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Here are the important issues that CNGF dealt with in 2008 :

1. Identification and traceability
 - Currently the most important consideration of CNGF
 - The Program is completed and is subject to revision by CFIA and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
 - Certain issues concerning the movements of animals must await the final decision of CFIA and Ag Canada
 - Participation in the Program is voluntary until all aspects are approved. The purpose of this is to make ear tags available in the short term for breeders who would like to order them.
 - Tag supplier : Ketchum
 - Manager of the database : CCIA
 - Administrator of the Program : CNGF
 - Producer meetings were held in March across Canada to launch the Program.

2. On Farm Food Safety on goat farms
 - Pilot project is complete
 - The producer manual is currently being reviewed by CFIA
 - The development, updates, and material are done at the Federal level
 - The implementation of the program at producers level is a provincial responsibility
 - Short term subsidies are available for producers who need financial assistance in setting up the Program
 - Funds will be managed by different provincial government agencies and producers associations within each Province.

3. Health Committee
 - Pressure on government and pharmaceutical companies to approve the use of veterinary products on goats.

4. Other issues:

- Addressing the communication problems with the website.
- The CNGF has become affiliated with the Canadian Sheep Federation. There are many issues concerning small ruminants in general and we will have more force if we unite.