



2012 Council Update Report
Forum 2012

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NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

National Farmed Animal Health & Welfare Council

- Formed in 2010 to oversee the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy
- Council increased to 14 to include representation from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (CCMOH)
- Meets quarterly with monthly conference calls
- Terms of Reference provide guidance

Purpose and Mandate (Scope)

- To establish a more harmonized and integrated approach to the management of the broad animal health and welfare program continuum and system in Canada.
- To provide scientific, strategic and policy advice and recommendations on animal health and welfare matters to the FPT Reg ADMs, CFIA, provinces/territories, industry and non-government stakeholders (NGS).

Council is advisory, not operational

Council Members

- Ian Alexander
- Pauline Duivenvoorden/
David Murray
- David Fraser
- Gerald Hauer
- Kathryn Koliaska
- Wayne Lees (Co-Chair)
- Jennifer MacTavish
- Michel Major
- Rob McNabb (Co-Chair)
- Florian Possberg
- Mark Raizenne
- John Ross
- Rick Thiessen
- Norm Willis

2011-2012

What will the council provide?

- One-stop shopping for collaboration on multiple issues
- Potential to reduce meetings, effort
- Streamline processes
- Comprehensive approach, not single-issue
- Monitor results, effectiveness using the eight outcomes described in the NFAHWS

Human Health

Animal Health

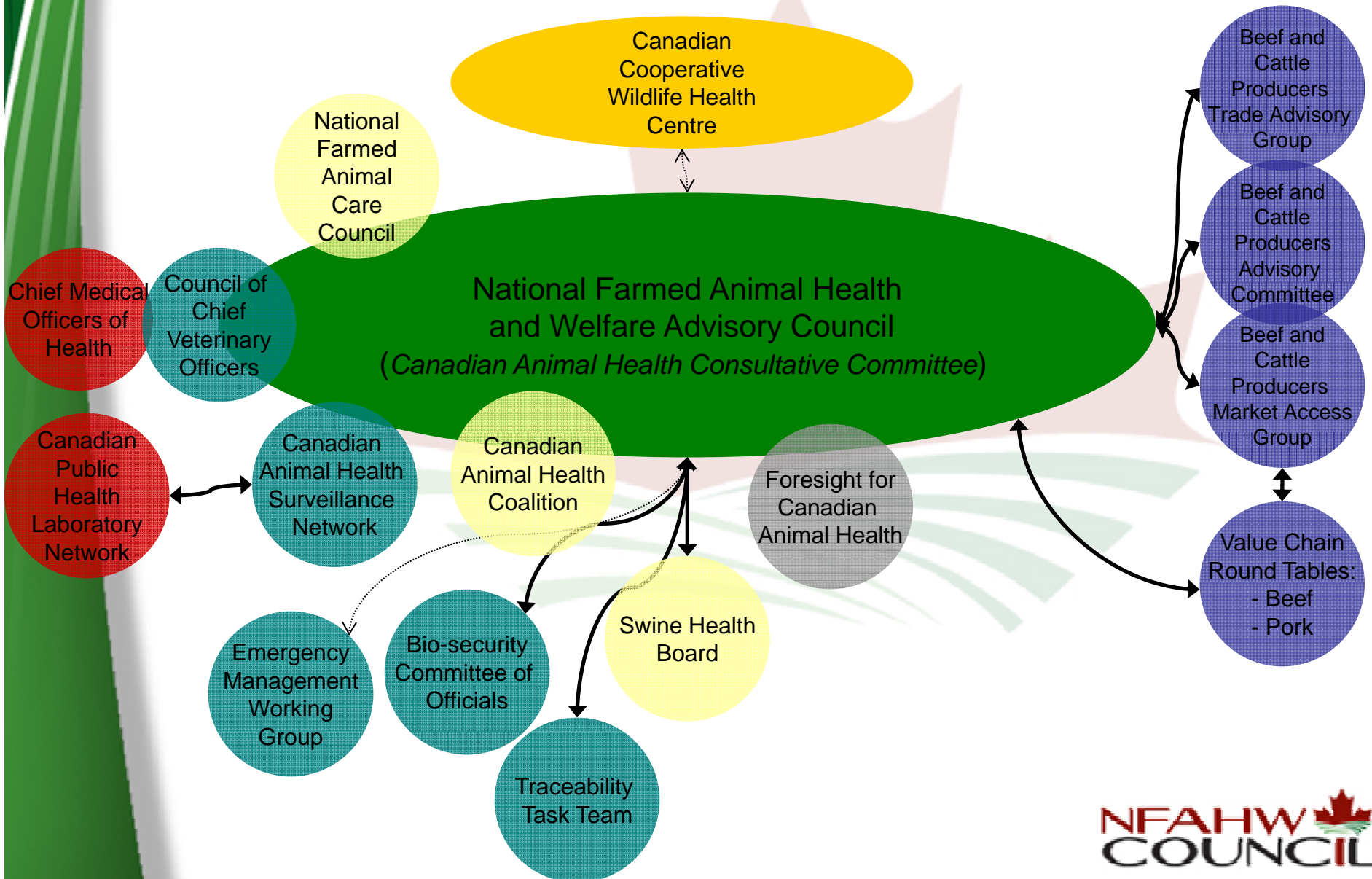
Economics

Programs and Systems

Foresight, Innovation and Research

Communication

Market Access and Recovery



Strategic Outcomes

Improve capacity to:

