

FOR INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

NAHIP Advisory Committee Annual Meeting 2023

Agenda Item 2.3

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INTENSIVE INDUSTRY REPORT**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NAHI Advisory Committee NOTE:
 - a. The author's appointment as intensive industry representative is a recent development.
 - b. There has not been an opportunity for the intensive industries to agree on expectations of the NAHIP, nor possible extensions or modifications.
 - c. The surveillance updates provided by the intensive industries.

BACKGROUND

2. Animal Health Australia (AHA) facilitates innovative partnerships between governments, major livestock sectors and other stakeholders to protect animal health and the sustainability of Australia's livestock industry.
3. The AHA Industry Forum (IF) provides a platform for industry representatives to discuss livestock health, welfare and biosecurity matters of common interest.
4. This paper aims to provide a brief overview of surveillance activities and/or reporting from an industry perspective. It will also aim to highlight areas where NAHIP may be able to better assist industry members in these surveillance programs.

DISCUSSION**5. Australian Pork Limited (APL) Evidence of Absence Surveillance Project**

APL supports the NAHIP Business Plan 2022-25 and are satisfied that the diseases on the national notifiable list, which industry benefits from monitoring and/or demonstrating evidence of disease absence to support trade, are adequately captured through the NAHIP, and complemented by APL's Evidence of Absence Surveillance Project, at this point in time.

Currently, the Evidence of Absence program is managed by AHA for APL on a 3-year contract. In the past this program had been successful getting samples submitted from vets. However, uptake of the surveillance program in the last 12 months has been poor. This is despite changes to the sampling plan which revised it so that samples from at least five animals became a "preference" rather than being set as a "requirement". APL will be working on further understanding ways to increase the uptake.

6. Avian influenza Surveillance project

Wildlife Health Australia operates the AI surveillance project. In the last few years, there has been reported cases of AI spill over into mammals. Given that pigs are capable of being infected by AI, it has been recognised that it is important for our industry to be engaged and aware of the results of the surveillance of migratory birds due to the potential cross over of AI into pigs.

7. JEV surveillance

APL is aware there are surveillance programs for JEV being conducted by the State health departments. We would like to see the continuation of these programs for the benefit of humans and pigs and would like to see the data and analysis from these programs shared to support accurate and up to date industry action and messaging.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. Generally, surveillance programs are primarily funded through a cost-shared agreement with the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) and Australian state and territory government agencies they also receive significant financial or in-kind contributions from surveillance partners such as industry, non-government organisations and universities.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

9. Due to time constraints around the appointment of an intensive industry representative, broader consultation with Industry Forum members was not widely sort.
10. Future consideration and discussion on NAHIP with broader Industry Forum members will be needed leading into 2024. It will be recommended that communication on the development of these updates needs to occur as a standing agenda item at Industry Forum meetings.

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

11. Through AHA IF, a standing agenda item or calendar may permit forward planning regarding future consultation with its members regarding NAHIP.

Attachment A: N/A

FEEDBACK

12.

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NAHIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Further consultation with industry representatives is warranted to facilitate a better understanding of industry needs and satisfaction.				

Q2 My organisation is satisfied that the outputs of NAHIP, such as the Animal Health in Australia report are Animal Health Surveillance Quarterly, are credible and robust.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Further consultation with industry representatives is warranted to ascertain the strength of NAHIP outputs.				

Q3 The format and protocols in place for uploading and transferring national surveillance data are fit for purpose.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
N/A.				

Q4 NAHIP satisfies national surveillance data and reporting requirements. (Please outline any requirements not being met).				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree