

Surveillance in a Time of Transition in Farmed Animal Health

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- Farmed animal health surveillance in Canada be enhanced
- Collaboration between industry and government
- Collaborative model be used
 - Board of Directors
 - Executive Director
 - Node network of epidemiologists



Recommendations (2)

- Canadian Council of Chief Veterinary Officers (CCVO) be tasked with implementing the organization
 - Negotiate agreements between stakeholders
 - Establish Board of Directors, engage Executive
 Director, and provide ongoing oversight.
- Technical enhancements be made to the farmed animal health surveillance system in Canada



Initial Steps

- CCVO agreed to accept this task on the condition that the recommendation was accepted by the Regulatory ADMs
- The CCVO has decided to begin working on implementation of the recommendations while the Reg. ADMs consider them



Progress to Date

- Funding has been secured through the federal Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer to conduct a small project to kick-start the CCVO efforts.
- Discussions are taking place to secure an epidemiologist to act as a National Surveillance Coordinator and work on the technical enhancements



Future Plans

- Secure the services of a consultant to establish a Board of Directors
- Establish a national farmed animal health surveillance organization to continue enhancements to the Canadian system
- Provide oversight to the organization

