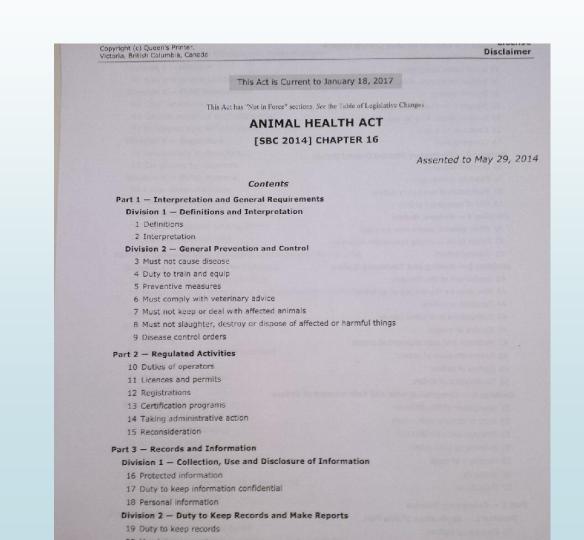
BC's Updated Animal Health Act and its Role in a Livestock Crisis

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Avian flu detected at 2 Fraser Valley poultry farms

Virus detected at Abbotsford turkey farm and Chilliwack broiler chicken breeding farm

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Avian flu detected at 2 B.C. poultry farms 2:06

355 shares

The H5 avian influenza virus has been detected on two poultry farms in the Fraser Vallev east of Vancouver. officials in B.C. have confirmed

Animal Disease Protection Act

- Still in effect
- Out of date
- Powers poorly described
- Role
 - **■**COMMUNICATE
 - SUPPORT THE CFIA

New powers under the Animal Health Act

- Quarantine
- Surveillance
- Restrict movements
- Order destruction
- Order inspection
- Order testing
- Order record keeping and supplying of records
- Order treatment
- Hire more people
- Mandatory reporting

Even greater powers in a declared emergency

- Do it faster
- Not required to provide advance notice
- Can be oral orders not in writing
- Inspect with or without a warrant
- Collect material and information that could not otherwise be collected, used or disclosed and collect it in a form or manner that is not prescribed
- Designate a person to exercise the powers or perform the duties of an inspector or a veterinarian for the period of the emergency
- Gives the Chief Veterinarian great powers to act in a timely manner and with strong penalties to enforce

Many sleepless nights



Applying these powers outside of a declared emergency

SMALL HIVE BEETLE

- Ordered inspections written advance notice
- Ordered stop movements written notification

MYCOPLASMA OVIPNEUMONIA IN DOMESTIC AND WILD SHEEP

- Explored options of declaring disease free zones, regulating domestic sheep production, declaring it a reportable disease with mandatory testing for movement
- Options if required would be to allow domestic sheep production by permit which is voluntary to facilitate testing and restricted grazing areas
- Currently doing outreach to inform domestic sheep producers of the risk their animals pose and carrying out facilitated testing of wild and domestic sheep with a recently developed test in the province.

Next time with Avian Influenza

- We can if we need to act ahead of the CFIA to have containment and destruction
- We have identified the critical points where CFIA must be involved to insure that compensation is not impacted
- Communication would always still be a primary task
- Endless possibilities

Questions

Animal Health Act. Notifiable and Reportable Disease Regulation, Enforcement Regulation

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