



NFAHW Council – update to stakeholders
Forum 2018

NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

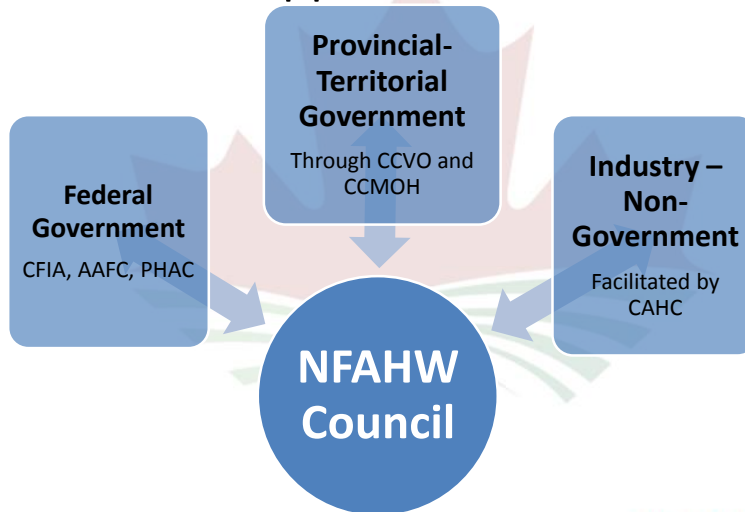
Vision

“Canada values and supports the health, care and welfare of the farmed animal population and its contribution to the well-being people, the environment and the Canadian economy.”

Farmed Animal Health
and Welfare 2020
(2014)



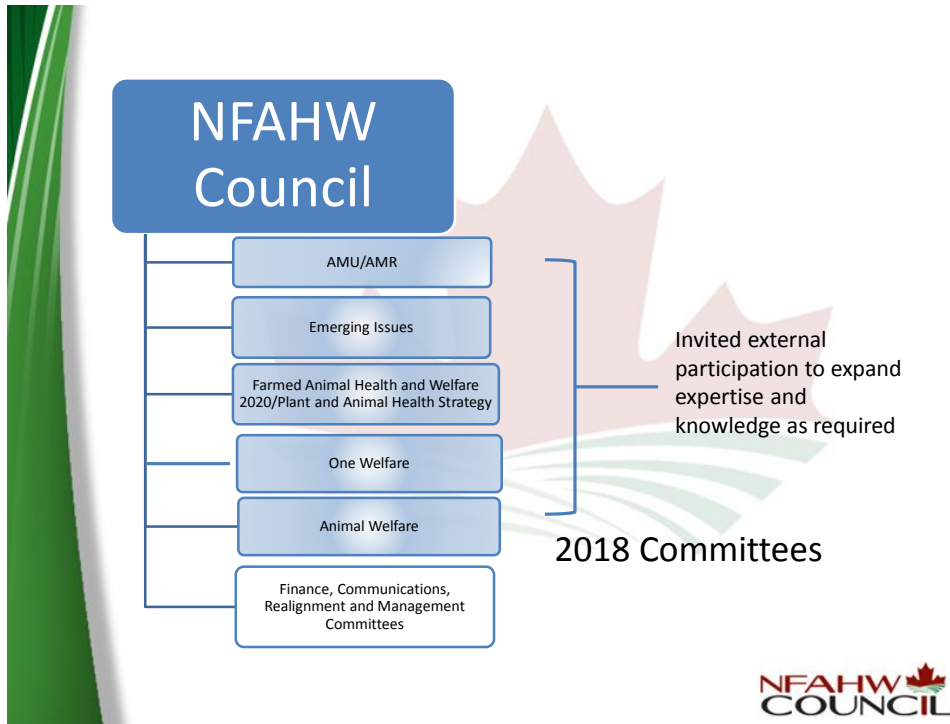
Collaborative, One Health Approach



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FPT Regulatory ADMs of Agriculture

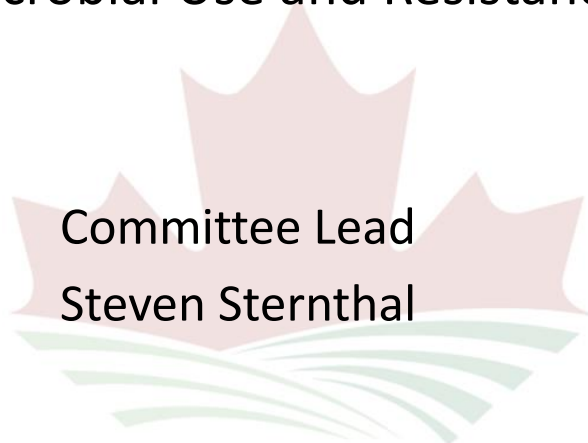
- Sub-Committee of the Reg ADM committee
- Regularly report to the Reg ADM Committee
- Annually align our work plan with the Reg ADM priorities and task letters
- Contribute to the Reg ADM Committee work planning
- Reported on Animal Welfare Law Recommendations
- Reported on Council activities, progress, and infrastructure changes



