

## **Industry airs concerns over parts of new CFIA inspection approach**

Seven industry workshops on CFIA's new Compliance Verification System (CVS) were held across the country earlier this spring. Close to 300 feed industry participants learned firsthand how CFIA intends to approach facility inspections using the new CVS inspection tools. The sessions also provided the industry with the opportunity to air their views on a number of ongoing problem areas arising during inspections.

ANAC staff were in attendance at all sessions, and noted that there was a recurring list of issues raised by industry participants. Most related to CFIA inspection activities around the use of medications, including the reprocessing of flush/rework materials, sequencing, veterinary prescriptions, ingredient tolerances, and flush validation. Participants also expressed concern over the removal of company records during routine inspections, Feed Ban labeling policies, and the status of Table 4 of the *Feeds Regulations*.

In May and again in June, we formally communicated the industry's main concerns to senior CFIA executives, and provided a number of recommendations to resolve the problems that have emerged since the introduction of CVS. We also suggested to CFIA that while ANAC is in communication with the agency in an attempt to resolve the problems, inspectors should continue to accept feed mill procedures that were previously considered compliant.

We will keep you posted on ANAC's dialogue with CFIA on these issues. Rest assured that we see resolution of these problem areas as a top priority for the industry.