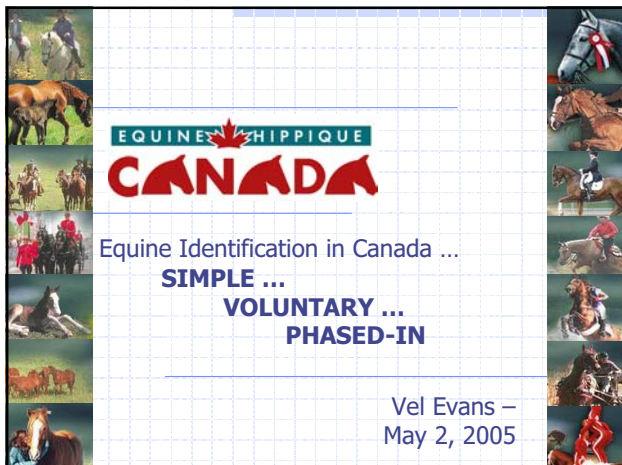


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Equine Identification in Canada ...
SIMPLE ...
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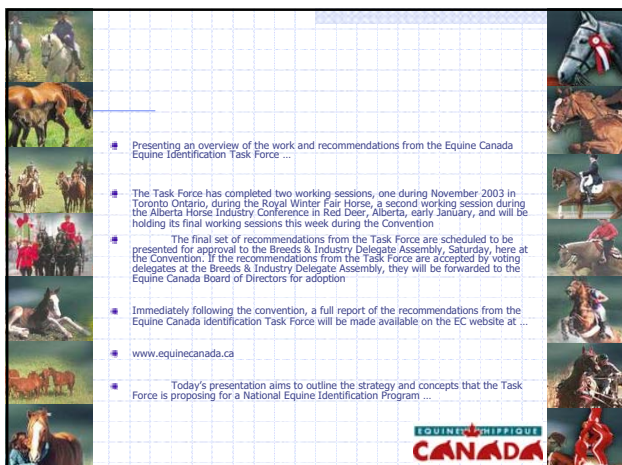
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 May 2, 2005



Today's session:

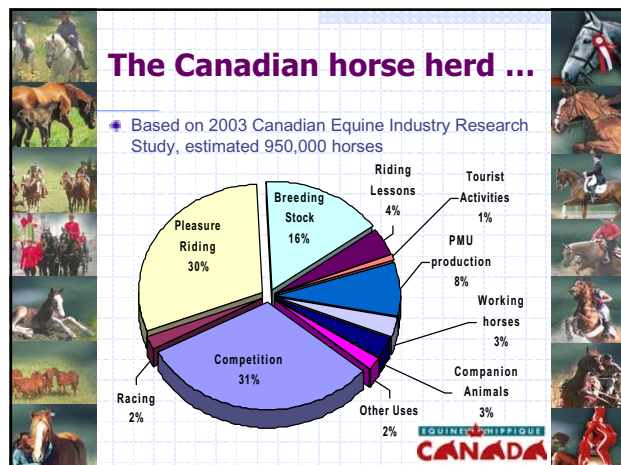
- Context for why Canada is developing a national equine ID & tracking system
- Update on the current status of the project
- Next steps ... plan to roll out Phase I for voluntary, phased-in system
- Phase II and Phase III
- Questions

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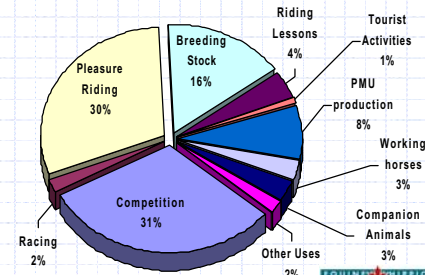
- Presenting an overview of the work and recommendations from the Equine Canada Equine Identification Task Force ...
- The Task Force has completed two working sessions, one during November 2003 in Toronto Ontario, during the Royal Winter Fair Horse, a second working session during the Alberta Horse Industry Conference in Red Deer, Alberta, early January, and will be holding its final working sessions this week during the Convention
- The final set of recommendations from the Task Force are scheduled to be presented for approval to the Breeds & Industry Delegate Assembly, Saturday, here at the Convention. If the recommendations from the Task Force are accepted by voting delegates at the Breeds & Industry Delegate Assembly, they will be forwarded to the Equine Canada Board of Directors for adoption
- Immediately following the convention, a full report of the recommendations from the Equine Canada Identification Task Force will be made available on the EC website at ...
- www.equinecanada.ca
- Today's presentation aims to outline the strategy and concepts that the Task Force is proposing for a National Equine Identification Program ...

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The Canadian horse herd ...

