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Board Newsletter to Members

Subscribe to Notices from CFIA

Did you know you can sign up for disease alerts and import/export change notices from CFIA? The website to register is <https://notification.inspection.canada.ca/>. The service is opt-in. The number of emails you will receive varies from month to month.

Save the Date - North American ASF Forum - September 17-19, 2024

The North American African Swine Fever (ASF) Forum is taking place in Ottawa in September 17-19, 2024.

Since its inception in 2019, the ASF Forum has been a collaborative venture among the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. These forums have significantly advanced our countries' prevention, preparedness, and communication plans, proving invaluable in our collective fight against ASF.

Community for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases Quarterly Swine Report

The Community for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases produces Quarterly, discipline specific reports.

These reports provide a summary of relevant signals for each species group from the previous three months. They can also include relevant longer trends as needed for each discipline. The links for the most recent swine and vector borne diseases are noted below. The links download PowerPoint presentations.

Swine:

<https://www.cezd.ca/CAHSS/Assets/SharedDocuments/CEZD-Discipline-Specific-Reports-Swine-2024-02-29.pptx>

Vector Borne Diseases:

<https://www.cezd.ca/CEZD/Assets/Documents/CEZD-Discipline-Specific-Reports-Vector-Borne-Diseases-2024-02-29.pptx>

CASV-ACVP Swine Health Webinar Series – ASF Outbreaks in the EU

CASV-ACVP is very pleased to be able to offer a fourth webinar with the financial support of AASV. The webinar is Wednesday, July 17th beginning at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time. The topic is "**Detecting and Responding to ASF Outbreaks in the EU**" with Dr. Marius Masiulis, PhD, who is Head of Emergency Response Department, State Food and Veterinary Service of Lithuania and Animal Health Specialist with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The session will be recorded and available to CASV-ACVP members if you are unable to join the live presentation. CE certificates will be provided to all attendees and those who watch the recorded session.

The first three AASV-supported webinars were well attended with 43, 43, and 30 attendees respectively. Several people watched the recorded sessions from the website. You can view the recorded webinars via the members' only section of the CASV-ACVP website [click here](#). Your password is CanSwine.

CASV-ACVP Board Activities – Q2 2024

Some of the items on which the Board has been working during the second quarter of 2024 included:

- held the remaining two of three originally planned swine health webinars with financial support from AASV;
- organized a fourth webinar for July on African swine fever in the EU;
- sent a letter to CVMA supporting their Position Statement on Vaccination of Animals;
- provided CVMA with an updated list of priority swine health needs for their use in government advocacy efforts;
- participated in the May 10th meeting between CVMA and the national veterinary species groups;
- provided a letter of support to CVMA for phase II of their Stewardship of Antimicrobials by Veterinarians Initiative (SAVI) project;
- reviewed proposed World Organization of Animal Health changes to their animal welfare during slaughter documents;
- awarded four student bursaries (Three students will receive up to \$2,000 to compensate for travel expenses to attend the AASV annual meeting. One student received a retroactive award of \$800);
- developed an advertising and sponsorship options package;
- renewed the financial agreement with CPC and the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System to jointly fund the Canadian Swine Health Intelligence Network; and,
- continued monthly meetings with CPC including a discussion on the 10-year review of the Pig Code to begin in 2024.

CVMA Antimicrobial Use App – Firstline App

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and the Stewardship of Antimicrobials by Veterinarians Initiative (SAVI) launched the Firstline App in 2021. CASV-ACVP provided veterinary expertise to add the swine guidelines in 2023.

Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (CIPARS)

CIPARS has posted new interactive data visualizations for their farm antimicrobial use data.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/surveillance/canadian-integrated-program-antimicrobial-resistance-surveillance-cipars/interactive-data.html>

Also, their 2022 Executive Summary Key and Integrated Findings is available on their web page:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/drugs-health-products/canadian-integrated-program-antimicrobial-resistance-surveillance-2022-executive-summary.html>

Advertising in the CASV-ACVP Newsletter

The CASV-ACVP newsletter is sent to 180 association members each week. We accept classified advertising (e.g., job postings) in the e-newsletter. For promotional and marketing type ads, we offer one banner ad each week. We will also distribute technical bulletins for veterinary pharmaceutical products and other registered health products. There are advertising packages for companies interested in combinations of classified, banner and technical bulletin advertising.

If you are interested in any advertising opportunities, please contact Susan Fitzgerald in the CASV-ACVP office at susan.tfio@bell.net, 519-787-4322

The app serves as a user-friendly platform for the CVMA Veterinary Guidelines for Antimicrobial Use, supplying veterinary treatment recommendations and other reference information at point-of-care.

As the app is primarily only accessible to veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary students, it employs a validation step using the e-mail address that you employed to register at the CVMA website. In most cases, this e-mail address is your personal or clinic address.

If you have not registered at the CVMA website, even as a non-member, you will need to do so. All licensed veterinarians in Canada (members and non-members) and veterinary students can obtain their login credentials by contacting the CVMA at admin@cvma-acmv.org or at 1-800-567-2862.

How to download the Firstline CVMA app:

1. Install the 'Firstline - Clinical Decisions' app to your mobile device from <https://firstline.org/cvma>
2. In the Choose Location list, find and choose 'CVMA'.
3. Sign In:
 - Enter your CVMA-registered email address
 - Retrieve the one-time password (OTP) sign-in code from your email
 - Enter the code into the Firstline app

HPAI in Cattle

CASV-ACVP partnered with CAHSS, CSHIN and the Canadian Pork Council to present a webinar entitled "The potential for H5N1 Influenza in swine: Lessons learned from the dairy industry so far" which took place on May 30, 2024. You can access the recording via this link: <https://youtu.be/gD01ID0zRus>

High path avian influenza continues to be detected in US dairy herds. As of June 18th, there were 102 affected herds in 12 states. An updated national map can be found at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock> Scroll down the page to find the map.

The USDA has released some preliminary epidemiological reports describing some of the risks to spread.

Summary report: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/hpai-dairy-national-epi-brief.pdf>

Detailed report: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/hpai-h5n1-dairy-cattle-mi-epi-invest.pdf>

[Guidance for private veterinarians for HPAI in cattle](#) has been updated to include:

- Until further notice, CFIA will cover the fees for laboratory testing at any CAHSN laboratory that is approved to test samples in domestic animals. CFIA does not pay for associated veterinary fees for sample collection or shipment to the lab.
- All non-clinical dairy cattle will now be eligible for testing. A milk sample is required for lactating dairy cattle and a nasal swab is required for non-lactating dairy cattle.
- For suspect case submissions, the private veterinarian is required to report negative test results back to the district office upon receipt.

Susan Fitzgerald on behalf of CASV-ACVP Board of Directors.