



**NFAHW Council – update to stakeholders**

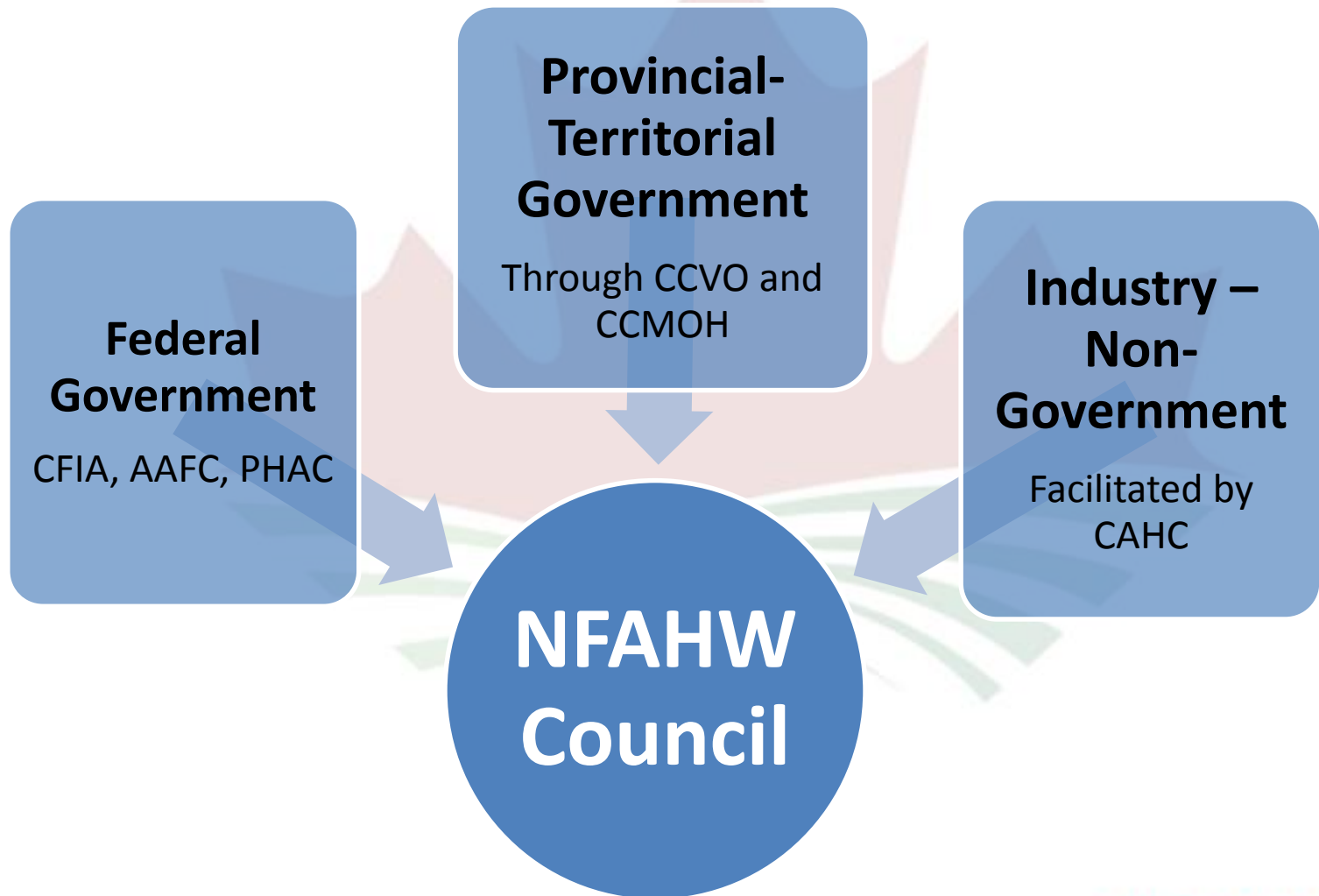
**Forum 2017**

# Vision

***“Canada values and supports the health, care and welfare of the farmed animal population and its contribution to the well-being people, the environment and the Canadian economy.”***

Farmed Animal Health  
and Welfare 2020  
(2014)

# Collaborative, One Health Approach



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November 2017

# Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020

Provides strategic direction and priorities for stakeholders to 2020

## Priorities

- Emergency Management
- Social License
- Leadership development

# Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020

## Strategic outcomes

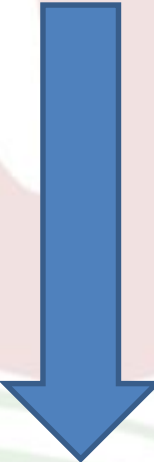
- Safe food products are accessible to Canadians
- Canada protects the health of farmed animals, people and the ecosystem (One Health)
- The Canadian farmed animal industry is profitable and sustainable
- Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals
- The Canadian farmed animal health and welfare system is trusted world wide
- The Canadian farmed animal health and welfare system is coordinated and constantly improved.

