

May 22, 2015

## NFAHW Council update notes

### Teleconference May 14, 2015

**Expansion of the Council membership** – The Retail Council of Canada (RCC) responded favourably to the invitation by the Council to join the NFAHW Council. The RCC represents the majority of the grocery retailers who have a close relationship with consumers. The Council believes that the addition of the RCC to the Council would bring an important perspective to its discussions.

**Transport of cull cows** – An update of this work area was received from the lead, David Fraser. This will be an agenda item in the June meeting.

**Emerging Issues working group** – The working group revised the report of the review of the proposed Decision-Analysis Tool for the Characterization of CFIA Involvement and Role in Animal Health Events to reflect the comments at the last Council meeting. A response from CFIA will be received at the June meeting.

The working group also has begun studying the impact of an emerging disease on market access for animals. A further report will be presented at the June meeting.

**Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020** – The working group updated the Council on its scope of work and work plan. Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 provides strategic direction for animal agriculture until 2020. It anticipates the engagement of stakeholders to achieve progress on the strategic outcomes and priorities. Stakeholders will be invited to report on activities which contribute to this progress using an on-line tool.

The working plan includes identification and development of an appropriate reporting tool, communication to stakeholders about the Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 and once enough data is collected, analysis of the data and reporting of progress.

An update on the work plan will be presented at the June meeting.

**AMU/AMR** – Antimicrobial use and antimicrobial resistance is an area where the Council can provide leadership. The Council working group is preparing a proposal for the June meeting which will outline the areas of emphasis and timelines for the Council. In the Federal AMR Action Plan, there are three pillars, Surveillance; Stewardship; and Innovation. At this time, emphasis will be on Stewardship while recognizing the importance of Surveillance and Innovation in managing AMR in a One Health context. The Council strategy on AMR - Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance - Strategies for Animal Agriculture (2014) – has demonstrated industry leadership and provided recommendations for further

advancement on AMR. PHAC has presented a Federal Strategy and Action Plan. The intent is that these will move to National activities with the engagement of stakeholders in animal agriculture and human medicine in discussions on a One Health approach.

**Aquaculture** – The Council has invited Ruth Salmon, Executive Director of the Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance to make a presentation at its September meeting. There are many common issues between terrestrial and aquatic animals.

**Annual Report** – Council’s 2014-15 annual report will be an electronic report. A limited number of “handout” versions will be available in hard copy. A draft version of the report will be presented to the June meeting.

**Council Invoices and Forum Sponsorship Request** – At the request of supporters of the Council, the request for Forum sponsorship was included with the annual invoices distributed at the end of April. Organizations have indicated that it is preferable to have a single request for funding rather than a separate request for Forum sponsorship.

The Council will continue to monitor the implementation of recommendations made in its previous advisory statements throughout the year.

**NOTE to Stakeholders** – if you have an event you would like to have shared on the Council website, please send the information to the Council secretariat [nfahwcouncil@animalhealth.ca](mailto:nfahwcouncil@animalhealth.ca)

**Council website** – [www.ahwcouncil.ca](http://www.ahwcouncil.ca)

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The NFAHW Council Forum 2015 will take place in  
Ottawa on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>