



## NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

### About the NFAHW Council

The Council was formed in 2010 as an outcome of the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009) to provide advice to the FPT Regulatory ADMs of Agriculture Committee and all other stakeholders on topics of importance to Canada's animal health and welfare system. All issues are considered in a One Health context. It is a unique advisory group which is funded jointly by federal, provincial and industry/non-government stakeholders.

**Membership** - Council members are designated by stakeholders and include federal, provincial and industry/non-government members from both animal health and welfare and public health sectors.

**Strategic Direction** - Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 provides direction, strategic outcomes and priorities to 2020. Stakeholders in Canada's animal health and welfare system are engaged in achieving progress on the strategic outcomes and priorities. The collective commitment to Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 adds value to achievements. The Council is committed to considering issues in a One Health context.

**Work areas** – Identified annually, the Council work areas are important to the enhancement of the animal health and welfare system and contribute to the priorities of the FPT Regulatory ADM of Agriculture Committee. The work areas are developed by working groups which may include of external representation to provide technical or policy expertise. Council is engaged by the working group during development and has final approval of the document and recommendations. The Council thanks all who have participated in working groups to ensure the best understanding of the topic.

**Annual Forum** - The annual Council Forum is a vibrant meeting place for stakeholders in Canada's animal health and welfare system, providing an opportunity for all stakeholders to participate in the work of Council. More importantly, the Forum also provides an opportunity for stakeholders to update participants on their organization's activities which impact the strategic outcomes and priorities of Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020.

**Appreciation** - The Council extends its appreciation for the commitment of Council members, individuals who participated in working groups and supporters of the Council to enhancing Canada's animal health and welfare system. Working together, we will achieve progress.

### Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 – a strategy for animal agriculture in Canada

#### Priorities

- Emergency management
- Social License
- Leadership Capacity

#### Strategic Outcomes

- Safe animal food products are accessible to Canadians.
- Canada protects the health of farmed animals, people and the ecosystem (One Health).
- The Canadian farmed animal industry is profitable and sustainable.
- Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals.
- The Canadian farmed animal health and welfare system is trusted worldwide.
- The Canadian farmed animal health and welfare system is coordinated and constantly improved.

Progress on the priorities and strategic outcomes will be achieved through the efforts of all stakeholders in Canada's animal health and welfare system.

## Council Achievements 2015–16

Full reports when complete are available at [www.ahwcouncil.ca/documents](http://www.ahwcouncil.ca/documents)

### **Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada**

This report builds on the previous work on the topic of antimicrobial use and antimicrobial resistance. It focuses on the Stewardship pillar of the Federal AMR Action Plan while recognizing the importance of the other pillars, Surveillance and Innovation. The fifteen (15) recommendations provide advice to the stakeholders in food animal agriculture and also will provide input to the development of the pan-Canadian AMR strategy which is being led by the Public Health Agency of Canada. While the primary focus is Stewardship, some recommendations are directed to Surveillance and Innovation.

### **CFIA Decision Analysis Tool**

The Council provided input to CFIA on the proposed “Decision-Analysis Tool for the Characterization of CFIA Involvement and Role in Animal Health Events”. The tool uses a decision tree to determine the role of CFIA and Canada’s Chief Veterinary Officer when addressing a disease. The Council believes the tool will provide the framework for collaborative response, may lead other partners to develop similar tools for their use and may have use in education of veterinary and animal science students.

### **Transport of Cull Dairy Cows in Canada**

The Council initiated this study with the University of British Columbia under the direction of Dr. David Fraser. The study began in March 2016 with a meeting of an expert committee. A progress report will be presented at Forum 2016.

### **Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 – a strategy for animal agriculture in Canada**

Farmed Animal Health and Welfare 2020 provides the framework for the work of the Council and the annual Forum. Council continued its development of a reporting system to allow stakeholders to report initiatives which impact progress on the strategic outcomes and priorities in the strategy.

### **Forum 2015**

Held in Ottawa in November 2015, the Forum showcased the activities of the Council and other stakeholders in advancing animal health and welfare. The program was designed to engage participants on key issues.



### **Reporting to Stakeholders**

Council regularly reported to the FPT Regulatory Assistant Deputy Ministers of Agriculture Committee during the year to demonstrate contributions to the committee’s priorities and update on Council work areas and publications. Advisory documents were circulated to the Regulatory ADMs and all other stakeholders prior to posting on the Council website.