# Change mechanisms

- **Sharing information** in Council discussion affects individual actions
- **Advice** to Reg ADMs and stakeholders – identifying lead roles where possible
- **A cascading initiative** at Council from advice
- **Facilitator or catalyst** for change

# Implementation

Recommendations on Key Issues



Implementation  
by stakeholders

Progress on strategic outcomes and priorities  
of Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020



# NFAHW Council

AMU/AMR

Emerging Issues

Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020

One Welfare

Animal Welfare

Finance, Communications and Management Committees

Invited external participation to expand expertise and knowledge as required

## 2017 Working Groups and Committees

# FPT Regulatory ADMs of Agriculture

- Sub-Committee of the Reg ADM committee
- Regularly report to the Reg ADM Committee
- Annually align our work plan with the Reg ADM priorities
- Participated in a joint FPT Reg and Policy ADM meeting this year
- Contributed to the Reg ADM Committee strategic planning

# Working Groups

- Individual working groups will provide updates on their activities.
- For Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020, Dr. Jeffrey Spooner will report on further development of a report of progress on the priorities and strategic outcomes of FAHW2020.

# AMU/AMR WG



# Council reports – AMU/AMR

Three reports developed

- Antimicrobial Resistance and Antimicrobial Use Initiatives in Humans and Animals in Canada - 2012
- Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance - Strategies for Animal Agriculture - 2014
- **Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada - 2016**

# Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada - 2016

## **Focus**

### Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Includes Infection Prevention and Control
- Recognizes the need for Surveillance and Innovation to be successful

## **Outcome**

- Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada published in 2016 is the reference document.
- Utilized in pan-Canadian AMR Framework development
- WG presented to the Stewardship Task Team
- Called to witness at the Commons' Standing Committee on Health – November 2017

# AMU/AMR Next Steps

- Develop leadership role for Council on AMR
- Collectively advance AMR initiatives in collaboration with the commodity groups and veterinary groups
- Review, revise, emphasize and prioritize recommendations in Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada

# One Welfare





# One Welfare

As a concept “One Welfare” is a call to recognize the many social interconnections between human welfare, animal welfare and the integrity of the environment. In practice, it is also a call for a coordinated program of action:

- to improve animal welfare in order to improve human welfare (and vice versa),
- to co-ordinate actions between animal protection and other services, and
- to protect the environment as a fundamental step for both human and animal welfare.

# One Welfare

- Council interest and study began with participation in the International One Welfare Conference in Winnipeg in 2016
- Further study included:
  - Existing programs/projects in Canada
  - Some international activities
  - The needs of producers, farm staff, service providers and veterinary personnel in the agriculture community were considered
  - Non-exceptional operating conditions

**Interim report on One Welfare is available on line and  
at registration**

# Key Factors Identified

- Open discussion on mental wellness in agriculture is required
- Local capacity for identification and response needs to be developed
- Existing services should be adapted to agriculture needs and integrated into response
- Further research and study is needed

# Identified Actions

- Development of a cross-jurisdictional and multi-stakeholder leadership group to enhance communications, education, and support services
- Communication and education programs address the wellbeing of producers, farm staff, service providers and veterinary personnel working in agriculture
- Support of research and knowledge translation that is focused more specifically for agriculture
- Dialogue across all stakeholders in the agricultural industry to understand means of normalizing the importance of personal wellbeing

# Emerging Issues



# Potential project

Together with LMIS members responsible for humane destruction and disposal proposed a joint project to investigate with slaughter plants the key issues to be discussed to gain access to slaughter plants when:

- Mass humane destruction and disposal is required
- An emerging disease situation is disrupting market access

