

# FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

## DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA

2015

THE FOOD SAFETY MODULE OF *proAction* WAS FULLY IMPLEMENTED ON ALL FARMS IN DECEMBER 2015 AND ACHIEVED FULL CFIA RECOGNITION IN MAY 2015 UNDER THE FOOD SAFETY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

THE ANIMAL CARE AND LIVESTOCK TRACEABILITY MODULES OF *proAction* BECAME MANDATORY IN SEPTEMBER 2017

2017

## 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.

## DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA

Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) is the national policy, lobbying and promotional organization representing Canada's farmers. DFC strives to create stable conditions for the Canadian dairy sector, today and in the future. It works to maintain policies that foster the viability of Canadian dairy farming and promote dairy products and their health benefits.

### DFC'S PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES, AND 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]

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## ACTIVITIES

- FOOD SAFETY MODULE OF *proAction*
- NATIONAL DAIRY RESEARCH STRATEGY
- ANIMAL CARE MODULE OF *proAction*
- CATTLE ASSESSMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED ON ALL FARMS BY WINTER 2018
- REVISING THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE & HANDLING OF DAIRY CATTLE
- PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL (NFACC)
- DEVELOPING CULL-COW & EUTHANASIA DECISION-MAKING TOOLS
- DEVELOPING A NATIONAL THIRD-PARTY ANIMAL WELFARE AUDIT ROSTER
- BIOSECURITY MODULE OF *proAction*
- LIVESTOCK TRACEABILITY MODULE of *proAction*
- DEVELOPING A DAIRYTRACE PROGRAM
- PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL
- PARTICIPATING IN ANIMAL HEALTH CANADA
- PARTICIPATING IN THE LIVESTOCK MARKET INTERRUPTION STRATEGY STEERING COMMITTEE
- PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS
- SPONSORING THE CANADIAN ANIMAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (CAHSS) DAIRY CATTLE NETWORK



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



CANADA PROTECTS THE WELFARE  
OF FARMED ANIMALS  
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)



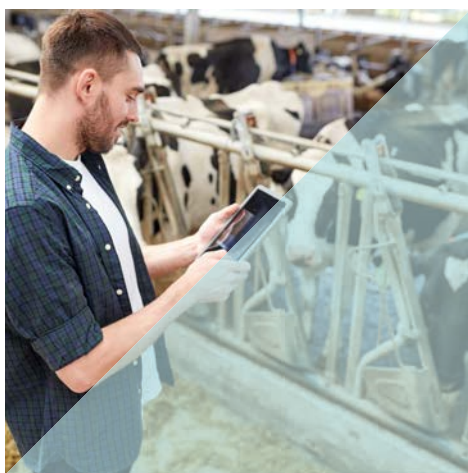
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
(5 YEAR PRIORITY)



## SAFE FOOD

*proAction* is DFC's mandatory auditable quality assurance program designed to enable Canadian dairy farmers to collectively demonstrate responsible stewardship of their animals and the environment while producing sustainably high-quality, safe and nutritious food. The Food Safety module is based on the principles of HACCP.

The National Dairy Research Strategy includes four areas of focus including sustainable farms, milk quality and safety, animal health and welfare, as well as human nutrition.



## ANIMAL WELFARE

DFC has submitted a letter of intent to NFACC to revise the Code of Practice. The Animal Care module of *proAction* is based on the requirements in the Code. The module became mandatory in September 2017 and is over halfway through the implementation process.

DFC and the Dairy Processors Association of Canada developed a National Third-Party Animal Audit Roster. The project developed and delivered a training course to chosen veterinarians so they can provide animal welfare audit services in the event of an incident or concern.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Biosecurity module of *proAction* includes training materials for farmers and veterinarians. In September 2019, the requirements will be included in the audit process and will be implemented over a 2-year period. The Traceability module includes Premises ID, double-tagging, recording and reporting births, move-ins, and tag retirements. The module became mandatory in September 2017 and is over halfway through implementation.