Monthly newsletters and updates and the website provided information to all stakeholders during the year.

Participants in Forum 2015 were given a full update on Council activities at Forum 2015 and there was an open offer to make presentations to boards and committees on request. The Council made presentations to the Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council and the Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians during the year.

### **Other activities**

-  Council contracted with CFIA to develop a website for the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System. Council will provide administrative support to the website administrators.
-  Council is a partnering sponsor of the International One Welfare Conference in September 2016. The Conference will address the impact of animal welfare and mental health in a One Health context.

## Financial Report

### National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council

#### Statement of Operations and Surplus

April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016

#### Revenue

Industry support	104,500
Federal government	106,000
Provincial and territorial governments	108,490
Sponsorship of Forum	3500
Miscellaneous	1559
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	324,049

#### Expenditures

Communications	1,621
Forum expenditures	64,703
Honorariums	9,800
Meetings, office supplies	9,400
Professional fees and insurances	6,334
Research	36,509
Secretariat	131,419
Translation	10,968
Travel	33,106
Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System website	1559
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	305,419

<b>Excess (Deficiency) of revenue over expenses</b>	<hr/>
	18,630

<b>Surplus beginning of year</b>	89,260
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<b>Surplus, end of year</b>	<hr/>
	107,890

Complete audited financial statement is available at

[www.ahwcouncil.ca](http://www.ahwcouncil.ca)

## Members of Council

### Non-Government

**Rob McNabb** – Co-chair

*General Manager, Canadian Cattlemen's Association*

**Dr. David Fraser**

*University of British Columbia – Animal Welfare Program*

**Jennifer MacTavish** (October 2010 – December 2015)

*Canadian Sheep industry*

**Dr. Jim Fairles**

*Canadian Veterinary Medical Association*

**Pierre Lampron** (February 2014 – September 2015)

*Board Member, Dairy Farmers of Canada*

**Marc Cormier**

*Board Member, Chicken Farmers of Canada*

**Scott Dingwell** (November 2013 – November 2015)

*Board Member, Canadian Pork Council*

**Gary Bowers** (From November 2015)

*Board Member Dairy Farmers of Canada*

**David Duval** (from February 2016)

*Board Member Canadian Pork Council*

**Barbara Johnstone-Grimmer** (from January 2016)

*Board member Canadian Sheep Federation*

**Alain Brandon**

*Loblaw Companies*

### Federal

**John Ross** – Co-chair (member from October 2010 to February 2016)

*Director, Animal Industry Division, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada*

**Steven Sternthal**

*Director General, Centre for Food-borne, Environmental and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Branch, Public Health Agency of Canada*

**Dr. Debbie Barr**

*Director Animal Health, Welfare and Biosecurity Division, Canadian Food Inspection Agency*

### Provincial/Territorial

**Dr. Jane Pritchard**

*Chief Veterinary Officer, British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture*

**Dre Nathalie Côté** (November 2015 – January 2016)

*Chief Veterinary Officer and Deputy Director directrice adjointe, Direction de la santé animale, Le ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec*

**Dre Hélène Trépanier** (from February 2016)

*Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer and Large Animal Welfare Expert - Conseillère experte en bien-être des animaux de production et médecin vétérinaire en chef adjoint, Direction de la santé animale, Le ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec*

**Dr. Megan Bergman** - Co-chair from March 2016 (member from January 2015)

*Chief Veterinary Officer, Manitoba Agriculture*

**Dr. Richard Rusk**

*Medical Officer of Health, Communicable Diseases Medical Manager, Public Health and Primary Care, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living*

### Ex-officio

**Dr. Harpreet Kochhar**

*Associate Vice President - Operations, Chief Veterinary Officer for Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency*

## Council Supporters

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Canadian Animal Health Institute

Canadian Cattlemen's Association

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Canadian Hatching Egg Producers

Canadian Federation of Humane Societies

Canadian Livestock Genetics Association

Canadian Pork Council

Canadian Sheep Federation

Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

Chicken Farmers of Canada

Dairy Farmers of Canada

Egg Farmers of Canada

Equine Canada

Turkey Farmers of Canada

Government of Alberta

Government of British Columbia

Government of Manitoba

Government of New Brunswick

Government of Newfoundland and

Labrador

Government of Nova Scotia

Government of Nunavut

Government of Ontario

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Le Gouvernement du Québec

Government of Saskatchewan

Government of Yukon

National Farm Animal Care Council

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