# Animal Welfare



# Management of Cull Dairy Cows

- Advisory statement with 19 recommendations
- Follow-up actions underway



# Animal Welfare Law

- Summary of provincial, territorial and federal law
- Recommendations

# National Animal Welfare System

- 2012 Advisory statement:
  - 22 recommendations
- Follow-up study by Jeffrey Spooner
- New strategy document planned for 2018

# Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 (FAHW2020)



# Progress since the last update

## 2017 Pilot Interviews:

- Canadian Animal Health Institute
- Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians
- Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians
- Canadian Federation of Humane Societies
- Canadian Hatching Egg Producers
- Chicken Farmers of Alberta
- Manitoba Pork Producers
- Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency
- Turkey Farmers of Canada

## Progress since the last update

- All “2020” related activities reported during both pilot phases were organized according to the *Strategic Outcomes* and *5-Year Priorities* of the strategy
- An early concept for an eventual report was drafted and reviewed by the Working Group and Council

# Goals for the FAHW 2020 reports

- Showcase an extensive range of reported activities
- Enable contributors to share and learn from one another
- Utilize an engaging format offering a variety of presentation styles
- Make reports concise, interactive, and highly accessible (e.g., convey 'good stories', provide links to more info, avoid jargon)
- Publish interim reports to stimulate successive contributions and reflect progress

# General outline for the reports

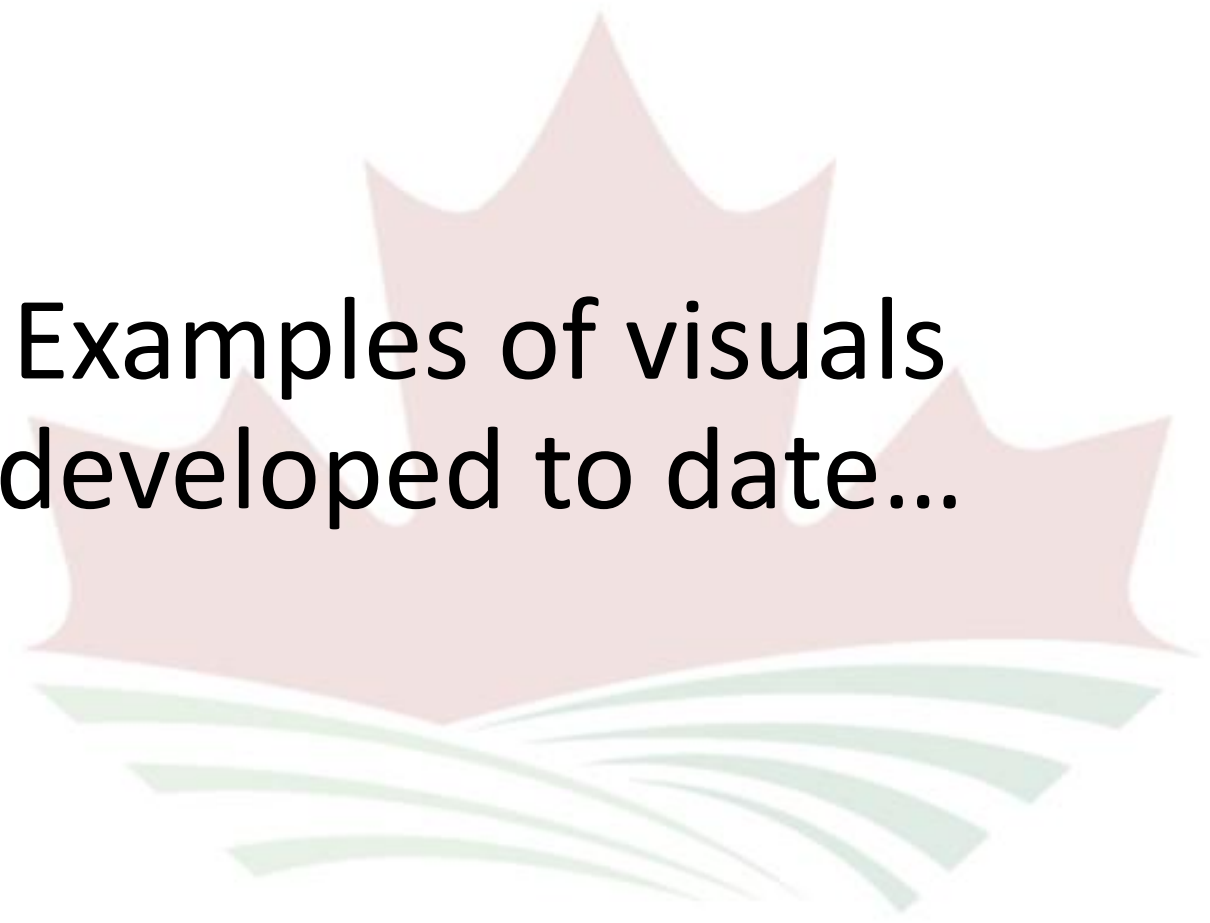
- Organize according to “2020” priorities and strategic outcomes
- Include a general introduction per section (i.e., reflecting collective activities)
- Showcase unique/innovative activities and collectively representative examples
- Use a variety of presentation techniques:
  - Short articles plus Q & A’s
  - Visuals (e.g., charts, diagrams, tables)
  - Bullet point lists featuring major achievements
  - Quotes from contributors

