



Animal Health Canada

Vision: A sustainable agriculture and agri-food sector strengthened by an inclusive industry-government collaboration protecting the health and wellbeing of farmed animals.

Purpose: Animal Health Canada (AHC) provides a formal structure for the industry-government collaboration required to successfully implement the animal health components of the *Plant and Animal Health Strategy for Canada* (PAHS).

Structure: AHC encompasses a pan-Canadian, public-private collaboration built on the guiding principles of accountability and decision-making open to the participation of both levels of government and all animal industry sectors.

Mandate: AHC undertakes actions and delivers programs that achieve high standards of animal health protection and economic risk mitigation, consistent with the objectives and guiding principles of the PAHS.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- ❖ A governance structure and mandate based on formal commitments between the participants with the flexibility to evolve over time.
- ❖ Pre-determined accountability.
- ❖ Informed decision-making.



2021 PRIORITIES



AHC Working Group Members

Industry Members

- Canadian Cattlemen's Association
- Canadian Meat Council
- Canadian Pork Council
- Canadian Poultry Industry Representative
- Canadian Sheep Federation
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- Dairy Farmers of Canada
- Dairy Processors Association of Canada
- National Cattle Feeders' Association
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council
- National Sheep Network
- Maple Leaf Foods

Government Members

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- BC Ministry of Agriculture
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

AHC CEO Champions and Co-Chairs

- *Dori Gingera-Beauchemin* – Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development (Government Co-Chair)
- *Bob Lowe* – Canadian Cattlemen's Association (Industry Co-Chair)
- *Chris Forbes* – Agriculture and Agri-food Canada
- *Tom Ethier* – British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture
- *Dr. Siddika Mithani* – Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- *Rick Bergmann* – Canadian Pork Council
- *David Wiens* – Dairy Farmers of Canada
- *David Colwell* – JBS Canada
- *Michael McCain* – Maple Leaf Foods Inc.
- *René Dufresne* – Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec
- *Dr. John Kelly* – Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs