



## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

To find out more about the Alberta Veterinary Surveillance Network, search for "AVSN" on Ropin' the Web at:  
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## IF YOU ARE A VETERINARIAN...

...feel free to call.

Guidelines are available on the AVSN pages on Ropin' the Web (AAFRD's web site) describing the services that AAFRD specialists can provide to you. Our team looks forward to working with you.

As demonstrating livestock health and food safety becomes increasingly essential to international and domestic market access, AVSN will continue to support veterinary excellence in Alberta.

## IF YOU NEED ANIMAL HEALTH INFORMATION...

...tell us how we can help you. As we gather data, we will be able to provide reports describing the health of Alberta's livestock for market access, safety and public health.



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AVSN is comprised of three components: Veterinary Practice Surveillance (VPS), the Livestock Pathology Consultation Program (LPCP), and the Livestock Disease Investigation Network (LDIN). The goals of AVSN are to:

- Support Alberta to become a global leader in animal health surveillance
- Build and test an innovative model that may be used by other jurisdictions
- Support national excellence in animal health surveillance
- Provide information to agencies such as the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to validate Alberta's animal health and to demonstrate Alberta's veterinary infrastructure
- Provide information to marketing and commodity agencies to address market access issues
- Support veterinary practitioners and other authorized officials by providing web-based access to current information on the health status of Alberta's livestock
- Monitor disease trends in livestock and poultry
- Provide diagnostic pathology and disease investigation support to veterinary practitioners to respond to animal health issues that may affect market access, food safety and public health



### VETERINARY PRACTICE SURVEILLANCE (VPS)

An innovative approach to surveillance that provides the framework for veterinarians to share information via the Internet. Private veterinary practitioners enter livestock health/disease data and have access to information collectively generated by other participating practitioners. VPS is both a detection and warning system: information about unusual disease problems reported by one or a few veterinarians can be rapidly disseminated to all other participating veterinarians through the VPS website. VPS also collates and disseminates animal health information to authorized marketing and commodity agencies.

### LIVESTOCK PATHOLOGY CONSULTATION PROGRAM (LPCP)

A program to assist private veterinary practitioners investigating herd problems or unresolved health issues that may impact market access, food safety or public health. AAFRD pathologists, using modern technology like telepathology, provide timely and effective support to veterinary practitioners.

### LIVESTOCK DISEASE INVESTIGATION NETWORK (LDIN)

A team of epidemiologists, veterinarians and pathologists that investigate significant disease problems identified by private veterinary practitioners or through AVSN and LPCP activities. LDIN also supports activities directed by the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian (OCPV).