# Building and Maintaining Public Confidence

## Example Activities

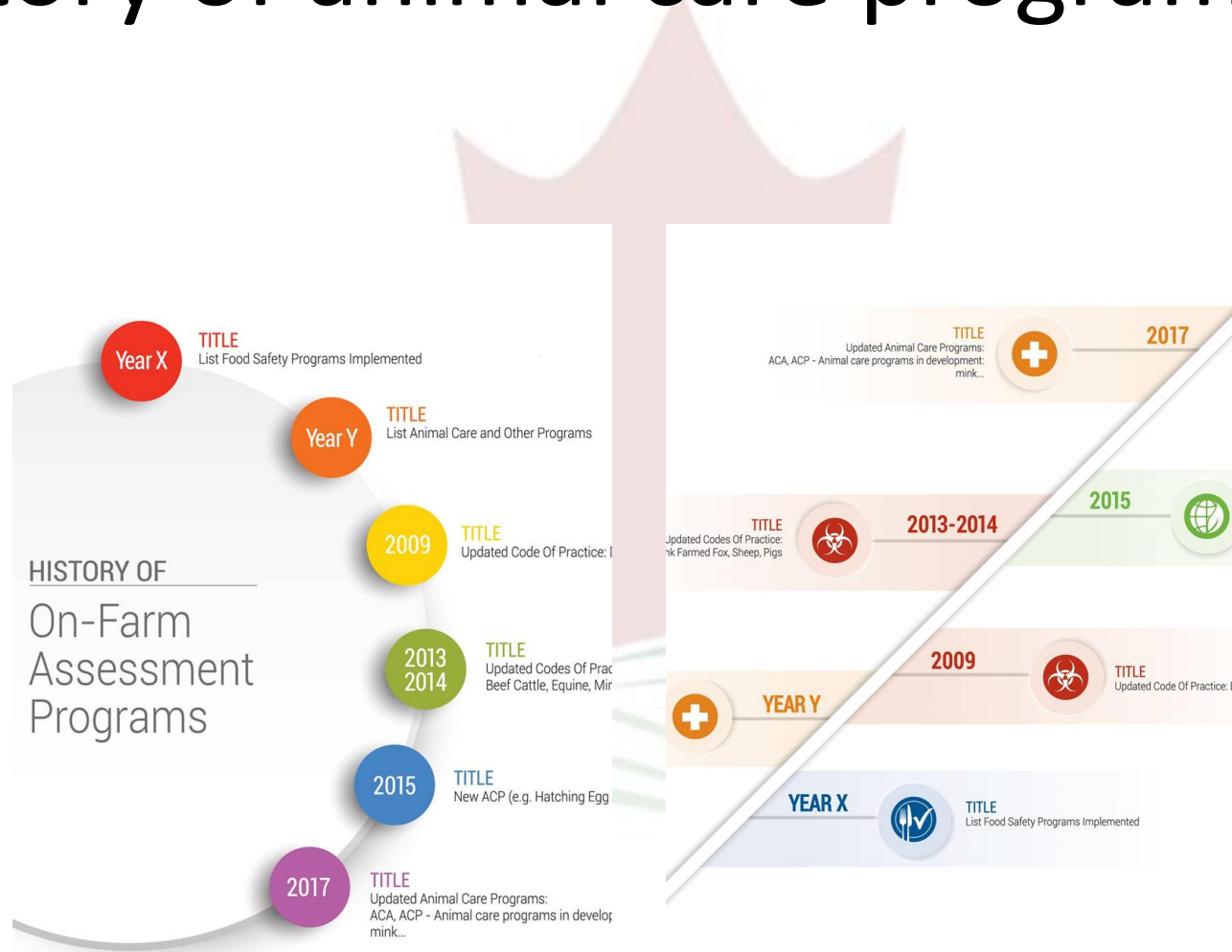
- Food safety stream
- Animal health stream
- Animal welfare stream
- Building blocks to One Health/Welfare





Examples of visuals  
developed to date...

