

National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council – Forum 2019

(Ottawa, Ontario) November 27, 2019 – The National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council hosted Forum 2019 in Ottawa November 26 and 27, 2019. The theme of Forum 2019 “Animal Health and Welfare Risk Management” explored animal health and welfare challenges facing the livestock industry in Canada and the work underway to ensure Canada’s capacity to respond to these challenges and further enhance animal health and welfare. Emerging disease issues, changing regulatory environments and market demands have highlighted the importance of preparedness through engagement and collaboration among government and industry stakeholders.

This year, the Forum hosted 23 presentations on important topics impacting animal agriculture and relevant to the forum theme. “We were pleased to have presenters at the cutting edge of their discipline to enhance the knowledge, practices and regulation in animal health and welfare in Canada” stated René Roy, industry co-chair of the council.

“The annual forum has become an important event for stakeholders in animal agriculture to enhance antimicrobial stewardship, assist government and industry in adapting to a changing regulatory environment, improving animal health surveillance and enhancing animal disease prevention, preparedness response and recovery from animal disease.” Stated Dr. Hélène Trépanier, government co-chair of the council.

Forum 2019 presentations will be posted at www.ahwcouncil.ca .

The NFAHW Council was formed in 2010 as an outcome of the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009). It is an advisory committee of the FPT Regulatory ADMs of Agriculture Committee. The council has members with expertise in both animal health and welfare and human health and considers topics of importance to animal agriculture in a One Health context.

Watch for announcements about Forum 2020.

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