

FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

CANADIAN SHEEP FEDERATION



THE CANADIAN VERIFIED SHEEP PROGRAM,
WHICH INCLUDES THE INDUSTRY'S ON-
FARM FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM,
UNDERWENT AN 18-MONTH REVIEW

THE CANADIAN SHEEP FEDERATION
PARTNERED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE
AND HANDLING OF SHEEP



FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE 2020

The original National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009) was designed to provide strategic direction to farmed animal industry stakeholders to 2015. The renewed strategy includes revisions to the strategic outcomes and identifies priorities to provide direction for stakeholders to 2020.

The most significant advancement for the 2020 Strategy is the engagement of all stakeholders in contributing to the measurement of progress on the strategic outcomes and sharing the responsibility to report on the achievements of those outcomes in their own words.

CANADIAN SHEEP FEDERATION

The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) represents producers nationally through its Board of Directors, made up of representatives from provincial sheep associations and Affiliate Members. The CSF partners with national organizations and members of the industry value chain on key industry issues.

CSF'S PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES, AND OTHER NOTABLE EXAMPLES WHICH REFLECT WORK BEING DONE IN ACCORD WITH:

- "Safe food animal products are accessible to Canadians" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Emergency management" [5 Year Priority]



ACTIVITIES

- ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PROMOTION/RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS
- SUPPORTER OF CgFARAD
- RESPONSIBLE ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY
- CANADIAN VERIFIED SHEEP PROGRAM (CVSP)
- CVSP AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
- CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE & HANDLING OF SHEEP
- CANADIAN QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM ALLIANCE
- SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE COUNCIL
- PROVIDED INPUT ON HUMANE TRANSPORT REGULATIONS
- EDUCATIONAL PIECES
- CANADA'S VOLUNTARY SCRAPIE FLOCK CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
- SCRAPIE WORKING GROUP
- SCRAPIE ERADICATION STRATEGIC PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
- CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE VOLUNTARY HERD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
- NATIONAL MAEDI VISNA PROGRAM
- CANADIAN SHEEP INDUSTRY LEAD ON THE TRACEABILITY FILE
- CSF MEMBERSHIP ON TRACEABILITY COMMITTEES
- ANIMAL HEALTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- SHEEP INDUSTRY HEALTH & WELFARE STRATEGY

SAFE FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTS
ARE ACCESSIBLE TO CANADIANS
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)



CANADA PROTECTS THE WELFARE
OF FARMED ANIMALS
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(5 YEAR PRIORITY)



SAFE FOOD

The CSF developed and administers the Canadian Verified Sheep Program (CVSP) which includes an on-farm food safety program. The program trains producers on how to identify, mitigate and manage food safety hazards.

The CSF is a supporter of Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank (CgFARAD) and contributes to the responsible use of veterinary drugs. The CSF also developed a strategy for supporting producers through legislative changes.



ANIMAL WELFARE

The CSF recently added animal care assessment and biosecurity chapters to the CVSP. The program's Animal Care chapter is based on the Code of Practice. The Code of Practice is currently undertaking its five-year review. The CVSP animal care assessment framework provides a means of training producers on how to implement best animal care practices. Moreover, the CSF developed educational pieces and implemented an approach to reinforce appropriate tail docking practices.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The updated CVSP biosecurity chapter consists of enhanced biosecurity protocols and record keeping. The CSF, in conjunction with the CFIA, developed and implements Canada's Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

The CSF, with the National Maedi Visna Working Group, undertook the development of a national Maedi Visna Program. The CSF also administers the Chronic Wasting Disease Voluntary Herd Certification Program to producers in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

