



## June 2020 CNGF Report

### CNGF Office Update

- The CNGF is currently in the process of recruiting a new Executive Director for the CNGF office. Our previous Executive Director, Kimberly Sheppard completed her contract with CNGF at the end of April this year and has moved on to new opportunities.
- Communications sent to the CNGF office will continue to be monitored and answered, although the response time may be slightly longer. We ask for everyone's patience as we transition our office in the near future.

### Traceability for goats in Canada

- An Industry Government Advisory Council (IGAC) meeting was held in Ottawa on March 5, 2020, which CNGF was invited to.
- Following the meeting, CNGF received a copy of the record of discussion of that meeting.
- In mid May, CFIA forwarded CNGF a document outlining the Proposed Regulatory Amendments to the Livestock Traceability Regulations (for all species).
- CNGF has been invited to attend a virtual meeting with CFIA to discuss this document and provide input as the representatives for the goat industry in Canada. It anticipated that this meeting will take place sometime in mid to late June.
- As of this time, there are still NO definite timelines in place for the implementation of the regulations for a Traceability program for goats. CNGF continues to work with CFIA in regards to bringing the goat industry on board with traceability.
- The Canadian Cattle Identification Association has been contracted by CNGF as the administrator for the goat traceability program. Tags for goats have been pre-approved and are available for purchase by interested producers. Information regarding CCIA and the pre-approved goat tags for purchase can be found on the CCIA website:  
<https://www.canadaid.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Goat-Info-Package-2020-01-29-4pgs.pdf>.

## Goat Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farm Animals

This report was provided by Amy Vingerhoeds, Goat Industry Liaison

Slowly and surely. Progress is being made.

We are well past the half-way mark in writing the first draft of Code of Practice. The content is still confidential at this point.

The Review of Scientific Research on Priority Issues is completed, and was forwarded in March 2020 (on schedule) for peer review. There were six topics for the research team to compile and review the most up-to-date literature: lameness; space allowance; end of life management; painful procedures; natural behaviours and optimizing kid health. Findings from this report will be used to build some of the requirements and recommended practices in the new Code. The peer reviewed report will be available on NFACC's website when the draft Code is released for public comment later this fall.

Revising and updating the Code of Practice has been an important project for CNGF to be part of. In particular, we should thank the goat producers from Saskatchewan to Quebec who are sitting on this Code committee. Each producer brings something unique – a calm reasonable presence, or an extensive knowledge of production, or a different perspective. Remember, these producers are volunteering their time - their contributions on behalf of the goat industry should be acknowledged and appreciated. Huge thanks to all of them!

Along with the rest of the world, Covid19 has changed the way our Goat Code committee meets and communicates. April & July meetings and travelling were cancelled, and replaced with on-line communication. Original Code release deadlines will have to be slightly delayed.

Later this fall, watch for the announcement of 60-day public comment period. This is the opportunity for anyone to offer up ideas for additional material to include in Code. On the first day of the comment period, two documents will be available to read on line:

- Review of Scientific Research on Priority Issues
- Draft Code of Practice for Goats

Links will be provided on CNGF's website. Stay tuned.