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THEMATIC	HEADLINE – JOURNAL - DATE – ARTICLE'S LEAD
Emerging Diseases	<p>Au Gabon, des scientifiques sur la piste des virus émergents <i>Le Monde – 16/12/2020</i> Des chercheurs arpentent la forêt vierge pour étudier les chauves-souris, suspectées d'être à l'origine de la plupart des épidémies transmises à l'homme, dont le Covid-19.</p>
COVID-19	<p>COVID has reached Antarctica. Scientists are extremely concerned for its wildlife <i>The Conversation – 10/02/2021</i> In December, Antarctica lost its status as the last continent free of COVID-19 when 36 people at the Chilean Bernardo O'Higgins research station tested positive. The station's isolation from other bases and fewer researchers in the continent means the outbreak is now likely contained.</p> <p>Covid: WHO says 'extremely unlikely' virus leaked from lab in China <i>BBC – 10/02/2021</i> International experts investigating the origins of Covid-19 have all but dismissed a theory that the virus came from a laboratory in China.</p> <p>WHO Wuhan COVID-19 mission over but much more work still to do <i>News ABS – 11/02/2021</i></p> <p>Coronavirus en China: 4 datos sobre el origen de la pandemia revelados por la OMS tras su misión en Wuhan <i>BBC – 09/02/2021</i></p> <p>La OMS concluye que el coronavirus tiene origen animal y no circulaba en Wuhan antes de diciembre de 2019 <i>RTVE – 09/02/2021</i></p> <p>La OMS considera que el virus tuvo un origen animal, al concluir su misión en Wuhan <i>El País – 09/02/2021</i></p>

	<p><u>Éva, 9 ans : « Mon chien ou mon chat peuvent-ils être contaminés par le coronavirus ? »</u> <i>The Conversation – 01/12/2020</i> Très bonne question. En effet les animaux domestiques peuvent être contaminés par le coronavirus. Les scientifiques ont en effet montré plusieurs cas de chiens et chats qui ont été infectés par leurs propriétaires. Les scientifiques ont également identifié d'autres animaux infectés par les humains comme un tigre dans le zoo de New York, beaucoup moins domestique que nos chiens et chats !</p> <p><u>New video showcases COVID-19 safety measures in UK abattoirs</u> <i>The Poultry Site – 09/02/2021</i> A new video that shows how abattoirs in the UK are taking steps to minimise the spread of COVID-19 has gone live this week.</p>
<p>Bioterrorism</p>	<p><u>After pandemic prediction in 2015, Gates now wary of bioterrorism</u> <i>Daily Sabah – 09/02/2021</i> We are not ready for the next epidemic," Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft Corporation and philanthropist, famously said on stage five years ago, in a talk organized by TED media as an illustration of the influenza virus, or H1N1, was displayed behind him.</p>
<p>Animal welfare</p>	<p><u>Baltic countries begin pivot to cage-free egg production</u> <i>The Poultry Site – 11/02/2021</i> Latvian egg producer Balticovo has announced a transition to cage-free egg production alongside other updates to safeguard layer welfare at its farms.</p> <p><u>Undercover footage at French pig farm shows 'abusive' conditions</u> <i>The Guardian – 11/02/2021</i> The unit, which supplies the Herta brand, had been cleared by French state vets and claimed to be addressing concerns</p>
<p>Animal Health</p> <p>Avian influenza</p>	<p><u>The Cost Benefit Of Using Vaccines In Beef Cattle</u> <i>The Beef Site – 09/02/2021</i> Vaccination is a proven tool for disease prevention. Vaccination recommendations vary by region and by farm as the environment, production, and management practices can increase or decrease the amount of risk cattle are exposed to.</p> <p><u>Is the Livestock Industry Prepared for a Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak?</u> <i>Pork Business – 09/02/2021</i> Foreign animal diseases (FAD) are a constant threat to the U.S. livestock industry. But the country seems more tuned in to this struggle than ever before with the recent COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p><u>Algeria declares state of emergency over bird flu outbreak</u> <i>Middle East Monitor – 11/02/2021</i> Algeria declared a state of emergency on Tuesday over an outbreak of bird flu in the north east of the country.</p>

[Grippe aviaire algérie : les mesures de ministère de l'agriculture](#)

Algérie 360 – 10/02/2021

Suite à l'apparition d'un foyer de grippe aviaire h5n8 apparu dans le wilya d'oum el bouaghi, le ministère de l'agriculture a annoncé une série de mesures pour empêcher le propagation de ce virus.

[France set for new mass cull of ducks in third bird flu epidemic in five years](#)

RFI – 12/01/2021

France's government has opened the way for hundreds of thousands of ducks to be euthanised to contain an outbreak of bird flu that has already seen 700,000 fowl destroyed. The government has stressed that there is no risk to humans in this third epidemic in recent years, but scientists warn of long-term harm.

