

# FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

## NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

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"ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP IN FOOD ANIMALS IN CANADA" (2016) SUMMARIZES ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP IN CANADA AND MAKES 16 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE STAKEHOLDERS

THE COUNCIL PROPOSED 8 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE ANIMAL WELFARE LAW IN CANADA TO ALLOW FOR GREATER ALIGNMENT OF ANIMAL PROTECTION LAW ACROSS CANADA

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## 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.

## NATIONAL FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council (NFAHW Council) was formed in 2010 as an outcome of the *National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy*. The Council provides advice on topics of importance to the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Regulatory Assistant Deputy Ministers of Agriculture Committee and other stakeholders.

## NFAHW COUNCIL'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

- ANTIMICROBIAL USE & RESISTANCE (AMU/AMR) COMMITTEE
- "ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP IN FOOD ANIMALS IN CANADA" STATEMENT
- ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE PAN CANADIAN FRAMEWORK & THE PAN CANADIAN ACTION PLAN
- CANADIAN ANIMAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (CAHSS)
- "SURVEILLANCE IN A TIME OF TRANSITION IN FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH" REPORT
- PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY FOR EMERGING & ZOO NOTIC DISEASE (CEZD)
- DEVELOPING A REPORT TO DEMONSTRATE CANADIAN ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP
- ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE
- "A NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL WELFARE SYSTEM FOR CANADA" DOCUMENT
- "THE MANAGEMENT OF CULL DAIRY COWS IN CANADA" REPORT
- CULL DAIRY COW EXPERT CONSULTATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT
- "ANIMAL WELFARE LAW IN CANADA" DOCUMENT
- EMERGING ISSUES COMMITTEE
- "STUDY OF DOMESTIC MARKET ACCESS IN THE 2014 PORCINE EPIDEMIC DIARRHEA OUTBREAK" REPORT
- "PREPARING FOR AN EMERGING ISSUE" REPORT
- "THE IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES RELATED TO ACCESS TO LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER FACILITIES IN ANIMAL DISEASE SITUATIONS" PROJECT
- DEVELOPING A TABLETOP EXERCISE TO ADDRESS COMPLEXITIES AROUND COMMUNICATION IN THE FACE OF AN EMERGING DISEASE



**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 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AMU/AMR) Committee meets at least monthly to discuss current issues and to assume or implement projects in order to address gaps as identified. The AMU/AMR Committee is developing a report that identifies progress on recommendations from "Antimicrobial Stewardship in Food Animals in Canada," and to demonstrate Canadian stewardship activities.



## ANIMAL WELFARE

The NFAHW Council's Animal Welfare Committee meets on average once a month to discuss topics identified as priorities by stakeholders, and to undertake related activities and project work.

"The Management of Cull Dairy Cows in Canada," and "Cull Dairy Cow Expert Consultation Consensus Statement" were developed following expert consultation on the management of cull dairy cows. "A National Farm Animal Welfare System for Canada" (2012) was an advisory document that provides 22 recommendations to stakeholders to continuously improve animal welfare in Canada. A review is underway for 2018.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emerging Issues Committee meets at least monthly to discuss issues identified by stakeholders, and to discuss activities and reports that are under development.

The 2014 Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) outbreak in Canada resulted in difficulty with domestic market access. The "Study of Domestic Market Access in the 2014 Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Outbreak" includes 5 recommendations to mitigate the risk and impact of a similar event. A multi-stakeholder consultation then took place to ensure that the recommendations translated across commodities resulting in the "Preparing for an Emerging Issue" report.

