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NFAHW Council update

Teleconference January 14, 2016

At its first meeting of 2016, Council received updates on the following work areas:

Emerging Issues

Domestic Market Access in an Emerging Disease

The working group is studying the loss of domestic market access in an emerging disease using the experience with PED as a model. The working group was expanded to include producers, producer organizations, veterinarians, processors, CFIA, provincial CVO and transporters with experience in PED. Some further information is being sought from processors and a report is anticipated at the March 2016 Council meeting. Before finalizing, the recommendations will be tested with other commodities to validate them.

CFIA "Decision-Analysis Tool for the Characterization of CFIA Involvement and Role in Animal Health Events"

The core working group will meet with CFIA staff by teleconference on January 15 to continue the review of the CFIA "Decision-Analysis Tool for the Characterization of CFIA Involvement and Role in Animal Health Events" which is being considered for use in disease management. Seneca Valley Virus has been chosen as the disease that will be used to examine the decision tool. The tool is being proposed to determine the role of the CFIA and Canada's CVO in a disease response. The tool should assist collaboration with partners by providing an accessible and transparent rationale for defining roles and responsibilities and establishing pre-defined triggers for review and possible reallocation.

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 Council discussed the principles being used by the working group, what would be considered success and metrics that could be used to measure success. The report of the working group is progressing and will be discussed more fully at the March 2016 meeting of Council.

Antimicrobial resistance is a focus of considerable work in Canada and globally. When considering stewardship, antimicrobials in Health Canada's antimicrobial classifications I, II and III are included. It is recognized that animal agriculture needs access to antimicrobials for therapeutic use. There is a large role for awareness, education and training as changes are made.

Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020

The working group has contracted Dr. Jeffrey Spooner to assist with the development of a survey tool which can be used to collect stakeholder input to demonstrate progress on the strategic outcomes and priorities of Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020. The initial work will be piloted with a selected group of stakeholders and will be completed by September 30, 2016.

Transport of cull dairy cows

Dr. Yanne Stojkov, a PhD student at UBC, has been identified by the working group to lead the development of this topic. Invitations have gone to a broad group of experts to attend a first meeting to be held in Ottawa in March 2016 to begin the process of collecting data and best practices.

The NFAHW Council is composed of individuals designated or elected from the three stakeholder groups – industry, provincial/territorial government and federal government – which support the Council. Members are non-representational when working on Council. Animal health and welfare and public health are included in the Council membership. Additionally, Dr. Harpreet Kochhar sits as an ex-officio member in his role as CVO of Canada.

SAVE THE DATE

The NFAHW Council Forum 2016 will take place in Ottawa on November 28th and 29th

Council will meet again by teleconference on February 11, 2016

Council website – www.ahwcouncil.ca

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