



NFAHW Council – One Welfare Working Group Update
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One Welfare

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As a concept “One Welfare” is a call to recognize the many social interconnections between human welfare, animal welfare and the integrity of the environment. In practice, it is also a call for a coordinated program of action:

- to improve animal welfare in order to improve human welfare (and vice versa),
- to co-ordinate actions between animal protection and other services, and
- to protect the environment as a fundamental step for both human and animal welfare.



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- The Committee has engaged in discussion on how to address:
 - Existing programs needs in Canada
 - The needs of producers, farm staff, service providers and veterinary personnel in the agriculture community were considered
 - Impacts of animal activism



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One Welfare Consultation

Consultation on One Welfare: To determine how to raise awareness of the benefits of involving medical and social services in cases of serious breakdown in animal care, and in special circumstances such as disease outbreaks and disasters, and how best to secure such services when they are needed.

Report published in November 2019



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One Welfare Consultation – Key Findings

- **The funding of the network should be sustainable and diverse** to ensure long term viability. Support from governments, industry groups, and the public is critical for its success.
- The network should be **accessible through one point of contact nationally, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, bilingual**, and delivered by professionals with knowledge of farming realities.
- The network programs should be evidence based and **integrated directly with farmers' input**.
- The network programs should consider current available services and structures **and focus on improving national coordination**, facilitating collaboration with health departments, and strengthening response policies.
- The network should be effective in **providing mental health support in the face of general daily stressors, as well as in crisis intervention**. Effective prevention, intervention and post-vention services should be available and provided by qualified individuals.
- **Educational tools and training should be developed** to raise awareness and lift the stigma of mental health and well-being issues and promote among producers the importance of work life balance.



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One Welfare Consultation – Next steps

- **Form a committee** of all parties implicated in the recommendations made in this paper to discuss a strategy for reporting on recommendations that are in progress and alternatives for implementation of recommendations where progress is not being made.
- **Encourage the development of a cohesive and collaborative approach** to enhancing health and well being in agriculture.
- This committee will be targeted to **convene by May 2020.**



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Questions?



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