



A CPC UPDATE ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER PRIORITIES

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PREPARE

1. ASF ADVOCACY

- CPC staff and board members are participating in a series of steering committees and working groups to address various aspects of the African swine fever (ASF) file.
- The Government of Canada is very active on the file and supportive of CPC's efforts.

What's new?

- Rick Bergmann, CPC board chair, attended the Federal and Territorial Agricultural Minister's meeting in Quebec City on July 18, 2019.
- John Ross discussed CPC's ASF preparedness and planning efforts with attendees of the State Agriculture and Rural Leaders Summit in Calgary on July 15, 2019.

2. INTERNATIONAL ZONING RECOGNITION/DOMESTIC ZONING PREPARATION

- Canada has bilateral zoning agreements with the United States and the European Union.
- Similar agreements are required with other trading partners of which Japan is the most important.
- An Industry-Government working group composed by CPC, Canadian Meat Council, Canada Pork International, Global Affairs Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is pursuing a coordinated approach to zoning in Canada.

What's new?

International

- The CPC is collaborating with CFIA to complete the questionnaire sent by Japan as part of the bilateral zoning discussions. The questions cover wild board, traceability system, diagnostics, biosecurity on farms, response to outbreak and how a zone will be put in place by CFIA.
- On July 3, 2019, Minister Bibeau announced that Canada and the EU have agreed to an ASF zoning arrangement to allow for safe trade of swine products from disease-free zones in the event of an ASF outbreak.
- The government of Canada has received a request from Mexico regarding ASF prevention measures being implemented.

Domestic

- ASF surveillance, biosecurity and movement control will be the topic of a panel discussion at the Agri-Food Sector Emergency Planning session during the Pacific Northwest Economic Region Conference in Saskatoon, on July 24, 2019. CPC will participate alongside industry and government representatives of Canada and the US.
- The destruction and disposal working led by CFIA will expand to include industry and provincial technical specialist.

3. ASF COMMUNICATIONS

- CPC is actively collaborating with other stakeholders, including staff at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- CPC is releasing an ongoing series of communications products via its members and CPC social media platform.

What's new?

- CFIA's Emergency Communication Plan was shared with stakeholders. Feedback is currently being reviewed.
- CPC, CMC and CFIA continue working on a communications plan should ASF be discovered in Canada or North America.
- The CPC met with provincial communications staff to discuss a collaborative project to develop producer videos to further the biosecurity and traceability messages.
- A program based AAFC communications plan is under development.

4. ASF STRATEGY

- CFIA has released its revised framework for action to prevent and mitigate the impacts of ASF in the Americas ([ASF framework for action](#))
- CFIA's forward agenda is available at ([CFIA ASF forward agenda](#))
- The CPC is a member of the ASF Executive Management Board (EMB) which includes CFIA and other stakeholders working together on the Pan-Canadian ASF Action Plan.

What's new?

- Work on the ASF Pan Canadian Action Plan continues at the Executive Management Board level.
- The CFIA presented the Plan at the Federal and Territorial Agricultural Minister's meeting in Quebec City on July 18, 2019. ([Press release](#))

- Agriculture and Agri-food Canada (AAFC) is evaluating the development of policy to ensure the government program response addresses the sectors needs on business continuity if the market is interrupted.
- Canada submitted a self-declaration of freedom from ASF to the OIE. Self-declaration allows Canada to submit information to show that we have been historically free of this disease. Self-declaration has been approved and will be published on the OIE website.

5. WILD PIGS

- CPC staff is working with the CFIA to develop a strategy to manage the threat posed by wild pigs in Canada.

What's new?

- The CFIA is developing a plan with Environment and Climate Change Canada to work on the impact of wild pigs on the habitat and as transmitters of disease.
- On July 18, 2019, the CFIA briefed the Federal and Territorial Agricultural Ministers on the work underway to establish a wild pigs' strategy, at their meeting in Quebec City.

6. SURVEILLANCE

- CFIA is not actively testing meat seized at Canadian borders for ASF. Meat seized is considered contaminated and destroyed.
- The CFIA has put together three options for ASF surveillance.

What's new?

- CPC will participate in the working group set up to explore different ASF surveillance options in Canada.

PREVENT

1. FEED INGREDIENT IMPORTS

- Imported feed ingredients including unprocessed grains and oilseeds, as well as associated meals (including corn, soybean, wheat, barley, rice, canola meal, soybean meal, flax seed meal, sunflower seed meal, and corn gluten meal) carry the risk of being contaminated with ASF.
- The Canadian government-imposed changes to import requirements for unprocessed grains and oilseeds, as well as associated meals destined for use in livestock feed, because of their risk of being contaminated with ASF.

What's new?

- The implementation of import control for plant-based feed ingredients coming from ASF affected countries continues.

2. CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY: BORDER MEASURES

- The CPC is working with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the CFIA to increase preventive measures at the border, to increase traveler awareness and increase surveillance of flights coming from high-risk countries.
- Detector dog teams are focusing on flights/cargo coming from ASF affected countries.

What's new?

- The CPC board of directors and staff met with Joseph Chayeski, Director at Canada Border Services Agency of the Metro Vancouver District on July 8, 2019 at the port of Vancouver. The group was briefed on the activities underway to minimize the risk of ASF entering in Canada through that port of entry.
- The CIFA has sent letters to International Airlines to request that they share information in flight.