

NFAHW Council update – April 2016

Teleconference April 14, 2016

Council received updates on the following work areas:

Emerging Issues

Domestic Market Access in an Emerging Disease

The paper developed on domestic market issues experienced during the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea outbreak in 2014 was reviewed by Council. The paper will be used to consult further with commodities to validate the findings of the study in other food animals and poultry.

In the context of an emerging disease, the recommendations cover risk mitigation; emergency preparedness; biosecurity; support for producers and others affected by the event; and access to slaughter facilities. While the recommendations are broad and involve all stakeholders, lead organizations are identified.

The working group included not only members of the NFAHW council, but also various industry stakeholders, private practitioners, and government to ensure a balanced and broad analysis. The Council appreciates the input of individuals who were added to the working group for this study, their experience in the PED outbreak provided a ground level view of what happened.

Antimicrobial Use/Antimicrobial Resistance

The Council AMR document, "Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada" is in final stages of preparation for distribution to all stakeholders following approval on a special Council teleconference on March 30, 2016.

The document will be used as a resource in the development of the pan-Canadian AMR Strategy which is being led by PHAC. The committee structure for the development of the pan-Canadian AMR Strategy is established and being populated. First meetings of the steering committee are anticipated for late April/early May. Specific committees are being formed to consider the three pillars identified in the Federal AMR Strategy – Surveillance, Stewardship and Innovation.

The Council will continue to work on AMU and AMR through the year through the pan-Canadian strategy process and stakeholder communications.

Organizations are invited to request a presentation on the paper and the recommendations by contacting the Council secretariat (nfahwcouncil@animalhealth.ca)

Transport of cull dairy cows

The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council (NFAHWC) hosted an expert consultation on the management of cull dairy cows on March 23-24 in Ottawa. The consultation brought together 14 experts including producers and producer organizations, veterinarians, regulators, processors, and the livestock auction, transport and slaughter sectors.

The Council had identified the management of cull dairy cows as an important issue for animal health and welfare because these animals are often transported long distances from farm to slaughter, and they are managed under regulatory systems provincially and federally. The findings of the meeting, together with follow-up investigation during 2016-17, will help the Council to identify potential weaknesses in the current system, promising approaches used in certain provinces, and make recommendations.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. David Fraser who is leading the project along with fellow Council members Gary Bowers (a dairy producer from Quebec) and Dr. Jane Pritchard (Chief Veterinary Officer of British Columbia) with the assistance of Ms. Nicole Sillett (Dairy Farmers of Canada) and Dr. Yanne Stojkov (University of British Columbia) whose involvement is supported by the Loblaw Corporation.



Photo, left to right:

Colin Radom (Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians/Association Canadienne des Vétérinaires Bovins); Rick Peters (Steve's Livestock Transport Ltd); Nicole Sillett (Dairy Farmers of Canada); Steve Spratt (Ottawa Livestock Exchange); Warren Skippon (Saputo); Todd Duffield (Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph); Yanne Stojkov (University of British Columbia); Gordon Doonan; Pauline Duivenvoorden (Dairy producer and former NFAHWC member, Newfoundland); Gary Bowers, (Dairy producer and NFAHWC member, Quebec); Michelle Groleau (Canadian Food Inspection Agency); Mike Draper (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs); Deb Hauptstein (SaskMilk); David Fraser (University of British Columbia)

Absent: André Roy (Union des Producteurs Agricoles)

Not shown: Dennis Schroeder (Cargill Ltd.)

CVMA report – “Veterinary Oversight of Antimicrobial Use – A pan-Canadian Framework of Professional Standards for Veterinarians”

The Council’s AMR working group will review the CVMA paper and prepare a response for consideration of Council.

Forum 2016

Forum 2016 will be held November 29-30, 2016 in Ottawa. Council was invited to comment on initial planning and to provide input on specific topics and speakers. **Note the change of date.**

Watch for further information, we look forward to seeing you there.

SAVE THE DATE

The NFAHW Council Forum 2016 will take place in Ottawa on November 29th and 30th

Upcoming meetings and events

NFAHW Council teleconference – May 12, 2016

NFAHW Council meeting – June 16 & 17, 2016 - Toronto

[International One Welfare Conference](#) – Winnipeg – September 26 - 28, 2016

Forum 2016 – November 29-30, 2016

Council website – www.ahwcouncil.ca

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

Would your board like an update from the Council?

Member organizations are invited to request a presentation from Council at board or committee meetings. These can be done in person or electronically. nfahwcouncil@animalhealth.ca