



Canadian Sheep Federation Update 2017



What is the CSF?

The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) is a producer-funded organization with a mandate to set national policy for the sheep industry and a mission to work closely and cooperatively with all levels of government to further the viability, expansion and prosperity of the Canadian sheep and wool industry.



Who is the CSF?

- Every provincial association interested in being a member has a place at the table.
- Board of Directors with one Director per paid provincial member, each with a vote weighted to that province's proportion of the flock represented at the table.
- Provides an opportunity to bring regional issues to a national forum, and work collaboratively with the entire industry



Where does direction come from?

- Provincial associations, through appointed Directors and staff
- CSF Committees and Working Groups
 - Staff Advisory Committee
 - Canadian Sheep Identification Program WG
 - SheepTrace Committee
 - Scrapie WG
 - On-Farm Food Safety WG – CQAPA
 - National Maedi Visna Program WG (coming soon)



With input from...

- Sheep Value Chain Round Table
 - Social Licence WG
 - Profitability WG
 - Market Access WG
 - Health Strategies WG
 - Meat Quality WG
 - Research WG



CSF Programs

- Canadian Sheep Identification Program
 - National ID and traceability
- Canadian Verified Sheep Program
 - Formerly the 'Food Safe Farm Practices Program'
 - Expanded to include animal care & biosecurity training and certification
- Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program
 - Scrapie control program for sheep and goat industry
 - Consultation on market access (import and export) as it relates to scrapie and the program
- National Maedi Visna Program (coming soon)



Key priorities

- Industry advocacy
- Animal health and welfare
- Access to veterinary drugs
- National ID and traceability
- Market access
- Access to federal programming; BRM tools, agricultural policy frameworks, etc.



Advocacy

- Canada's federal government
 - AAFC, CFIA, HC, MAS, StatsCan
 - Senate and House Agriculture Committees
 - Provincial government agencies
- Ag industry partners
- International community
 - U.S. and Mexico
 - Agri Benchmark



Animal Health and Welfare

- Codes of Practice and Canadian Verified Sheep Program
- National Plant and Health Strategy
- Traceability
- Emergency preparedness & critical infrastructure
- Disease risk mitigation programs



Access to vet drugs

- AMU/AMR consultations
- VDD/HC/AAFC work on new approvals
 - Glanvac 6, Metacam, Flukiver, Liquamycin LA, Deccox
 - Trilateral review w New Zealand and Australia
 - Pest Management Centre adaptation
- ShVCRT vet drug and vaccine priorities
- CgFARAD
- ‘List B’ consultations



Identification and Traceability

- Canadian Sheep Identification Program
 - Regulation since 2004
 - Managed by CSF, data by CCIA, enforcement by CFIA
- Traceability consultations
 - Future regulations
 - Program development, implementation and management
 - Performance evaluation



Market Access

- U.S.
 - NAFTA consultations, Congressional Staffers Tour
 - Regulatory Cooperation Council
- Canada – Mexico Partnership
 - Trade delegations: Canada to Mexico, Mexico to Canada
 - Coordination with Canadian Embassy in Mexico
- MERCOSUR and Pacific Alliance FTA consultations
- Agricultural Trade Negotiation Consultative Group



Industry partnerships

- IGAC – *Industry Government Advisory Committee on Traceability*; IGAC Management Group, Communications WG
- RIC – *Regulatory Implementation Committee on Trace*
- NIDMAC – *National Identification Management Advisory Committee*
- CgFARAD Advisory Board – *Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database*
- NFACC – *National Farm Animal Care Council*
- NFAHWC – *National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council*



Industry partnerships

- FSN – *Food Sector Network*
- CLMIAC – *Canadian Livestock Market Information Advisory Committee*
- NPAHS Steering Committee – *National Plant and Animal Health Strategy*
- Public Trust Steering Committee
- CAHSS Minimum AMU Surveillance Data Working Group
- CFIA Electronic Service Delivery Platform External Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Agriculture Trade Negotiations Consultative Group



Sustainability

- CSF Sustainability Committee
 - Examine and recommend:
 - options for change in the organization structure,
 - options for change in the organization's governance model,
 - sustainable funding model for the organization.
 - The goal of inclusiveness



Thank You!

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