

## **NFAHW Council update – May 2017**

### **Teleconference May 11, 2017**

Working Groups updated the Council on recent activities

### **Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 (FAHW2020)**

The project being managed by Dr. Jeffrey Spooner to continue the development of a national report on activities which influence the strategic outcomes and priorities of FAHW2020 has received a good response from groups invited to participate. Those groups include national organizations that are supporters of the Council but not involved in the pilot study done in 2016; some provincial commodity organizations; and specialty veterinary groups with an interest in farmed animals. The objective is to complete the interviews by the end of June. The project is to be completed in September with a report at Forum 2017.

### **Emerging Issues WG**

The Emerging Issues WG met with members of the Livestock Market Interruption Strategy who worked on the analysis of access to slaughter capacity to facilitate humane disposal if necessary during a catastrophic event. There is more work to be done on this topic and it may align with the analysis of slaughter capacity and access to slaughter in an emerging issue. There will be further investigation and an updated report in June.

### **AMU/AMR WG**

The AMU/AMR WG is monitoring the development of the pan-Canadian AMR Action plan which will be completed following the presentation of the pan-Canadian AMR Framework to WHO in late May. In addition, the WG is keeping abreast of work being done by other groups. Much of the Council work will come in the development and implementation of the pan-Canadian AMR Action Plan which will build on the pan-Canadian AMR Framework.

### **One Welfare WG**

The One Welfare WG has gathered considerable information on programs which address the mental health of producers. A workplan is evolving to work toward the development of a program and two pilot studies. A report on this important topic which was the focus of the International One Welfare Conference in September 2016 and introduced at Forum 2016 in the opening address will be presented at Forum 2017.

### **Transport of Cull Dairy Cows**

A project is being developed in British Columbia which will involve participation of auction markets to study the handling and movement of cull dairy cows.

### **Upcoming meetings**

- June council meeting –Toronto – June 15-16, 2017
- AGM of the Council corporation – June 16, 2017
- Canadian Academy of Health Sciences 2017 Forum - “Strategies to Control the Antimicrobial Resistance Tsunami: Is Canada doing its part?” – September 14, 2017
- Forum 2017 – November 28 & 29, Ottawa

### **Council website – [www.ahwcouncil.ca](http://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](mailto:nfahwcouncil@animalhealth.ca)