[Vietnam culls 100,000 poultry as bird flu outbreaks spread](#)

The Hindu – 08/02/2021

Vietnam has culled more than 100,000 poultry so far this year in a bid to contain the spread of bird flu in the Southeast Asian country, the government said on Monday.

[First cases of avian flu detected in Latvia](#)

LSM – 10/02/2021

Laboratory tests have confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza for two dead swans in Jūrmala, Dzintaru Beach. This is the first case of avian influenza in Latvia, the Food and Veterinary Service (PVD) said February 10.

[Hong Kong culls 3,000 pigs after detecting ASF](#)

The Pig Site – 11/02/2021

Hong Kong authorities ordered the culling of all 3,000 pigs in a herd after the African swine fever virus was discovered to be spreading for the first time in one of the city's farms.

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[Uruguay inmunizará contra la fiebre aftosa a más de 11 millones de bovinos desde el 15 de marzo](#)

Uruguay Presidencia – 09/02/2021

El director de Servicios Ganaderos, Eduardo Barre, puntualizó que entre el 15 de marzo y el 15 de abril será obligatorio inocular a los bovinos de todas las categorías del rodeo nacional contra la fiebre aftosa. Se distribuirán 12 millones de vacunas para inmunizar a más de 11 millones de animales. "Es una seguridad para exportar carne, porque la sanidad de Uruguay es reconocida internacionalmente", destacó.

African swine fever

Foot and mouth disease

<p>Aquatic Animals</p>	<p><u>Six ways to accelerate seafood sustainability</u> <i>The Fish Site – 11/02/2021</i> Six ways of helping to ensure that the global seafood industry – covering both fisheries and aquaculture – become more sustainable were outlined in a new report which has been published by the United Nations this week.</p> <p><u>America’s largest animal welfare organisation launches aquaculture standards</u> <i>The Fish Site – 10/02/2021</i> A new set of aquaculture standards has just been released by American Humane, the United States’ oldest and largest certifier of farm animal welfare.</p> <p><u>FAO Members endorse Declaration for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture</u> <i>FAO – 08/02/2021</i> The 34th session of FAO's Committee on Fisheries (COFI34) ended its week-long meeting on Friday with its Members endorsing the first-ever Declaration for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture, urging stronger action to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and stressing the importance of recovering from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<p>Veterinary Products</p> <p>AMR</p>	<p><u>Report highlights lack of progress against antimicrobial resistance</u> <i>CIDRAP – 04/02/2021</i> A new report indicates global antibiotic consumption and resistance levels continue to rise, with many countries in the developing world facing worrisome drug resistance rates.</p> <p><u>Preventing the next pandemic: Addressing antibiotic resistance</u> <i>Brookings – 08/02/2021</i> After their introduction more than 80 years ago, antibiotics saved millions of lives, transforming health care. Now, though, the ubiquitous use of these “wonder drugs” has led to the natural selection of antibiotic-resistant bacteria—a threat to the very gains once made.</p> <p><u>Seagulls as Sentinels of Environmental Antibiotic Resistance Issues</u> <i>Technology Network – 11/02/2021</i> Gulls are one of the main wild birds that act as reservoirs of Campylobacter and Salmonella, two most relevant intestinal antibiotic-resistant bacteria causing gastroenteritis in humans. Therefore, according to an article published in the journal Science of the Total Environment seagulls could act as sentinels of the antibiotic pressure in the environment.</p>

<p>Livestock</p>	<p><u>Livestock Markets Resilient A Year Into Pandemic</u> <i>Drovers – 11/02/2021</i> As COVID-19 vaccination efforts expand and the economy begins showing signs of recovery, Texas A&M AgriLife personnel are tabulating the impacts of the pandemic on the U.S. animal agriculture product market. Leading the effort is Texas A&M University’s Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense, CBTS, Department of Homeland Security, DHS, Center of Excellence.</p> <p><u>UK farmers say poor rural connectivity is leaving them behind</u> <i>The Beef Site – 10/02/2021</i> More than four in 10 farmers still don’t have adequate fast and reliable broadband in order to run a modern-day farming business, according to a new NFU survey.</p>
<p>Biodiversity</p>	<p><u>Our global food system is the primary driver of biodiversity loss</u> <i>Modern Diplomacy – 11/02/2021</i> Food System Impacts on Biodiversity Loss, the new Chatham House report, supported by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and Compassion in World Farming, describes three actions needed for food system transformation in support of biodiversity, and sets out recommendations to embed food system reform in high level political events over the coming UN ‘Super Year’ for Nature.</p>