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- The Canadian National Goat Federation Board has held three teleconferences so far in 2021: February, March and May. All meetings are now done through Zoom.
- Invoices for CNGF membership were sent to member organizations in May. As a reminder, at the Board teleconference in October 2019 a motion was made to raise CNGF membership fees by 50% over two years in order to cover basic operational costs and help with the cost of the Code of Practice liaison position
 - o Fees for 2020: \$187.50 for less than 20 members, \$375 for 20-30, \$562.50 for 30-50, \$750 for over 50 and \$937.50 for national organizations
 - o Fees for 2021: \$225 for less than 20 members, \$450 for 20-30, \$675 for 30-50, \$900 for over 50 and \$1125 for national organizations
- The CNGF office and all bookkeeping is now in Annaheim, Saskatchewan and all written correspondence should be addressed to:

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- **Scrapie Working Group** - CNGF has two designated individuals representing the association in this group which also includes representatives from the Canadian Sheep Federation, Canadian Sheep Breeders Association and the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association. CNGF reps attended the most recent Scrapie Working Group meeting in November 2020. [... click here for Scrapie info available on CFIA website](#)
- **April 22, 2021 - Notice to industry from CFIA - Advancing eradication: genetic scrapie resistance in goats**
Testing for genetic resistance in sheep has been a useful tool in scrapie management and eradication. The Canadian goat industry may now also breed for genetic resistance to scrapie. The Canadian goat industry has been supportive of better understanding of genetic resistance in goats to help producers eradicate scrapie. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is working towards piloting the use of genetic resistance alleles S146 and K222 (via a pilot study) in the future of our National Scrapie Eradication Program (NSEP). This is an approach consistent with the United States (US) and the European Union (EU). [... click here for full article available on CNGF website](#)

- March 24, 2021** – CNGF reps attended virtual **Regulatory Implementation Committee** meeting via MS Teams.
 - Included reports from responsible Administrators for Livestock Traceability in Canada:
 - Canadian Cattle Identification Agency - CCIA
 - Canadian Pork Council - CPC (PigTrace)
 - Lactanet Canada - LC (DairyTrace)
 - Attestra (formerly ATQ)
 - Livestock Identification and Traceability Program Update – CFIA
 - Due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on stakeholders and government, time lines for all regulatory initiatives were delayed and revised in 2020
 - CFIA’s forward regulatory plan: proposed amendments be pre-published in Canada Gazette, Part 1 (CG1) in Summer or Early Fall 2021. A public comment period of at least 90 days will be available to ensure time for outreach and for all to provide feedback on the regulatory proposal.
 - Plan to host next RIC meeting prior to CG1.
- The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) is the Responsible Administrator for goat traceability tags in Canada.** Further information on pre-approved tags available for purchase is on CCIA’s website: <https://www.canadaid.ca/>
- CFIA traceability regulation process:
 - Regulations published in Canada Gazette 1 (CG1)
 - COVID-19 has significantly delayed everything at CFIA – they are currently aiming for publication of the Proposed Regulatory Amendments to the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program in Canada Gazette 1 in Spring or Summer of 2021
 - Once the regulations are published in CG1 there will be more definitive time lines for implementation
 - Open for further comments from affected parties/stakeholders
 - After comments received/implemented, final regulations published in Canada Gazette 2 (CG2) and no further changes will be possible
 - One year after CG2 is published, regulations will come into force
- CFIA recognizes the problems with fatigue in the goat industry because of delays in traceability regulations; they’re moving the file forward as best they can.

Traceability

GOAT TRACEABILITY RESOURCE FROM CCIA



PREMISES ID

Register and identify your premises with your provincial or territorial government: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/traceability/premises-identification/eng/1495127375452/1495127376419>

GOAT TAGS

Download the latest CCIA tag catalog



- **May 6, 2021** – CNGF rep attended **Health Canada’s 2021 Stakeholder Update on Food and Nutrition** via webinar
 - o Presentation included: Health Portfolio Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; Food and Nutrition Highlights and Priorities; Panel Discussion on Food Innovation - Modern and Agile Food Regulations to Better Serve Canadians
 - o Underscored the importance of regulatory system to ensure food safety for Canadians
 - o Website: COVID-19 and food safety - <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/covid19-food-industry.html>
 - o COVID-19 has dominated the work of CFIA - they are prioritizing essential activities such as on-site inspections, laboratory testing, etc. to deliver safe food supply and keep the economy going

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- Technical Review by CFIA of CNGF’s On Farm Food Safety Program was completed in August 2020 – no changes were made to the current CNGF OFFS Manual. [... click here to download the CNGF OFFS Manual](#)

On-Farm
Food Safety

- CNGF and Canadian Sheep Federation representatives have joined together in developing an industry-led initiative to ensure that producers across Canada have access to properly trained and accredited ultrasound technicians and veterinarians

Pregnancy Ultrasound
Working Group

- The Code of Practice outlines the minimum standards to provide responsible care for goats; the current Code was published in 2003.
- CNGF compiled and submitted official draft Code of Practice comments in February 2021
- The draft Code was developed by a multi-stakeholder committee following the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) Code development process and the public comment period (PCP) for this draft has now concluded - approximately 250 comments were submitted. This compares well to PCP for other Codes - the goat industry is small and the draft was long, and there was enough interest from the industry to generate a number of submissions on the higher end of what NFACC typically sees.

Code of Practice
for the Care and
Handling of Goats

- The Code Development Committee will be considering all feedback, revising the draft as deemed necessary, and submitting a final Code to NFACC. The revised Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Goats is slated to be released in the winter of 2021.
- CNGF has been funding the Code of Practice liaison position (occupied by Amy Vingerhoeds) and actively soliciting sponsorships from industry partners and associations to assist with this funding
- More information on the Code of Practice: <https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/goats>

- **Responsible Animal Health Product Disposal** - <https://cleanfarms.ca/materials-at-a-glance/>
 - o Programs designed to help Canadian farmers who strive to farm sustainably with innovative and convenient recycling solutions.
 - o Canadian Animal Health Institute works through Cleanfarms to offer free-of-charge regional collections of obsolete or unwanted animal health products for livestock, equine and aquaculture. Cleanfarms takes the lead in the communication of collection dates and locations each fall.
- **AAFC: Step up to the plate - Help feed Canadians - marketing campaign**
 - o The portal provides national and regional employment information, including links to job sites across the country, as well as health, safety and training resources for job seekers who are available and interested in working on farms, in food processing and other related occupations: https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/canadas-agriculture-sectors/step-up-to-the-plate-help-feed-canadians/?id=1587057952017&utm_source=ext_web&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Stepup&utm_content=2021-03-15_0061
- **AAFC: Youth Employment and Skills Program**
 - o Provides a wage subsidy to employers who hire youth for agricultural jobs. The program offers support for 50% of wages to a maximum of \$14,000. Employers can apply on or after May 5, 2021 for their project to be considered. Projects may start retroactively as early as April 15, 2021. https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/youth-employment-and-skills-program/?id=1557778999519&utm_source=ext_web&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=yesp&utm_content=yyyy-05-dd_0002