

MEETING REPORT

African Swine Fever Stakeholder Teleconference

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Item #	Item Name	Discussion summary	Major outcomes, recommendations, actions
1	Welcome (APL CEO)	<p>Ms Margo Andrae opened the teleconference at 10:00am.</p> <p>Australia remains ASF free.</p> <p>As a message for all stakeholders, media references are occasionally incorrectly referring to ASF as Australian swine flu as opposed to African swine fever. It is important that the correct reference is used within the industry and that stakeholders be aware of the incorrect media phrasing.</p> <p>The industry is expecting an announcement from the federal Government on a national co-ordination of the management of feral pigs. Feral pigs are a huge disease risk for the pork industry and a cause of agricultural destruction and a decision in this space is welcomed.</p>	
2	Industry Update - APL Manager, Production Stewardship	<p>Dr Lechelle van Breda (APL Manager, Production Stewardship) provided an overview of a joint meeting between the Industry ASF Technical Advisory Committee and the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) ASF Task Group.</p> <p>The focus of the meeting was primarily gap analysis, the identification of issues industry would like addressed and also identifying areas where industry can assist the CVO Working Groups.</p> <p>The CVO Working Groups are addressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operationalising ASF AUSVETPLAN • Feral pig management • Processors • Destruction, disinfection and disposal • Pig movements and permits <p>The key actions arising from the meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compilation of information materials to enable producers to navigate disease infection and risk assessment. The aim is to ensure that producers are familiar with what will be required in the event of an incursion, including having records and information ready for risk assessments that will occur at that time. • A focus on the valuation and compensation process, including to understand how the assessment methodology will be applied at ground 	<p>APL will circulate the Minutes from the Industry ASF Technical Advisory Committee and the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) ASF Task Group.</p> <p>APL to circulate information on the groups that are meeting. Including membership, coverage of issues, and communication lines.</p>

		<p>level and the engagement of independent valuers to assess levels of compensation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the need for business continuity plans across the supply chain. 	
3	Overview of DDD - DPI, Victoria	<p>Ms Andrae introduced Mr Duncan Worsfold, from Agriculture Victoria. Mr Worsfold addressed the activities of the CVO working group addressing destruction plans, disposal standard operating procedures, and disinfection protocols (DDD). The working group is looking at what options are available for carcass disposal. They are examining on farm options for disposal as well as off-site options. Each site circumstances for disposal will be different, dependent on a wide range of factors particular to the site, such as environmental factors or any other constraints. The group is looking at technical aspects for disposal as well as the legislative arrangements that need to be in place to support disposal plans. The EPA will have a role in disposal operations. All disposal options are being tabled to assess that most suited for a given site. Option examples are: burning; burial; composting; partial burial; landfill; rendering; abattoir processing; off-site composting. Information is being prepared that will assist producers with pre-planning for DDD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A framework to aid in decision making on farm; and • A table of disposal options. <p>Each farm will need to give consideration to disposal options in pre-planning stages as producers know their own site best. It is recommended for producers to engage with their local EPA.</p>	
4	Stakeholder Questions	<p>Resource availability within EPA jurisdictions for scenario planning Questions asked related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether staff resources are available/trained within EPAs across all jurisdictions for an outbreak incursion. • Are biosecurity areas and agriculture industries reaching out to the EPAs with regards to: planning for a disease incursion; and ensuring that the EPAs have an understanding of their role and the procedures that will need to be followed. <p>Noted that wherever there is an environmental impact, there is a need for a high level of contact with the local EPA.</p> <p>Traceability of pig movements – record keeping needs / options within the supply chain Question asked in relation to renderers and their options for traceability of pigs that come into the facilities on a daily basis. Notably to delineate any product should there be a disease incursion.</p>	<p>Ms Andrae recommended that producers identify who their regional EPA is and develop a relationship with them, so that they know their contact should there be a disease incursion.</p> <p>Dr van Breda can be contacted to discuss supply-chain specific preparedness arrangements, exploring the information that is required and the options available for co-ordinated supply chain approaches.</p>
5	Next Call	<p>The weekly teleconferences will continue to be scheduled whilst stakeholders have concerns and continued interest in the activities underway. The next teleconference will be held on Friday 15th November at 10am. Details will be circulated by APL.</p>	<p>All stakeholders are welcome to continue sending through or asking questions, or raising their concerns with both Ms Andrae or Dr van Breda.</p>

