

# National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council Forum 2013

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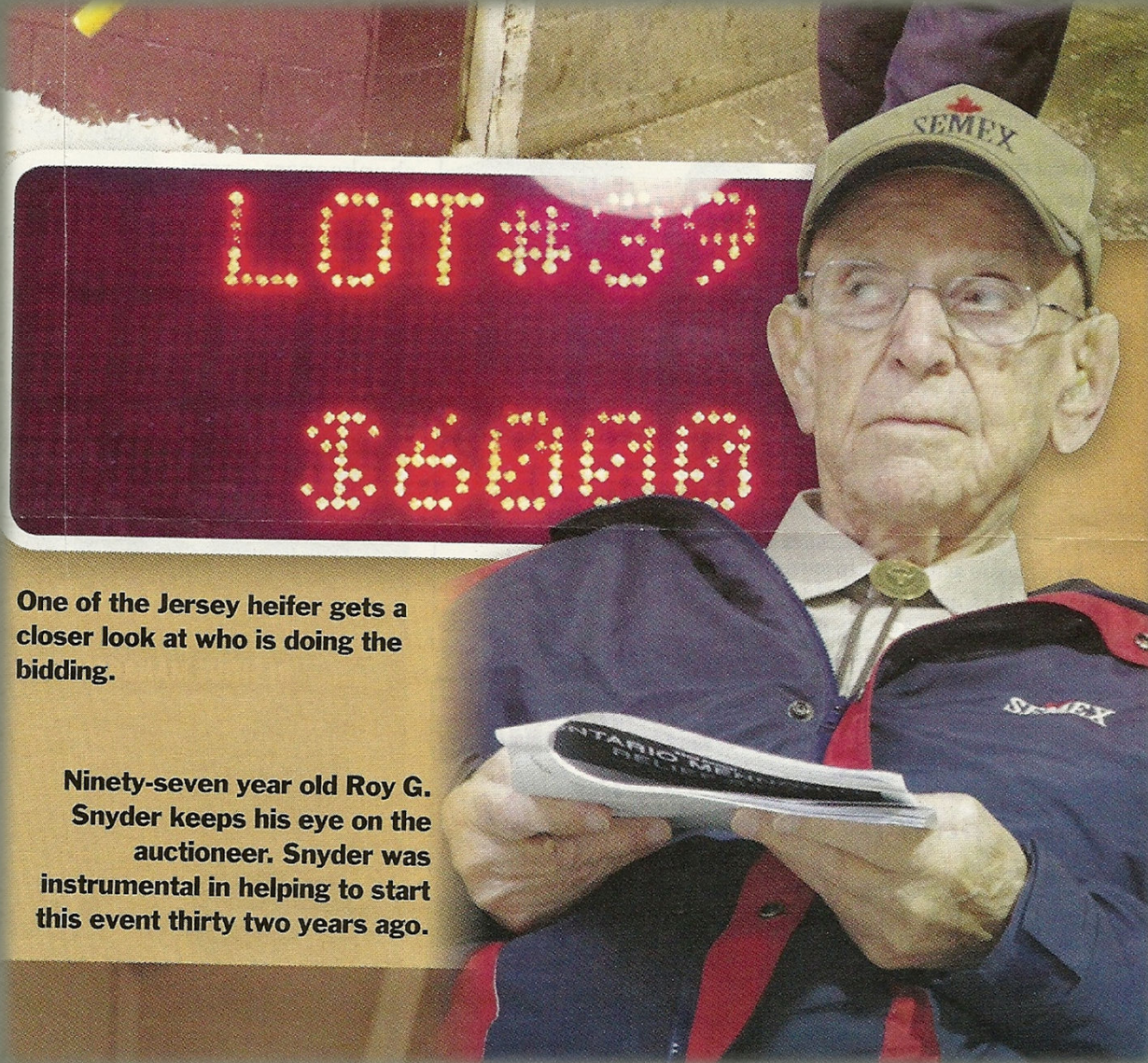
Rick McDonald

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“Here is a test to find out whether  
your mission on earth is finished:  
If you are alive, it isn't.”

~Richard Bach.



## Roy G. Snyder

Father of Artificial  
Insemination in  
Canada

One of the Jersey heifer gets a closer look at who is doing the bidding.

