



Canadian Pork Council
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A CPC UPDATE ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER ACTIVITIES

February 12, 2020

PREVENT, PREPARE, RESPOND, RECOVER

ASF ADVOCACY

Background

- 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?

- CPC's chair, Rick Bergmann and first vice chair, Rene Roy, met with Minister Bibeau on January 17, 2020, to discuss ASF preparedness and response.
- John Ross spoke on January 23, 2020, to attendees of the Canadian Agri-food Policy conference about the opportunities and threats of ASF.
- Dr. Egan Brockhoff gave an update on CPC's work on ASF at the Banff Pork Seminar on January 9, 2020.

ZONING AND COMPARTMENTALIZATION PREPARATION AND RECOGNITION

Background

- 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.

What's new?

- The CFIA has started zoning discussions with Taiwan.
- John Ross and Dr. Egan Brockhoff will participate in the African swine fever conference that the International Meat Secretariat Executive Council will co-host, with the OIE in Paris, on March 31 and April 1, 2020.
- CPC's Audrey Cameron and Dr. Egan Brockhoff met with members of the ASF compartmentalization project from Maple Leaf Foods to assist with their work on biosecurity, traceability and surveillance.

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ASF COMMUNICATIONS

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- 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?

- Collaboration continues between the CPC and the Canadian Meat Council ensuring response communication plans are integrated.
- Celine Bourbonnais represented CPC at the crisis communications and media training session organized by Ontario Pork for its producers.
- The CFIA's "Don't pack pork" campaign continues for targeted markets and continues to gather an impressive engagement rate.

ASF STRATEGY

Background

- 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, AAFC, Canada Border Services Agency, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec provincial governments, CMC and other stakeholders working together on the Pan-Canadian ASF Action Plan.
- The ASF EMB is meeting every two weeks.

What's new?

- The ASF EMB met face to face on February 4, 2020. The Board worked on refining the ASF Action Plan, identifying priority activities and targets to facilitate the building of project plans.
- The OIE's Standing Group of Experts on ASF for the Americas will meet again in Bogota, Colombia on April 14-15, 2020 to discuss risk factors for the introduction of ASF into the Americas region.
- John Ross and senior members of CFIA visited Denmark in January 2020. They spent 3 days learning about the Danish's ASF strategy, including testing, biosecurity and wild pigs' management.
- Gabriela Guigou and Mark Fynn are part of the Industry-Government Depopulation and Disposal Working Group. The group's goals include gathering and sharing animal destruction and carcass disposal methodologies and plans, and planning for the destruction of infected and non-infected animals and disposal of their carcasses.

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WILD PIGS

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- CPC staff is working with the CFIA to develop a strategy to manage the threat posed by wild pigs in Canada.
- Environment and Climate Change Canada has provided 3-year funding to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) to work on wild pigs.

What's new?

- John Ross is representing the CPC in the Invasive Pig Strategic Working Group. The group will work to identify and develop shared national goals and priorities to help inform invasive pig management decision-making in Canada.

DIAGNOSTICS AND SURVEILLANCE

Background

- All Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Network (CAHSN) labs can test for ASF.
- Passive ASF surveillance is already underway in Canada.
- Gabriela Guigou is representing the CPC at the Surveillance working group alongside federal and provincial governments, industry, academia, and laboratory representative. The group was tasked with describing existing surveillance initiatives in Canada, determining whether additional surveillance is required in domestic and/or wild populations and providing recommendations as to which surveillance objectives and activities in both the domestic and wild pig populations should be considered.

What's new?

- The Surveillance working group has come up with recommendations to better equip Canada to detect ASF earlier.
- The group presented their proposal to the ASF EMB and a technical committee is being put in place to implement its surveillance recommendations.

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BORDER MEASURES

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- The CPC is working with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the CFIA to increase preventive measures at the border, to increase traveller 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 CFIA conducted Airport Authority outreach to provide and update on the file and offer updated signage for the airports.
- ASF awareness campaign continues at Canadian airports with signage in multiple languages and collaboration with airlines announcing risks of ASF/entering meat to Canada before landing.
- CBSA and CFIA continue their collaboration to train CBSA staff and detector dog teams.

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.
- The list of countries affected by ASF is being updated as new countries report it to the OIE.