1. Avoid threats and anticipate opportunities
2. Respond to threats and create opportunities
3. Protect ecosystem health
4. Protect public health

Improve:

5. Public confidence in Canada's farmed animal health system
6. Market access
7. Farmed animal care and welfare
8. Industry viability

Improve Capacity to Avoid Threats and Anticipate Opportunities

“Providing anticipation and forewarning of adverse events leading to avoidance and prevention”

- **Anticipation and Agri-Intelligence** is key
 - Interim report encourages active development by all stakeholders.
- **Surveillance** is a critical component of anticipation and agri-intelligence.
 - “**Surveillance in a time of Transition in Farmed Animal Health**” recognizes the need for active surveillance with input by all involved stakeholders

Improve Capacity to Respond to Threats and Create Opportunities

“Building on preparation for a rapid and effective response”.

- **“Surveillance in a time of Transition in Farmed Animal Health”**, provides a vision for advancing surveillance capability and coordination to ensure early identification and communication of disease with engagement of all stakeholders.
- Council received two presentations which expanded understanding of two activities focused on preparedness:
 - ForeCAN
 - Livestock Market Interruption Strategy

Improve Public Confidence in Canada's Farmed Animal System

“Accomplished through communication messages which demonstrate that animal health, public health, and ecosystem health are in balance”

- **Relationships** have developed so that there is a broader understanding of the inter-related impacts in a “One Health” approach. The Council members have been able to reflect this understanding in their council and daily responsibilities.
- **Communication plan** will target not only direct stakeholders but keep the general public informed that the system is robust and a good investment

Improve Industry Viability

“By minimizing financial risk and expediting recovery to a normal business state”

- Farmed animal production contributes significantly to the Canadian economy
- Healthy and well cared for farmed animals contribute to a healthy, safe and secure food supply

Improve Market Access

“Through improved farmed animal health status and the credibility of the farmed animal health system”

Improve Capacity to Protect Public Health

“By the farmed animal sector being an integral part of the ‘one-health’ system”

- The work of the Council has focussed on a **One Health** approach. The participation of PHAC and CCMOH has enhanced the understanding of the impact of animal health and welfare on public health and vice versa.
- Enlightening discussion about the **impact of response decisions** in the event of both animal and human disease outbreaks on the other sector.

Improve Farmed Animal Care and Welfare

“By sharing responsibility for farmed animal care and welfare practices that have a basis in science and reflect societal values”

- D. Fraser will provide an update

Improve Capacity to Protect Ecosystem Health

“Achieving an environmentally sustainable system for raising farmed animals”

- The **“One Health” model** will ensure that all topics considered by the Council will result in progress on this strategic outcome.
- The **prioritization process** considers impact on the environment. Need to include input on ecosystem health when appropriate
- A **highly functional animal health and welfare system** with active participation by all stakeholders is seen as the desirable way to achieve this strategic outcome.



Federal-Provincial-Territorial Regulatory ADMs of Agriculture Committee

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National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council

- **Collaborative** - federal, provincial and non-government
- **Multidisciplinary** – animal health and welfare and public health – One Health approach
- **Advisory** - Governance is the focus of system level advice
- First meeting October 2010

Enhance Canadian Animal Health and Welfare Systems

Collaborative approach for roles and responsibilities in delivering animal health and welfare programs

- Determine principles for categorizing diseases
- Examine roles in other countries of animal health delivery using shared government-industry approaches
- Develop a mechanism for Canada that supports shared, collaborative delivery of animal health programs

FPT Reg ADMs:

- GF2 offers opportunities to address the advancement of the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy. Reg. ADM support for the Council's development of an effective collaborative governance structure will enhance the health and welfare of the farmed animal population and its contribution to the Canadian economy

Enhance Canadian Animal Health and Welfare Systems

Linking surveillance systems between animal, human and wildlife health and food safety to enhance anticipation capacity through agri-Intelligence

- Surveillance systems have well defined deliverables
- Linkages are promoted between surveillance systems
- Analysis of surveillance information used to make decisions – agri-Intelligence

FPT Reg ADMs:

- Through GF2 support the CCVO-led initiative recommended by Council to enhance surveillance systems through a collaborative engagement of government and industry to protect the health, economy, security and trade of Canada

Enhance Canadian Animal Health and Welfare Systems

Canada's animal welfare assurance system is improved

- A national set of standards for farmed animals is in place and recognized
 - development and revision of codes of practice
- Clear mandates and reporting mechanisms are understood
 - CCVO, NFACC, FPAW, etc.

FPT Reg ADMs:

- Support the effective development of science-based national standards and a set of implementation tools to ensure domestic and international confidence in the welfare of farmed animals

Enhance Canadian Animal Health and Welfare Systems

Implementation of One Health model; improving risk reduction linkages between animal and human health

- Expand on the CCVO-CCMOH model to identify common priorities
- Develop joint policies on priorities identified
 - e.g. joint policy on influenza in humans, poultry, swine

FPT Reg ADMs:

- Support the recognition and engagement of government and industries to improve the linkages between human health, animal health and ecosystem health through a collaborative model of stakeholder policy development

NFAHW Council – Forum 2012

December 4-5, 2012 - Ottawa

Focus

- Council update to stakeholders
- Governance
 - Examination of the governance of Canada's animal health and welfare system
 - Exploration of enhancements to the system

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