



# Agenda

## ANIMAL HEALTH CANADA FORUM '24

COORDINATION, COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION  ACTION!

*Creating a cohesive, functional, and responsive  
farmed animal health and welfare system in Canada*

**DAY 1 – OCTOBER 8, 2024 (1 PM to 7 PM)**

**IN-PERSON REGISTRATION OPENS AT 12 PM, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

1:00 pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – <i>Colleen McElwain, Animal Health Canada, Executive Director</i>
1:15 pm	<b>Keynote speaker</b> – <i>Dr. Jude Kong, Canadian Research Chair in Community-Oriented AI and Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Disease</i>
2:15 pm	<b>Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System update (CAHSS): Why it matters and what we've accomplished</b> – <i>Dr. Doris Leung, CAHSS Division Director</i>
2:45 pm	BREAK
3:15 pm	<b>Emergency Management update</b> – <i>Erica Charlton, Emergency Management Division Director</i>
3:30 pm	<b>Panel discussion ASF EMB model</b> – <i>Facilitated by Erica Charlton, Panelists: Dr. Egan Brockhoff, Veterinary Counsellor, Canadian Pork Council; Cindy Trask, Vice President, African Swine Fever Planning and Preparedness, Maple Leaf Foods; &amp; Colleen Barnes, past Vice-President, Policy and Programs, Canadian Food Inspection Agency</i>
4:45 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> – <i>Colleen McElwain, Animal Health Canada, Executive Director</i>
4:50 pm	End

**5:00 – 7:00 PM, ANIMAL HEALTH CANADA AWARDS CEREMONY - WINE & CHEESE**



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**DAY 2 – OCTOBER 9, 2024 (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM)**

**BREAKFAST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO FORUM ATTENDEES**

8:30 am	<b>Shared greetings from the Government of Canada</b> – Robert Ianiro, Vice-President, Policy and Programs, Canadian Food Inspection Agency; Dr. Donald Sheppard, Vice-President, Infectious Diseases and Vaccination Programs Branch, Public Health Agency of Canada; Tom Rosser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.
8:45 am	<b>Minding the Gaps: Addressing Research Needs for our Codes of Practice</b> – Dr. Tina Widowski, Professor of Animal Biosciences at the University of Guelph
9:45 pm	<b>National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) update</b> – Jackie Wepruk, BA (Psych), MEdes, NFACC Division Director
10:15 am	BREAK
10:45 am	<b>Encouraging Behaviour Change that Supports Best Practices for Animal Health and Welfare</b> – Dr. Katherine Koralesky, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Animal Welfare Program & Dr. Caroline Ritter, Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chairs, Atlantic Veterinary College
12:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm	<b>The Centre for Agricultural Wellbeing’s toolkit for managing mental health during agricultural emergencies</b> – Dr. Briana Hagan, Chief Executive Officer and Lead Scientist for the Canadian Centre for Agricultural Wellbeing
1:45 pm	<b>Solving the Puzzle: Inclusive Indigenous Science, Worldviews and Distinction at CFIA</b> – Josiahs Cook, Senior Science Policy Advisor, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
2:30 pm	BREAK
3:00 pm	<b>Supporting Farmed Animal Health through Research and Training</b> – Jeffery Wichtel, Deans Council - Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Medicine, and Dean of the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph
3:30 pm	<b>Panel: resource sharing, mutual aid agreements and training opportunities to support emergency preparedness</b> – Ian Alexander, Co-Director, National Issues, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; Jim Montgomery, CEO & President, Canadian Disaster Response Organization; Shawna Bruce, M.D. Bruce & Associates, Risk and Crisis Communications, Emergency Public Information & Media Training
4:30 pm	<b>Closing remarks</b> – Colleen McElwain, AHC Executive Director

