



## CanSpotASF 2024/2025 Annual Report is now available

The CanSpotASF program continues to serve as Canada's national early detection program for African swine fever (ASF) surveillance and is an important component of national ASF preparedness planning. During the 2024/25 period, the program maintained robust surveillance through multiple pathways, including risk-based testing at approved animal health laboratories, abattoir condemnation sampling, and expanded to include invasive wild pig surveillance which enhances the CFIA's regulatory passive ASF surveillance. Read details in the CanSpotASF 2024/2025 Annual Report [here](#)

## Update on Pig Code of Practice Revision

The Code Committee is reviewing draft sections through monthly meetings. The enrichment chapter is finalized with housing and transport chapters being reviewed.

## SHIC Adds New World Screwworm Fact Sheet

Following the news of New World screwworm being detected in Mexico in November 2024, USDA increased efforts to prevent the insect's entry into the United States. Monitoring and mitigation practices were initiated, including the regular aerial introduction of sterile NWS insects in Mexico to curb population growth. The US swine industry considers NWS a potential emerging threat to swine health. Consequently, the Swine Health Information Center has shared regular [NWS updates](#), held a [webinar](#) on the pest, and now makes a [fact sheet](#) available as a resource for swine producers and other industry stakeholders.

## CASV-ACVP Board Update – Q1-2026 Activities

Over the past months, the CASV-ACVP Board has continued to represent the interests of swine veterinarians, often responding to requests from external stakeholders. While we are frequently consulted, sometimes on short notice, we also recognize that there are occasions where earlier engagement would allow us to provide more meaningful input. We continue to advocate for timely involvement to ensure the swine veterinary perspective is appropriately considered.

In January, the Board identified three priority areas where we will proactively focus our efforts:

1. Position CASV-ACVP as a key opinion leader in swine veterinary medicine
2. Lead initiatives in antimicrobial use and resistance (AMU/AMR)
3. Stay closely aligned with outbreak management developments

### Key Activities Aligned with These Priorities

#### 1. Key Opinion Leadership in Swine Veterinary Medicine

- Provided comments on the CVMA position statement regarding the transport of commercial animals.
- Submitted a letter in support of the Hipra registration application for Hiprasuis GI, including support for regulatory reliance on decisions and documentation from trusted foreign authorities for certain veterinary drugs.

#### 2. Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AMU/AMR)

- Engaged with CVMA regarding their interest in securing funding through the Veterinary Antimicrobial Prescription Assurance System (VAPAS), providing recommendations on how such funding could support AMU/AMR efforts at the national level.
- Updated treatment guidelines for swine diseases, with the objective of contributing to a potential FirstLine app tailored for swine practice.
- Partnered with CPC and ANAC to deliver webinars on feed prescription guidelines.

#### 3. Outbreak Management

- Christine Pelland attends ASF meetings on our behalf.

## CASV-ACVP Webinar Series

CASV-ACVP hosted the first of four planned member webinars on January 29<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Joel Nerem, DVM, Veterinary Clinic, Pipestone System discussing "Production Costs Before and After Disease Elimination and Advantages of Starting Negative".

Dr. Nerem's presentation was recorded and has been posted to the CASV-ACVP website <https://www.casv-acvp.com/>. The link to the recording is in the members' only section. Click on "More" at the upper right corner of the home page, then select "Login". The access to the members' only site is CanSwine and it is case sensitive. You will see all of the recorded webinars listed there. Once you view the webinar, let Susan Fitzgerald [susan.tfio@bell.net](mailto:susan.tfio@bell.net) know and she can provide you with a CE certificate.

The next three webinars scheduled are listed below.

For more information on New World Screwworm, check out the links below:

- [Mexican NWS dashboard](#)
- [USDA Current Status of New World Screwworm](#)
- [AVMA -New World screwworm Information](#)
- [CDC Health Alert Network](#)
- [USDA Grand Challenge](#)
- [CVMA Webinar with Dr Scott Weese](#)

#### Advertising in the CASV-ACVP Newsletter

The CASV-ACVP newsletter is sent to 170+ association members each week.

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- Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern - "**Ontario Assembly Yard Biosecurity and Health Challenges**"– Dr. Marty Misener, South West Vets
- Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 11:00 to 12:00 noon Eastern - "**Writing Feed Prescriptions: Regulatory considerations**"– Sarah Hopkins, Government Affairs Manager and Erin Ross, Technical and Regulatory Analyst, Animal Nutrition Association of Canada
- Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern - "**Canadian Swine Health Intelligence Network (CSHIN) Quarterly Report Highlights**"– Dr. Christa Arsenault, CSHIN Manager

Watch your email for additional webinars coming in 2026!

#### Feeds Act Regulatory Changes Impact Format of Prescriptions

Modernization of the regulations under the Feeds Act has led to increased emphasis on how in-feed prescriptions are written. Having vets provide CFIA compliant prescriptions is needed for feed mills to meet their regulatory obligations and avoid unfavourable audits. Health Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and ANAC have developed templates, by species, for use by veterinarians when writing veterinary feed prescriptions. The use of the templates is optional however they do include all elements required for a veterinary feed prescription to be compliant with applicable regulations. You can access the templates at <https://www.anacan.org/feed-industry/public-resources/antimicrobial-stewardship/>

The Animal Nutrition Association of Canada (ANAC), the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), and CASV-ACVP are jointly hosting a webinar on writing feed prescriptions on **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> beginning a 11:00 a.m. Eastern time**. An Outlook meeting request was sent to members. The ANAC staff will lead the presentation. A representative from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is expected to attend to assist in addressing any regulatory questions. Join us for an opportunity to learn about the regulatory requirements related to veterinary prescriptions for in-feed medications. CE certificates will be offered.

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

**Mission:** *To be a responsive, proactive voice for veterinarians involved with the swine industry in Canada.*