



OIE Report – Assessment of Canadian Veterinary Services

The OIE assessment of veterinary services is a voluntary evaluation. It was originally designed for developing countries to help them build veterinary capacity. Of developed countries, Japan and Australia have been assessed. The intent is to address weaknesses in current capacity. Some that were identified in the Canadian review were already being addressed.

Of the 45 critical competencies evaluated, 35 were rated 5/5, the highest possible level of advancement. Five areas scored 4/5 and five scored 3/5.

The full report is available at:
http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Sup_port_to_OIE_Members/docs/pdf/201804_09_final_OIE_PVS_Evaluation_report_Canada_Eng.pdf

Animal Welfare Committee – RWA Position Statement

The CASV-ACVP Animal Welfare Committee is currently working on a Raised Without Antibiotics Production Position Statement. Once finalized, it will be circulated to members.

Advertising in the CASV-ACVP Newsletter

CASV-ACVP accepts classified advertising (e.g. job postings) in the e-newsletter. The cost is \$125 per week for classified advertising. For promotional and marketing type ads, we offer one banner ad each week at \$500 per week. The CASV-ACVP newsletter is sent to 180 association members each week. If you are interested in advertising in the newsletter, please contact Mary Loggan in the CASV-ACVP office at mary.tfio@bell.net, 519-669-3350.

CPC Vaccine and Drug Use Policy

CASV-ACVP Board of Directors have written to and spoken with the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) about the new Vaccine and Drug Use Policy. Points raised include: requirements relating to extra-label drug use; use of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs); and ensuring the concept of “control” is included along with treatment. The complete policy can be viewed at <http://www.cpc-ccp.com/drug-use-policy>

Revision to the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs – Member Survey

The national Codes are typically reviewed every five years. The last version of the National Pig Code was released in 2014 so is slated for updating beginning in 2019. CPC expressed interest in receiving a summary from CASV-ACVP regarding what should be looked at in the Code in terms of difficulty implementing. A membership survey is open until **Friday, October 5th** for you to provide input. The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2XG8VMH>. The Board indicated to CPC that CASV-ACVP would welcome the opportunity to have a representative involved in the review process.

African Swine Fever Outbreaks in Europe and Asia

During the regularly scheduled monthly calls, CASV-ACVP and the Canadian Pork Council have discussed African Swine Fever. CPC has had meetings with the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada, Canadian Meat Council and CFIA. There is a question around the risk posed by imported feed ingredients and how best to mitigate that risk. Canada, the U.S. and Mexico are discussing establishing a standardized approach to testing.

CASV-ACVP members were invited to participate in a Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) webinar on September 27th dealing with ASF. If you missed the webex, it was recorded and can be viewed at <https://gts-ee.webex.com/gts-ee/ldr.php?RCID=3a37bc7364fbd1feb30cdb3165e1188>. Alternatively, the presentations can be accessed at www.cahss.ca/surveillance/swine/ and click on “African Swine References” at the bottom of the page.

New CASV-ACVP Swine Health Committee

The Swine Health Committee is comprised of: Julia Keenlside (AB); Matheus de Oliveria Costa (SK); Melissa Desrochers (MB); Blaine Tully (SK); Ryan Tenbergen (ON); Christian Klopfenstein (QC); and Christa Arsenault (CSHIN manager). The committee’s mandate is to:

- ensure that important issues such as disease surveillance, biosecurity or disease response are tackled and a national strategic plan is in place;
- explore issues associated with emerging diseases domestically and internationally;
- proactively identify and prioritize swine health concerns and opportunities;
- critically evaluate related information from individuals and groups internal and external to the CASV-ACVP;
- use that information to determine which issues fall within the role and influence of swine veterinary medical professionals and what actions or activities may be appropriate responses to those swine health concerns and opportunities; and,
- develop CASV-ACVP swine health positions on critical issues like disease surveillance and disease response.