

NFAHW Council update – January 2017

Teleconference January 12, 2017

Working groups provided updates on their activities since the December 2016 meeting and their plans for the coming year.

Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 (FAHW2020)

In December, the Council approved a plan to achieve a national report of activities which influence the strategic outcomes and priorities of FAHW2020 by the fall of 2020. Council approved funding for a contract with Dr. Jeffrey Spooner for the next stage of development which will involve engaging all industry partners in the process, ending with the development of an internal (not public) example report of activities. Industry partners will be contacted by Dr. Spooner. The project report will be provided at Forum 2017.

The WG will begin discussions with federal and provincial government partners to assess how these partners can be included in a national report and what type of information is important to include.

AMU/AMR WG

The AMU/AMR WG continues its involvement in the development of the pan-Canadian framework on AMR. The development of the framework is being informed by papers developed by task teams which include individuals with expertise in human and animal health. The WG reviewed and responded to the papers developed by the Stewardship and Infection Prevention and Control task groups in late December. The purpose of the review was to ensure accuracy and balance in the content.

Council will receive a presentation on a draft version of the pan-Canadian Framework on AMR at their March 2017 meeting. The development team believes the framework will be significantly developed at that time.

During 2017, the working group plans to:

Continue to monitor the development of the pan-Canadian Framework and ensure that the Framework accurately reflects the needs and activities of animal agriculture while addressing AMR.

Develop action plans for several recommendations in the Council report "Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada" (2016). This will provide the basis for Council leadership on actions which impact areas identified in the pan-Canadian Framework on AMR.

One Welfare WG

Building on issues identified at the international One Welfare Conference (September 2016) and the keynote address by Dr. Richard Rusk at Forum 2016, Council has formed a One Welfare WG. The WG will meet in early February for the first time to consider the scope of work and develop a term of reference.

Emerging Issues WG

The Emerging Issues WG will:

1. Review the comments from the participant “stickie” exercise at Forum 2016 to identify topics which are important to stakeholders and fit the mandate of the WG.
2. The WG will also explore consideration of the impact of slaughter capacity on disease management. The issue was identified in the Council reports, “Domestic Market Access in the 2014 Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Outbreak” and “Preparing for an Emerging Issue” both published in 2016. The issue of slaughter capacity has also been raised in other forums such as LMIS.
3. Continue to monitor emerging issues and the system requirements to effectively manage emerging issues
4. Develop action plans for one or more recommendations from the two reports published in 2016 which can benefit from Council leadership.

Transport of Cull Dairy Cows

The report of the meeting of the expert committee on the transport of cull dairy cows has been finalized and will be posted on the Council website once translated and formatted. While developed in the context of cull dairy cows, the Council recognizes that the same issues apply to cull beef cows.

The project being supported by Loblaw at UBC continues under the leadership of Dr. David Fraser and Yanne Stoykov.

FPT Regulatory ADM of Agriculture Committee

Council is a Committee of the FPT Regulatory ADM Committee and reports to that committee on a regular basis. The Regulatory ADMs are completing a strategic review of their work which may influence the Council work plan and reporting. The co-chairs and the secretariat are actively involved in the strategic development process with an objective of being more effective in our activities and the support of the agenda and priorities of the FPT Regulatory ADM committee.

Forum 2017

Forum 2017 is being planned for November 28 and 29, 2017 in Ottawa. Based on the growing size of the event and the comments received from Forum 2016 participants, alternate hotels are being explored.

The impact of “Canada 150” celebrations are also being considered. Watch for more information.

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- The Council meeting schedule is posted under *meetings*.
- Public documents are posted under *documents*

Would your board like an update from the Council?

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