- Based on 2003 Canadian Equine Industry Research Study, estimated 950,000 horses

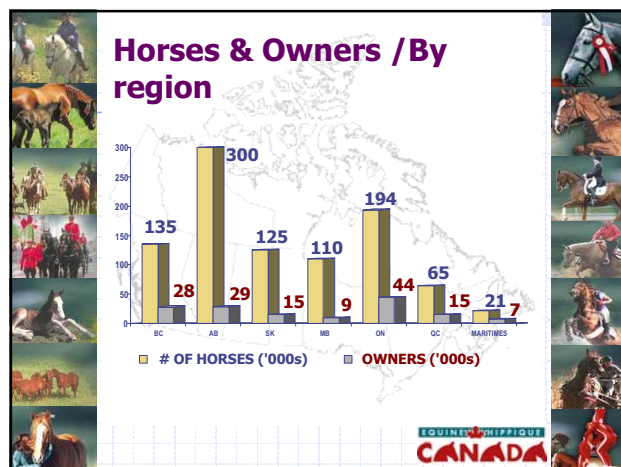


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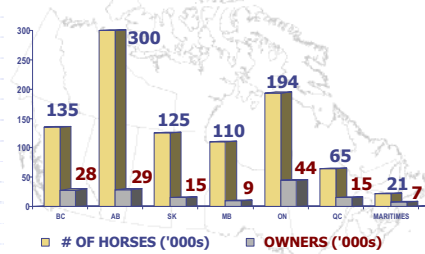


- Although horses in Canada are generally used for more than one activity ... both pleasure riding and competition for example, or horses that are riding lessons and competition ... during research interviews, horse owners were asked to define the "main use" for horses they owned ...
- If the 950,000 horses in Canada were classified by their "main" use ... the breakdown would be approximately 1/3 used for pleasure riding, another 1/3 used for racing and non-racing competition, and the balance of the herd as breeding stock for pleasure-riding and competition, and other uses, such as pregnant mare urine production, working ranch horses, tourist activities such as trail riding, etc.

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Horses & Owners / By region



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International comparison ...

Approximately 10% of the size of the U.S. equine sector ...

	Sweden	France	Ireland	Germany	UK	Canada
Population	9 million	60 million	4 million	85 million	60 million	31 million
Herd Size	225,000*	500,000*	100,000*	1,000,000*	955,000*	950,000
Active participants	450,000	620,000	150,000	1,700,000	2,000,000	750,000**
% of General Population	5%	1.23%	4%	2%	1.6%	2.4%**
Competitors as % of Active Sector	50%	65%	11%	58%	28%	15%

- U.S. is #1 trading partner for live use activities with horses
- Canadian developing active export markets for Canadian-breds to Europe
- Canada exports approximately 100,000 tonnes of horse meat each year to European markets



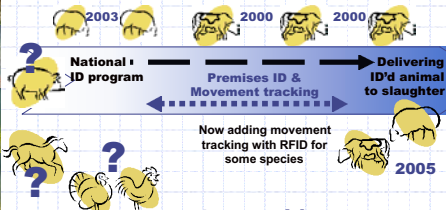
International markets ...

- Mandatory passports in EU to record ID, movement and drug inputs
- New EU food regulations require full traceability for all meat products ... expected to be a requirement for imported meats in the future
- NAIS underway in US to require unique animal ID and "home farm" premises / "destination" premises for horse moving in-and-out of U.S.



An evolutionary process ...

- These systems evolve over time ... In Canada different species are at different generations ...



Starts with ID ... Each species decides!!

Equine ID Working Group

- Equine Canada is responding to AAFC request ...
- **How would/could equines fit into a national multi-species strategy?**
- As industry representatives ... to look at how to ...
- **Minimize impact / cost & maximize benefit**
- Equine Canada created a Working Group that met during November 2003 through November 2004
 - Background research ... Europe & U.S.
 - 45 different volunteers ... six working sessions ...



WHY a national ID program for horses in Canada ...

- Health of horses in Canada -- to make the impact as small as possible in the case of a contagious disease health emergency
- Health of other livestock
- Public health and food safety ...
- To protect the access for movement of horses in Canada... and internationally
- Proof of ownership and standardized ID would simplify moving horses in Canada and abroad



Horse ID ... Key Concepts

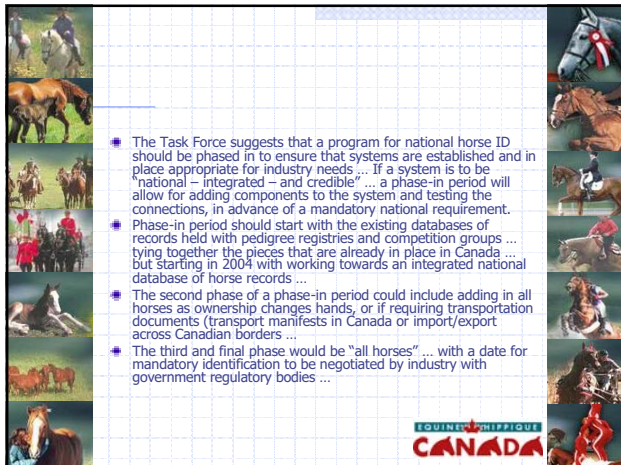
- Every horse must have an assigned UELN
Unique **E**quine **L**ife **N**umber
- Every horse must have an identified owner of record responsible for acquiring UELN and reporting ownership
- Records for horses will be stored in an equine industry-owned equine database
- It should be **voluntary** ... and it is essential that there is a "Phase-In Period"

