

CANADIAN ANIMAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

CAHSS

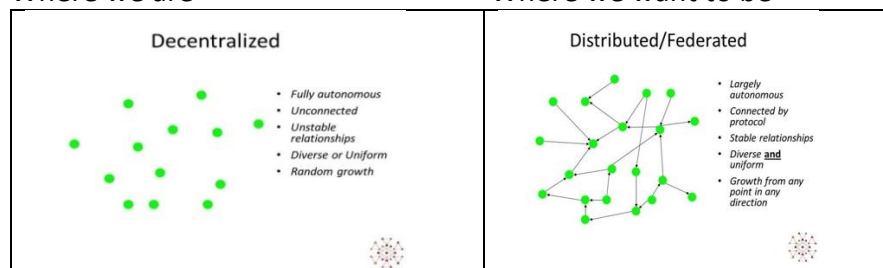
Achieving a shared national vision leading to effective, responsive, integrated animal health surveillance in Canada.

Today, industry groups, provinces, regions, and the country participate in many independent disease surveillance activities. It is the intent to bring together industry, provincial/territorial, and federal stakeholders in animal health and public health to integrate and address gaps associated with the multiple animal health surveillance activities currently planned or underway.

CAHSS Outcomes

- Strengthened Animal Health Surveillance
 - Enhanced, integrated early warning system for emerging diseases
 - Surveillance priorities appropriately balanced between animal health, public health and market access needs
 - Efficient use of pooled surveillance resources
 - Coordinated national-level surveillance initiatives
- Strategic Use of Technology
 - Increased shared use of CAHSN and other data platforms as appropriate
 - Interoperability within the Canadian network of networks
 - Attention to data standards and data integrity
 - Collaborative development of data tools such as, mapping and spatial analysis, data collection apps, network analyses, analytical tools
- Enhanced Ability to Respond to Emergencies
 - Surveillance is part of all aspects of emergency management – prevention, preparedness/detection, response, and recovery
 - Ability to quickly activate coordinated surveillance network of animal health and public health specialists, academics, laboratory directors, private practitioners, and producers in response to animal health emergencies

Where we are



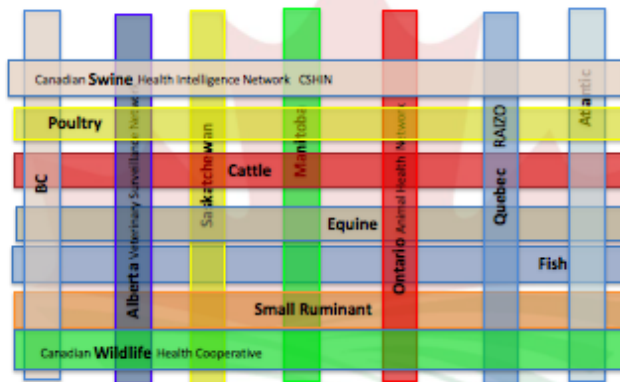
Where we want to be

Value: The value to the Canadian industry will be improved animal health outcomes and costs, better response to emerging diseases, consumer and public health confidence in animal agriculture, and improved market access.

The Organization:

CAHSS “a network of networks”

Each band tailored to the needs of that sector and jurisdiction



<p>Champions Group Role: Enable the work of the CAHSS Directors and networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define a clear and worthy statement of purpose • Agree on mandate and strategic outcomes • High level guidance to network of networks • Foster innovation • Ensure surveillance is given appropriate priority • Strategically leverage resources as required 	<p>Directors Group Role: Representing stakeholders in achieving consensus on and collaboratively implementing purpose, structure, functions and activities of the national animal health surveillance system</p>	<p>Core Team Role: Interim group to assist with planning and advisory body for the implementation of the new national surveillance structure</p>	<p>Member Role: Self-organizing, self-governing groups and individuals assembled to develop strategies and work collaboratively on projects in accordance with the CAHSS Purpose and Principles. Members would be expected to willingly and actively participate. This group is often the source of ideas and innovation that will piece together the network of networks and effectively are the owners of the system.</p>
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How will these outcomes be achieved?:

- By encouragement and support with expertise and through experiences, where possible
- By openly communicating with the systems and networks and by having available catalogued resources, IT support and other surveillance infrastructure
 - encouraging efforts to collaborate with others having similar needs and coordinating their collaboration

- encouraging pooling of surveillance resources
- advising on data standards and validity
- collaborating on the development of tools for data capture, analysis, mapping and reporting
- increasing the use of existing data platforms
- By facilitating the development of social networks to share health intelligence with the appropriate stakeholders
- By helping to develop the ability to quickly activate coordinated surveillance network in response to animal health emergencies

Current Activities:

1. Infrastructure development – preparing a strategic plans and resources needs assessment
2. Swine Surveillance - further development of practice surveillance activities
3. Poultry Surveillance – AMU/AMR surveillance
4. Surveillance Data - starting to deal with very serious long-standing issues related to data standards, integrity, real time availability, and sustainability
5. Communications – developing a platform to provide information on CAHSS, linking to animal health surveillance activities, information, contacts throughout Canada

Other groups are encouraged to join and/or self-organize. Groups can be temporary or ongoing, according to need. We welcome you to join.

To join, please fill out the membership declaration on the reverse and forward to:

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Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System

Members Declaration

Individuals and organizations seeking membership to the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) agree to collaboratively work towards the shared Purpose, operating in accordance with the Core Principles:

Purpose:

A shared national vision leading to effective, responsive, integrated animal health surveillance in Canada

Principles of Practice:

- Work to ensure the quality of life for Canadians by protecting animal health and public health, and supporting economic prosperity.
- Work to ensure scientific rigour and professional and technical competence, acknowledging that other factors must be taken into account in decision making.
- Encourage practices, behaviours and uses of technology that are consistent with the Purpose and Principles. In particular, encourage openness, collaboration and innovation.
- Resolve conflict compassionately, productively, cooperatively and respectfully.
- Freely and fully exchange information relevant to the Purpose while respecting confidentiality.
- Work to ensure clarity in animal health surveillance communications by providing relevant background and contextual information.

Principles of the Organization

- An Individual or Institution subscribing to the Purpose and Principles of the organization is deemed eligible for Owning Membership and participation.
- Have the right to self-organize around any event or activity consistent with the Purpose and Principles, encouraging innovation and flexibility.
- Conduct deliberations and make decisions by methods that reasonably represent all relevant and affected parties.
- Participating network members retain full authority to independently manage and implement their own roles, resources and priorities but agree to consult with other network members to find efficiencies and avoid unintended impacts that might affect the operations of other members or the network as a whole.

By signing this declaration, I agree to be a member of the CAHSS in accordance to the purpose statement and principles noted above.

Name:	Organization/ Company (if applicable):
Address:	Phone: E-mail:
Based on your understanding of CAHSS, please provide a summary of activities and efforts that your company/organization/network are or will be undertaking to strengthen animal health surveillance in Canada (please specify any other relevant affiliations):	
Signature:	Date: