NFAHW COUNCIL

National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council

ADVANCING ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE IN CANADA

VISION

Canada values and supports the health, care, and welfare of the farmed animal population and its contribution to the well-being of people, the environment, and the Canadian economy.

PRIORITIES

The Council brings together industry, federal, provincial and territorial partners to provide collaborative guidance on a cohesive, functional and responsive farmed animal health and welfare system in Canada. Be it animal welfare, emerging diseases, animal health surveillance, antimicrobial use and resistance, or One Health and One Welfare concepts, we work in partnership to elevate farmed animal health and welfare and accelerate results.

STRUCTURE

An organizational model that incorporates the following two distinct **divisions**.

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National Farm Animal Care Council

NFACC is comprised of animal agriculture and food industry groups, animal welfare advocates, government representatives, scientists, and veterinarians. This division addresses national animal care issues with a primary focus on animals raised for the production of food for humans.

Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System

CAHSS advises on national animal health surveillance priorities and disease patterns. This division is focused on the generation, exchange and application of data-driven information in order to track animal health, and rapidly detect and respond to changing patterns of disease.

PROJECTS

In addition to hosting our annual animal health and welfare FORUM in November we are proud to support three exceptional multi-year initiatives:

www.nfacc.ca

Advancing Animal Welfare and Public Trust Through Codes of Practice*

September 2018–March 2023

Division Lead: Jackie Wepruk, NFACC

This project centers around the development of a new farmed finfish Code as well as updates to the following three existing Codes:

- Transportation
- Dairy cattle
- Goats

We are also simultaneously advancing communication and support activities that promote public trust and showcase the structured, inclusive and collaborative process for Code review and development.

www.animalhealth.ca

Animal Health Emergency Management Project (AHEM)*

April 2019–March 2023

Project Lead: Mikki Shatosky, NFAHW Council

This collaborative initiative focuses on four overarching activities aimed at improving preparation for and response to serious animal disease emergencies in the livestock sector. Outcomes include:

- Developing and testing new protocols
- Providing commodity specific plans and handbooks
- Delivering awareness tools and workshops
- Facilitating online and practical training for practicing veterinarians.

www.cahss.ca

Enhance Collaboration, Data Integration, Analysis and Reporting

July 2019–March 2023

Division Lead: Theresa Burns, CAHSS

Recognizing that systematic data collection, analysis and interpretation are integral to improving health and welfare outcomes and reducing the scale and impact of disease events, CAHSS is exploring ways to advance animal health surveillance in Canada.

This project targets three key activities:

- Enhancing collaboration
- Exploring shared intelligence opportunities, and
- Defining joint processes for collective success and sustainability.

* Transition underway from Canadian Animal Health Coalition to the NFAHW Council

For more information on the Council: **www.ahwcouncil.ca**