Committees



Antimicrobial Use and Resistance



Committee Lead
Steven Sternthal



Council reports – AMU/AMR

Four reports developed

- Antimicrobial Resistance and Antimicrobial Use Initiatives in Humans and Animals in Canada - 2012
- Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance - Strategies for Animal Agriculture - 2014
- Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada – 2016
- Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animal Activities Report - 2018



Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals Activities Report - 2018

Focus

Antimicrobial Stewardship Activities of Stakeholders
Progress on recommendations from Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada – 2016

Outcome

- Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada published in 2016 is the reference document.
- Considered the pan-Canadian AMR Framework development
- Will provide a baseline for the pan-Canadian Action Plan



AMU/AMR Next Steps

- Support the panCanadian Action Plan
- Collectively advance AMR initiatives in collaboration with the commodity groups and veterinary groups
- Determine role of the Council in conjunction with various stakeholders to support the pan Canadian Framework and Action plan without duplicating effort.



One Welfare

Committee Lead
Dr. Richard Rusk



One Welfare

As a concept “One Welfare” is a call to recognize the many social interconnections between human welfare, animal welfare and the integrity of the environment. In practice, it is also a call for a coordinated program of action:

- to improve animal welfare in order to improve human welfare (and vice versa),
- to co-ordinate actions between animal protection and other services, and
- to protect the environment as a fundamental step for both human and animal welfare.



One Welfare

- After supporting the first International One Welfare Conference in Winnipeg in 2017, the Council is sponsoring the second International One Welfare Conference to be held in Sydney Australia, 2019.

<https://www.cve.edu.au/conference/one-welfare-conference-ii>

Conference speakers include Rebeca Garcia Pinillos, Mark Schipp, and David Fraser.

- Council expanded the One Welfare Committee to engage representatives from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Domore Ag, and the crop industry.
- The Committee has engaged in discussion on how to address:
 - Existing programs needs in Canada
 - The needs of producers, farm staff, service providers and veterinary personnel in the agriculture community were considered



One Welfare Consultation

Consultation on One Welfare: To determine how to raise awareness of the benefits of involving medical and social services in cases of serious breakdown in animal care, and in special circumstances such as disease outbreaks and disasters, and how best to secure such services when they are needed

Topics of Discussion:

- One Welfare National Goals – Securing Social Services in a crisis
- What would the ideal One Welfare framework look like in Canada?
- Who needs to be engaged and how?
- How do we ensure support is sustainable?



Emerging Issues

Committee Lead
Dr. Megan Bergman



Emerging Issues

“The Identification of Issues Related to Access to Livestock Slaughter Facilities in Animal Disease Situations” 2018

Graham Clark Study – GF2 – joint collaboration with NFAHWC and the LMISSC

Key Issues:

- Lack of freezer capacity
- Labor regulations
- Size and species required
- Diseased vs welfare cull
- Compensation
- Regulator co-ordination

Next Steps:

- Survey to validate the report
- Survey to identify willing facilities and capacity



Emerging Issues

Table Top Exercise

- Designed an “unknown” disease tabletop exercise
- Goal to explore determination of roles and responsibilities and ensure effective communication in an “unknown” disease event
- Working with partners such as CAHC to identify roll out opportunities



Animal Welfare

Committee Lead

Dr. David Fraser



Animal Welfare

“Toward a harmonized approach to animal welfare law in Canada”

David Fraser, Katherine E. Koralesky, Geoff Urton

Council Animal Welfare Law Recommendations

- The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council made 8 recommendations to enhance animal welfare law in Canada
- Recommendations were presented to the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Regulatory Assistant Deputy Ministers in October 2018



Animal Welfare

A National Farm Animal Welfare System for Canada

- 2012 Advisory statement:
 - 22 recommendations
- 2015 Follow-up study by Jeffrey Spooner
- 2018 Progress Report
 - Presentation today on the updated report that describes progress that has occurred and identifies where further action is needed



FAHW 2020

Committee Lead
Rob McNabb



Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020

Provides strategic direction and priorities for stakeholders to 2020

Priorities

- Emergency Management
- Social License
- Leadership development



Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020

Strategic outcomes

- Safe food products are accessible to Canadians
- Canada protects the health of farmed animals, people and the ecosystem (One Health)
- The Canadian farmed animal industry is profitable and sustainable
- Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals
- The Canadian farmed animal health and welfare system is trusted world wide
- The Canadian farmed animal health and welfare system is coordinated and constantly improved.



