

# FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

## CANADIAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



THE CVMA ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE HAS RECENTLY CONTRIBUTED FEEDBACK TO FOUR CODES OF PRACTICE, INCLUDING LAYER, VEAL, BISON, AND RABBIT

AS OF MARCH 2017, THERE WERE 288 CANADIAN VETERINARY RESERVE MEMBERS REGISTERED TO ASSIST IN RESPONDING TO LARGE-SCALE EMERGENCIES



### FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE 2020

The original National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009) was designed to provide strategic direction to farmed animal industry stakeholders to 2015. The renewed strategy includes revisions to the strategic outcomes and identifies priorities to provide direction for stakeholders to 2020.

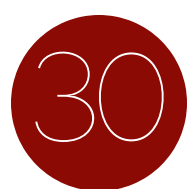
The most significant advancement for the 2020 strategy is the engagement of all stakeholders in contributing to the measurement of progress on the strategic outcomes and sharing the responsibility to report on the achievements of those outcomes in their own words.

### CANADIAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is an organization that promotes animal welfare and health in Canada's veterinary profession. The CVMA is a national and international voice for Canada's veterinarians, providing leadership and advocacy for veterinary medicine.

CVMA PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES, OR OTHER NOTABLE EXAMPLES WHICH REFLECT WORK BEING DONE IN ACCORD WITH:

- "Safe food animal products are accessible to Canadians" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Emergency management" [5 Year Priority]



### ACTIVITIES

#### 21 SAFE FOOD ACTIVITIES

Encompassing 21 activities related to antimicrobial use, antimicrobial resistance, surveillance, and other related issues.

#### 7 ANIMAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES

The CVMA animal welfare activities are oriented towards the development of Codes of Practice, the improvement of regulations, and communicating important topics to the veterinary community and the public.

#### 2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The CVMA has been an active participant and contributor to the National Plant and Animal Health Strategy (NPAHS) and hosts the Canadian Veterinary Reserve, a repository to respond to foreign animal disease and emergencies.





**SAFE FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTS  
ARE ACCESSIBLE TO CANADIANS  
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)**



**CANADA PROTECTS THE WELFARE  
OF FARMED ANIMALS  
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)**



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
(5 YEAR PRIORITY)**

## SAFE FOOD

The CVMA has advocated for greater veterinary oversight in the use of antimicrobials in animals for the past several decades. With the implementation of regulatory and policy changes by Health Canada in 2017, the CVMA will continue to engage with Health Canada and other stakeholders in information sharing activities during this time of transition. The CVMA was invited to present to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health as part of its study on the Status of Antimicrobial Resistance in Canada.



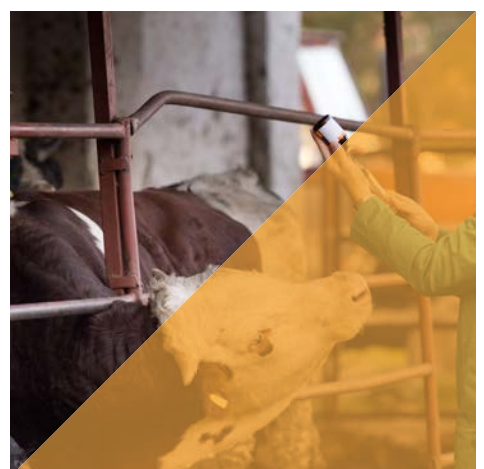
## ANIMAL WELFARE

The CVMA represents its members on the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) Code Development and Scientific committees and their Executive. Through their participation in the NFACC Ad Hoc committee, the CVMA identified gaps in Canada's Criminal Code and moved forward with an action plan to update the Criminal Code of Canada. The CVMA also responded to draft Transport regulations and presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The CVMA's Canadian Veterinary Reserve is a national, volunteer membership of Canadian veterinarians who are prepared to assist governments in responding to foreign animal disease outbreaks and other large-scale emergencies and disasters.

The CVMA has been an active participant and contributor to the National Plant and Animal Health Strategy. It has been endorsed by federal, provincial and territorial agriculture ministers. It charts a path forward for collectively addressing evolving risks to plant and animal health.



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