



2020 CASV-ACVP AGM

Beginning in 2020, the CASV-ACVP Annual Meeting will be held in Canada in conjunction with one of the regional association's AGMs. The CASV-ACVP Board decided the AGM should be hosted in the region where the President is located. For 2020, that would be WCASV as Jessica Law will be President. The WCASV AGM is held in October and the location for 2020 is Saskatoon. More details regarding the CASV-ACVP AGM will be provided closer to the date.

Liaison with the Canadian Pork Council

Representatives from the CASV-ACVP Board participate in monthly conference calls with the Canadian Pork Council (CPC). Topics discussed during the second quarter of 2019 include African swine fever, the review of the Pig Code, revision of the Transport Code, the CPC Vaccine and Drug Use Policy, and on-going support for CSHIN.

CPC Vaccine and Drug Use Policy Webinars

At CASV-ACVP's suggestion, CPC is offering webinars on their Vaccine and Drug Use Policy. There were 65 people registered for the English webinar on June 20th and 18 for the French webinar on June 27th. There will be another English webinar on July 4th and a second French webinar yet to be scheduled.

SHIC Rapid Response Initiative

Dr. Paul Sundberg, Swine Health Improvement Center (SHIC) joined the June CASV-ACVP Board conference call to give an overview and update on the SHIC Rapid Response Initiative.

This program is expected to train and support U.S. veterinarians to attend farm sites with a confirmed emerging disease.

The definition of "emerging disease" still needs some clarification, but this

African Swine Fever Updates

Prior to sale or distribution, CFIA now requires unprocessed grains, oilseeds and meals from countries with African swine fever to undergo a heat treatment at the importing facility. Full details on import requirements can be read [here](#).

Canada has zoning agreements with the U.S. and the EU and has reached an agreement on an approach to zoning with Japan. In addition, Canada and the U.S. have modified their export certificates to allow trade of live swine, swine semen, pet food, animal by-products and meat to continue in approved disease-free zones in the event of an ASF outbreak.

All export certificates for swine to the U.S. have been modified (breeding swine and feeders, farmed wild swine and zoo swine). The relevant changes to [module 5.9](#) of the Accredited Veterinarian's Manual include the following:

- details about vaccination restrictions were added;
- zoo swine must be inspected within 48 hours of exportation;
- farmed wild swine must be inspected within 14 days of exportation;
- in the event of an outbreak of a foreign animal disease, the swine; (breeding and feeders) must be inspected within seven days prior to export; and
- in the event of an outbreak of foreign animal disease, the swine can't originate and transit affected zones or be in contact with swine or swine products from the affected zones.

The new export certificate requires the veterinarian to certify that:

- The swine are not vaccinated against ASF, CSF, FMD, SVD, or AD and are not progeny of vaccinated sows.
- The swine are not vaccinated with any other live or attenuated or inactivated vaccine during the fourteen (14) days preceding export to the United States, other than standard vaccination programs developed for newly weaned or feeder pigs.

The United States has begun testing sick and dead pigs for the presence of ASF virus. CPC advised the CASV-ACVP Board they met with CFIA and were informed CFIA is putting together a proposal for a Canadian active surveillance program that would be similar to the one implemented in the U.S.

The CASV-ACVP Board created an African Swine Fever awareness document which was sent out via the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and the Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians. The objective is to reach veterinarians who are not swine veterinarians per se but may be treating pet pigs or animals owned by small scale producers.

CASV-ACVP Position Statement on Pig Sales to Non-commercial Producers

The CASV-ACVP Board asked the Swine Health Committee to develop a position statement acknowledging that sales to backyard pig owners occur and urging sellers to report animal movement and provide biosecurity information to buyers especially relating to African swine fever. This position statement was created because of the continually increasing sales and movement of pigs to and between

program is not intended to address established reportable disease or foreign animal disease.

The program is oriented towards outbreak investigations to identify the transmission pathways onto farms not so much the source of the disease.

Investigations are rolled out at the request of the producers. Consequently, the detailed reports generated are considered the property of the producer.

The program is financed by the national pork board through the producer check-off. One of the expected global outcomes is a better understanding of pathogen (disease) transmission routes.

New CASV-ACVP Website Coming in Fall 2019

The existing CASV-ACVP website is on an outdated platform which is very cumbersome to update and frequently experiences errors. This fall, we will begin building a new website which will be much more user-friendly and informative.

Advertising in the CASV-ACVP Newsletter

CASV-ACVP accepts classified advertising (e.g. job postings) in the e-newsletter. The cost is \$125 per week for classified advertising. For promotional and marketing type ads, we offer one banner ad each week at \$500 per week. The CASV-ACVP newsletter is sent to 180 association members each week. If you are interested in advertising in the newsletter, please contact Mary Loggan in the CASV-ACVP office at mary.tfio@bell.net, 519-669-3350.

small scale producers and the concern over accurate site enrolment with provincial pork organizations and reporting of movement to and from sites with PigTrace Canada. A copy of the position statement was distributed electronically to all CASV-ACVP members.

Animal Activist Protests

An increasing tactic of animal activist groups is to stage protests on farms and also try to gather video “evidence” of mistreatment. This could result in the site’s veterinarian becoming involved in the target activities or being asked by media to provide a response to allegations. In animal activist abuse claim cases, the provincial pork Board is expected to take the lead on providing communications support to the producer and in making public comment. The Canadian Pork Council (CPC) will provide a comment if contacted by national or provincial media but coordinates their message through the provincial pork Board. Any veterinarian who is impacted should make contact with the provincial pork Board regarding key messages and media support.

New Transportation Regulations – Health of Animals Act

Amended transportation regulations under the Health of Animals Act were published in Canada Gazette 2 on February 20, 2019 and come into effect in February 2020. The full text of the new regulations can be read [here](#). The Canadian Food Inspection Agency also published a guidance document to accompany the new regulations. The guidance document can be found online [here](#). Note that the guidance document is to be updated later this year and prior to the implementation of the new regulations.

In addition to reduced maximum travel times for most species, the time limits also apply to access to feed or water. Transport time for swine will be 28 hours. That is the maximum time off feed, without water *or* actual transport. Since feed is withdrawn prior to loading for most species, feed withdrawal is going to be the factor that triggers the 28 hour period.

The restrictions also apply to animals moving across the Canadian border however the travel plan/transport time is the responsibility of the driver/transport company not the veterinarian.

CASV-ACVP members may want to review the definitions of compromised and unfit animals in the new regulations and in the guidance document.

Transport Code of Practice

As noted in our April newsletter, the National Farm Animal Care Council has begun the review and updating of the Recommended Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farm Animals: Transportation which was published in 2001. Working groups are being established for all species for which a national Code exists as well as for other specialized sections of the Code such as hatchery transport, poultry catching, and care of animals at intermediary points. CASV-ACVP has two Board representatives participating on the working groups. Dr. Karine Talbot is part of the pig working group and Dr. Mike DeGroot will be participating in the co-mingling/assembly yard working group. Target completion date for the new Code is spring of 2023.

Susan Fitzgerald on behalf of CASV board of directors.