PHASE-IN PERIOD → FULL COMPLIANCE

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

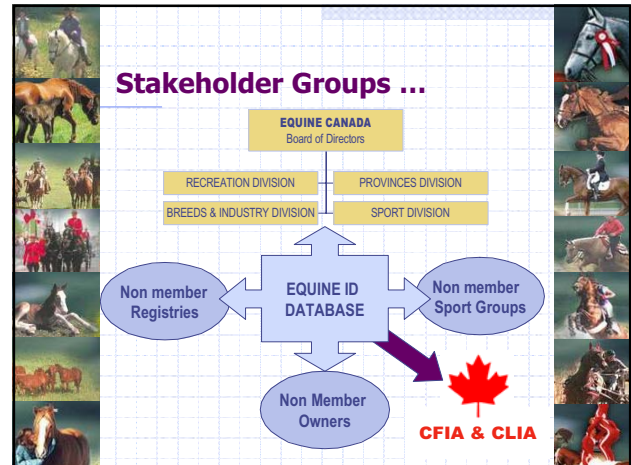
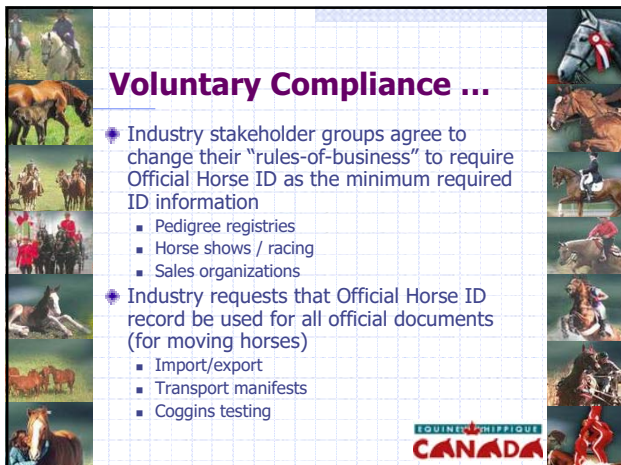


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- The Task Force suggests that a program for national horse ID should be phased in to ensure that systems are established and in place appropriate for industry needs ... If a system is to be "national – integrated – and credible" ... a phase-in period will allow for adding components to the system and testing the connections, in advance of a mandatory national requirement.
- Phase-in period should start with the existing databases of records held with pedigree registries and competition groups ... tying together the pieces that are already in place in Canada ... but starting in 2004 with working towards an integrated national database of horse records ...
- The second phase of a phase-in period could include adding in all horses as ownership changes hands, or if requiring transportation documents (transport manifests in Canada or import/export across Canadian borders ...
- The third and final phase would be "all horses" ... with a date for mandatory identification to be negotiated by industry with government regulatory bodies ...

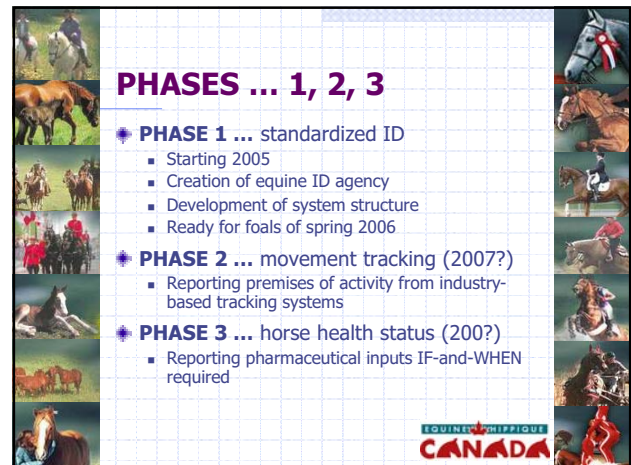
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Voluntary Compliance ...

- Industry stakeholder groups agree to change their "rules-of-business" to require Official Horse ID as the minimum required ID information
 - Pedigree registries
 - Horse shows / racing
 - Sales organizations
- Industry requests that Official Horse ID record be used for all official documents (for moving horses)
 - Import/export
 - Transport manifests
 - Coggins testing

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PHASES ... 1, 2, 3

- **PHASE 1 ... standardized ID**
 - Starting 2005
 - Creation of equine ID agency
 - Development of system structure
 - Ready for foals of spring 2006
- **PHASE 2 ... movement tracking (2007?)**
 - Reporting premises of activity from industry-based tracking systems
- **PHASE 3 ... horse health status (200?)**
 - Reporting pharmaceutical inputs IF-and-WHEN required

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