Meetings
- First AHC CEO Champions Committee Meeting scheduled for June
- 2019/2020 Workplan and Budget Developed
- Terms of Reference, Vision, Mission and Mandate Developed
- Request for Proposal to Conduct Gap Analysis posted
- Request for Proposal to Evaluate Governance Models Developed
- **Presentations To:** Pork, Sheep and Beef Value Chain Roundtables, the Canadian Council of Chief Veterinary Officers, the Livestock Market Interruption Strategy Committee and the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council Forum, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Agriculture Deputy Ministers, and the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Regulatory Assistant Deputy Ministers
- **Letter Submitted To:** Federal/Provincial/Territorial Agriculture Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Assistant Deputy Ministers, and the Canadian Council of Chief Veterinary Officers to seek support for Animal Health Canada

- **Meetings With:**
  - Assistant Deputy Ministers and Deputy Ministers of several provinces
  - Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)
  - Vice President of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Policy and Programs Branch
  - The President of CFIA

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## NEXT STEPS

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- Continue outreach to federal, provincial and territorial government representatives to seek support and engagement
- Continue industry outreach
- **Animal Health Canada Working Group Proposed Activities:**
  - Identify the gaps in planning, preparedness, response and recovery that could be addressed through governance changes or other organizational solutions
  - Develop an inventory of available resources, programs and organizations that currently support animal health in Canada
  - Identify the key desired criteria required for a new governance model for animal health in Canada
  - Identify current compensation and insurance options, and propose changes based on the gap analysis and proposed governance model.
  - Compare the key desired criteria to the available resources, programs, and organizations that currently support animal health in Canada
  - Undertake examination of existing models nationally and internationally that may assist in selecting a new governance model for Canada
  - Propose Canadian model options for further development

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 Dr. Megan Bergman at [megan@ahwcouncil.ca](mailto:megan@ahwcouncil.ca)