Implementation

Recommendations on Key Issues

Implementation
by stakeholders

Progress on strategic outcomes and priorities
of Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020



New Opportunities for Collaboration

New opportunities have required:

- Council to have a larger more operational roll
- Council to enhance capacity

To manage these demands Council has hired a
full time Executive Director



Plant and Animal Health Strategy

A New Opportunity for Collaboration

- FAHW 2020 evolution
- Engage a Committee with a broad representation of stakeholders
- Apply FAHW 2020 tools and lessons learned to report on stakeholder animal health and welfare activities under the Plant and Animal Health Strategy
- Critical to maintain the welfare strategy components from FAHW 2020



CAHSS Transition to Council

A New Opportunity for Collaboration

- Funding application submitted to sustain CAHSS under the Council
- Interim funding for 2018 from CFIA

Outcome

- Enhanced role of Council in supporting CAHSS
- Transition working group to implement the transition
- Shared Government and Industry Role



Animal Health Canada

A New Opportunity for Collaboration

Council Will Provide Support to Animal Health Canada Through:

- secretariat support
- financial management
- creation of a Committee

The role of the Council may continue to evolve as Animal Health Canada begins to solidify



AHEM-II

- Canadian Animal Health Coalition CAP project proposal
- Intended to provide support to continue to enhance emergency preparedness and response capacity for industry in Canada
- Opportunity to support some of the activities of Animal Health Canada



AHEM-II: Animal Health Emergency Management Awareness, Capacity, Confidence (Canadian Animal Health Coalition)

Investment: \$4.5M

Timeline: 2018 to 2023

Outcomes / Activities

- ✓ Develops **industry awareness** of roles & responsibilities, and tools at hand
 - Awareness tools, brochures & workshops
- ✓ Enhances **industry capacity** to partner with government and effectively prepared / respond
 - Association-level PLANS and producer-level HANDBOOKS
 - Industry / government AHEM partnerships
 - Regional / sectoral AHEM councils
 - Protocols addressing known policy gaps
 - FAD courseware for practitioners
- ✓ Enhances **market confidence** in Canada's ability to survive major livestock disease events

Questions?

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Animal AMS Canada

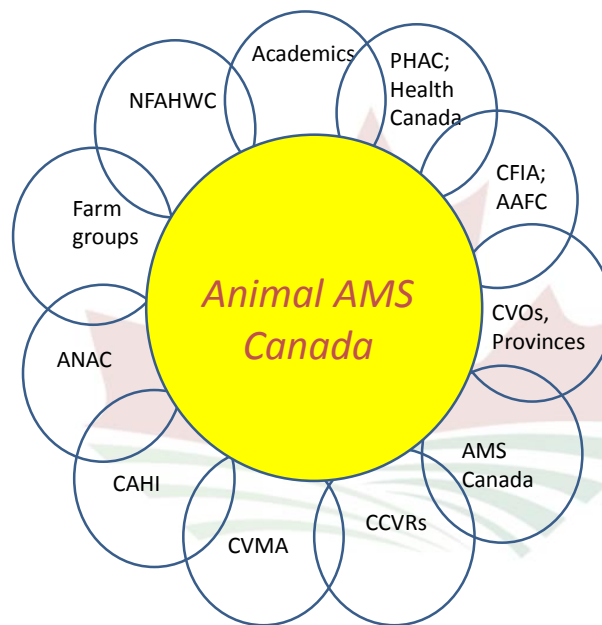
Dr. Scott Weese



Animal AMS Canada

A New Opportunity for Collaboration

- Animal AMS Canada working with the Council and other stakeholders to align activities and support stakeholders in antimicrobial stewardship
- Opportunity for Council to provide infrastructure and secretariat services to support AMS Canada



Animal AMS Canada Status

- Steering committee
 - Scott Weese (interim chair), Simon Otto, Maureen Anderson, Francois Bedard, Aline Dimitri, Rebecca Irwin, Steve Leech, Jean Szkotnicki, Cheryl Waldner
- jsweese@uoguelph.ca



Basic Objectives

- Help coordinate the spectrum of AMS activities in Canada
- Liaise with national and international partners
- Ensure relevant groups are brought together
 - Industry (ag/pharma), academia, government..
- Foster collaboration
- Improve communications
- Act as a central resource for AMS activities
- Help drive AMS activities



Stakeholder Communications

- Website - www.ahwcouncil.ca
 - Annual report
 - Audited Financial reports
 - All advisory statements
 - Meeting schedule
 - Contact information
- Newsletters after meetings
- Presentations
- Annual Forum



Thank you

To all individuals and organizations who have contributed to the Council through:

- Financial and in-kind contributions
- Participation in working groups
- Further distribution of Council communications
- Providing input and feedback to Council
- Participating in Council activities
- Commitment to a collaborative approach