Ninety-seven year old Roy G. Snyder keeps his eye on the auctioneer. Snyder was instrumental in helping to start this event thirty two years ago.

## CAAB Health and Regulations Committee

The A.I. industry committee that engaged with Health of Animals and later CFIA



# Changes in the Livestock Genetics Sector

## Artificial Insemination

### Ontario

- OAAB (ON)
  - Semex Canada
  - The Semex Alliance

### Nationally

- CCAB
- CAAB
- CLGA

(number of companies  
reduced from 20 to 7)

## Live Ruminants, Embryos and Poultry

- CLEA/CEEA
- CPGEA
- CLGA

# The Coalition



**Canadian Animal Health Coalition**  
*Promoting a collaborative approach to animal health*

**The Canadian Animal Health Coalition is a not for profit** organization serving Canada's farmed animal industry. The organization is a partnership of organizations all recognizing a shared responsibility for an effective Canadian animal health system.

The CAHC is resourced with expertise, information and funded projects to offer Canada's farmed animal industry a capacity to build consensus, share information, provide expertise and project management.

**We strive to be a non partisan and informed environment** for facilitating real life discussion regarding the future of Canada's food animal industry in so far as animal health is concerned.

# Selected Coalition projects

- EU FMD fact-finding mission (industry and government leaders )
- **Economic assessment of the impact of an FMD outbreak in Canada**
- International Symposium on Foreign Animal Disease Preparation (led by CFIA with Coalition as partner)
- CAHEM industry emergency management preparedness / development of a template plan, describing the roles and responsibilities of industry in the event of a major disease outbreak and facilitating emergency management exercises
- Developed a Strategy for a National Johne's Disease Control Program
- Facilitated consultation with national stakeholders for the "US Terminal Feedlot Pilot Project"
- Commissioned a peer-reviewed paper identifying the animal welfare implications in the event of a major disease outbreak in Canada
- Conducted national consultations on zoning and emergency preparedness from industry's perspective

**Economic assessment of the impact of an FMD outbreak in Canada**  
prepared with the support and assistance of:

- Canadian Animal Health Coalition
- Canadian Cattlemen's Association
- Canadian Livestock Genetics Association
- Canadian Meat Council
- Canadian Pork Council
- Dairy Farmers of Canada
- RBC Royal Bank
- Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development
- Manitoba Agriculture & Food
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food
- Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food & Rural Revitalization
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Farm Credit Canada
- Industry Canada
- Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection & Emergency Preparedness
- Parks Canada



# The Council



National Farmed Animal  
Health and Welfare Council

Le Conseil national sur la santé et  
le bien-être des animaux d'élevage



The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council (NFAHW Council) was first envisioned in the [National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy](#) which was completed in 2009 by a working group comprised of federal and provincial government and industry representatives with an interest in animal agriculture in Canada.

The NFAHW Council was formed as an advisory council by the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Regulatory Assistant Deputy Ministers of Agriculture Committee (FPT Reg ADMs) but reports to all stakeholders. The NFAHW Council is funded jointly by those federal and provincial government agencies/departments and industry organizations which have committed to the NFAHW Council.

# Other Collaborative Endeavours

- Animal ID and traceability
- CFIA invitation to industry groups to join the Canadian delegation to the OIE General Session each May
- CFIA led in the development of biosecurity standards in partnership with the commodity groups.
- CFIA-led Bluetongue consultations
- The Office of the Chief Veterinarian offered to take on the facilitation of emerging issues calls with all stakeholders.
- NFACC has successfully developed a world class process for developing animal care codes.
- CFIA-led/DND funded ForeCAN, Anticipation and CEZD-IIR initiatives
- Canadian Animal Health Surveillance Network (CAHSN)
- Provincial biosecurity initiatives

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# La Session générale OIE



OIE

Under Dr. Brian Evans, non-CFIA representatives were invited to join the delegation to the General Session.

# Parting thoughts

- Keep our eyes on the ball (animal health and welfare)
- Stay humble – don't get comfortable and don't be afraid to learn from others
- Don't burn any bridges (advice from Hon. John Wise)
- Be patient - During the 1975 convocation at the University of Guelph, Dr. Ken Wells said, "There are many problems in the field of food production both at home and abroad. There is undoubtedly an obligation on the part of developed countries to concern themselves with world food problems. They will be resolved but, not overnight, nor with one solution."

Thank you!