

FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

QUÉBEC'S STRATEGY FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE



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THE STRATEGY WAS INITIATED BY
QUÉBEC'S "THE PRIDE OF LIVING, THE
PLEASURE OF EATING," WHERE A PRIORITY
WAS PLACED UPON ANIMAL HEALTH AND
WELFARE

AS OF NOVEMBER 2016, THE STRATEGY
WAS COMPRISED OF 89 PARTNERS



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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.

QUÉBEC'S STRATEGY FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

The partners of the Québec Animal Health and Welfare Strategy work to improve the health and well-being of all animals in Quebec through consultation, policy development and implementation. The Quebec Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPAQ), in addition to being one of the partner organizations, provides leadership and coordinates the Secretariat.

QUÉBEC'S STRATEGY'S PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES, AND OTHER NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF 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

20 SAFE FOOD ACTIVITIES

The majority of partner activities focused on reducing the use of antibiotics, the resistance of medications used in farmed animals, and participating in related research.

32 ANIMAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES

The majority of partner activities focused on updating, creating, and communicating about animal welfare guidelines and training materials.

23 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Strategy partners worked individually and collaboratively to improve biosecurity, traceability, and emergency management responses in the province.



**SAFE FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTS
ARE ACCESSIBLE TO CANADIANS**



**CANADA PROTECTS THE WELFARE
OF FARMED ANIMALS**



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SAFE FOOD

Numerous Strategy partners worked independently and collaboratively to complete projects, events, and other activities related to food safety. The majority of the activities engaged by the Strategy's partnering organizations focused on reducing antimicrobial use and antimicrobial resistance in animal production. A Strategy working group continues to communicate how agriculture and veterinary stakeholders prudently use antibiotics.



ANIMAL WELFARE

Ten partners developed programs and agreements to support the well-being of stakeholders in animal care, particularly in stressful situations. These partners acknowledged that cases of animal care neglect are often related to a decline in human welfare. Nine partners reported developing mechanisms or initiating activities to support the well-being of producers, agricultural employees, and veterinarians. In addition to supporting the human component of Québec's agricultural industry, the Strategy's partners have created training and certification programs, assisted in the creation and revision of Codes of Practice, and many other activities to improve the care of livestock.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Several Strategy partners created and improved biosecurity standards and protocols, identification and traceability systems, emergency training programs, emergency response plans, and other emergency management agreements.