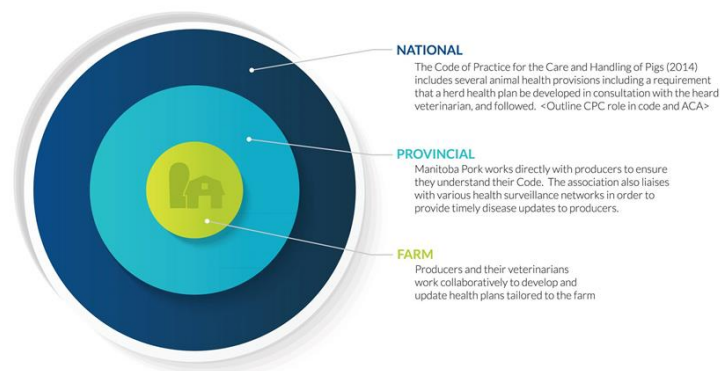
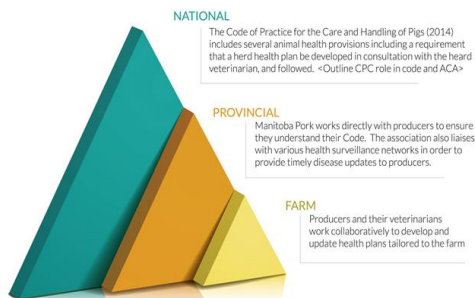
# History of animal care programs



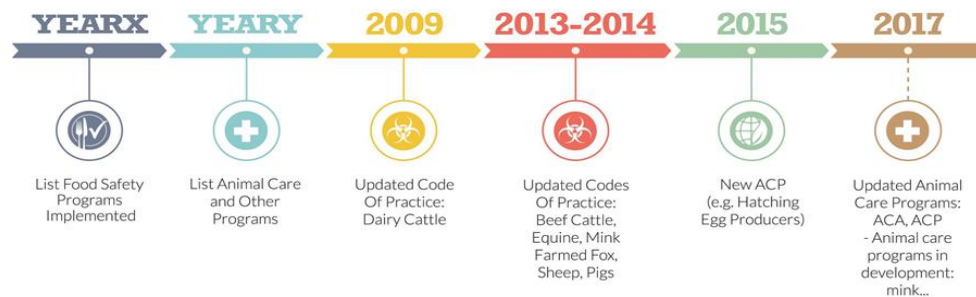
# From policy to practice: a case example from the pig industry



## FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE: A CASE EXAMPLE FROM THE PIG INDUSTRY



# Timeline Showing QA programs and impact on specific areas



Icons represent:

- Food Safety
- Biosecurity
- Environment
- Animal Care

- Each year a different colour
- Show completed programs with solid line; show programs in development with hatched line
- Use of icons for categories



# Building blocks to One Health

- Spotlight on...
  - Development of research priorities that fall under the One Health umbrella
  - Environment and socio-economic Life Cycle Assessments
  - Sustainability roundtables
  - Veterinarian health and wellness resources



# Next Steps

## **Plan and implement the next engagement process:**

- Invite input on some (not all) priorities and outcomes at a time
- Avoid exceedingly broad/general questions
- Avoid questions likely to invite or require repeated contributions
- Encourage respondents to consider/include a wide range of activities

## **Concepts for future engagements**

- Automate responses, wherever appropriate
- Display history of prior contributions enabling participants to simply update with new activities and achievements

Thank you!



# Stakeholder Communications

- Website - [www.ahwcouncil.ca](http://www.ahwcouncil.ca)
  - Annual report
  - Audited Financial reports
  - All advisory statements
  - Meeting schedule
  - Contact information
- Newsletters after meetings
- Presentations
- Annual Forum



# Thank you

The Council thanks all individuals and organizations who have contributed through:

- Financial and in-kind contributions
- Participation in working groups
- Further distribution of Council communications
- Participating in Council activities
- Commitment to a collaborative approach



Questions?