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Action Items from the September Board meeting

- The AgroLedger project Executive summary and proposal were drafted and submitted.
- Videos of Global Conference presentations are being shared on Facebook, one every Friday.
- The CSF is working with the Royal Winter Fair organizing committee to coordinate support for the sheep education space.
- The CSF annual audit is underway. Did you know that even though not required to do so, the CSF conducts a full third-party audit every year as it fulfills its fiduciary responsibility to members?

Canadian Sheep Identification Program / Traceability

- With the 42nd Parliament dissolved September 11th and the Caretaker’s Act coming into force, consultations on proposed traceability regulation amendments have been put on hold. This includes postponing all traceability-related meetings until new or renewed leadership is in place.
- The CCIA Board of Directors met via teleconference in September, rather than in-person in Calgary. With regulatory amendments on hold, the agenda was quite short.

Scrapie Flock Certification Program

- Status assessment for the Scrapie Flock Certification Program have moved back in-house and files will be managed through the main office. We’re happy to field any questions or concerns you have with the program.

Industry Updates

- The Public Trust Steering Committee convened in September to consider a proposal to move Committee oversight to the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity (CCFI) where it is currently maintained by CFA. CCFIA presented their transition proposal to the Committee who supported the move. CCFI has committed to expanding their mandate and the scope of their partnerships to help enhance engagement with the Committee.
- The CSF Wild Sheep Conflict Working Group met to discuss a proposed pilot project with the National Farmed Animal Welfare Council. The pilot will combine the efforts of the CSF Working Group with those of the NFAHC’s Emerging Issues Group in a new Farmed Wild Animal Interface

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Working Group. In addition to working on wild sheep conflict issues, this group will build a template by which farmed and wild animal interface issues can be managed with new and emerging issues.

- The Animal Health Canada Working Group met with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) to discuss public-private animal health initiatives around the world, as part of the WG's work on a new strategy for animal health management in Canada.
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council members met in Ottawa in September to consider bylaw changes that will help expand the Council's membership, engagement, representation and mandate. Work continues on structural and governance changes as the organization considers member feedback.

This month's meetings

- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors
- Public Trust Steering Committee
- CSF Wild Sheep Conflict Working Group
- Dalen Creative
- Animal Health Canada & Synthesis Agrifood Network
- Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Board of Directors
- BDO Canada LLP
- Animal Health Canada & OIE
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council
- The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Humane Transport programming