

August 27, 2015

## **NFAHW Council update**

### **Teleconference August 13, 2015**

Council received updates on the following work areas:

#### **Emerging Issues**

The working group plans to study the loss of domestic market access in an emerging disease using the experience with PED as a model. Any recommendations will be tested against other species and disease situations.

The working group has been expanded to include a number of individuals with knowledge of the issue and will meet in late August by teleconference.

#### **AMU/AMR**

The AMU/AMR working group has been expanded to include a number of individuals with knowledge of the issue. The working group commits to ensuring broad input when moving forward. The work of the Council will focus on the Stewardship pillar of the Federal AMR Action Plan without ignoring the Surveillance and Innovation pillars.

The working group is planning to provide an update to stakeholders at Forum 2015 in November. A broader stakeholder input session is anticipated in the November – March period depending on progress to that date.

#### **Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020**

The working group is developing an online survey to gather information on activities of stakeholders which contribute to progress on the Strategic Outcomes and Priorities of Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020. A pilot group of organizations will be used to do the initial testing and improvement prior to general use.

An update will be provided at Forum 2015.

#### **Transport of cull dairy cows**

The Council project to study the transport of cull dairy cows and make recommendations is moving forward. Funding for a PhD student is anticipated. The PhD student will gather an expert focus group and develop a paper with the working group.

Watch for more details in upcoming Council communications.

**Forum 2015 – November 23-24, 2015 – Ottawa**

The Council's annual stakeholder meeting, Forum 2015, will once again provide a meeting place for stakeholders to provide input to enhancing Canada's animal health and welfare system.

**Theme: Innovation enhances farmed animal health and welfare Keynote speakers include: Dr. David Fraser and Dr. Theresa Bernardo**

**Agenda sessions: Council Update, Animal Welfare, Surveillance, AMU/AMR**

**Watch for agenda updates and registration information soon.  
We look forward to your participation.**

Council will meet in Ottawa on September 17-18, 2015

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