

ADVANCING ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE IN CANADA

VISION

Canada values and supports the health, care, and welfare of the farmed animal population and its contribution to the well-being of people, the environment, and the Canadian economy.

PRIORITIES

The Council brings together industry, federal, provincial and territorial partners to provide collaborative guidance on a cohesive, functional and responsive farmed animal health and welfare system in Canada. Be it animal welfare, emerging diseases, animal health surveillance, antimicrobial use and resistance, or One Health and One Welfare concepts, we work in partnership to elevate farmed animal health and welfare and accelerate results.

STRUCTURE

An organizational model that incorporates the following distinct divisions and projects.



NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL

NFACC is comprised of animal agriculture and food industry groups, animal welfare advocates, government representatives, scientists, and veterinarians. This division addresses national animal care issues with a primary focus on animals raised for the production of food for humans.

DIVISIONS

CANADIAN ANIMAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

CAHSS advises on national animal health surveillance priorities and disease patterns. This division is focused on the generation, exchange and application of data-driven information in order to track animal health, and rapidly detect and respond to changing patterns of disease.

PROJECTS

- ADVANCING ANIMAL WELFARE AND PUBLIC TRUST THROUGH CODES OF PRACTICE (NFACC)
- ANIMAL HEALTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AHM) PROJECT
- AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) PROJECT
- ENHANCE COLLABORATION, DATA INTEGRATION, ANALYSIS AND REPORTING (CAHSS)
- CANADIAN LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT (CLT) PROGRAM

PROJECTS

In addition to hosting our annual animal health and welfare FORUM we are proud to support five exceptional multi-year initiatives:



Advancing Animal Welfare and Public Trust Through Codes of Practice (NFACC)

Project lead:
Jackie Wepruk

September 2018 –
March 2023

www.nfacc.ca

Under the NFACC division, this project centers around the development of a new farmed finfish Code as well as updates to the following three existing Codes:

- Transportation
- Dairy cattle
- Goats

We are also simultaneously advancing communication and support activities that promote public trust and showcase the structured, inclusive and collaborative [process for Code review and development](#).

AHEM

Animal Health Emergency Management Project

Animal Health Emergency Management Project (AHEM)

Project lead:
Mikki Shatosky

April 2019 – March 2023

www.animalhealth.ca

This collaborative initiative focuses on [four overarching activities](#) aimed at improving preparation for and response to serious animal disease emergencies in the livestock sector. Outcomes include:

- Developing and testing new industry protocols
- Developing emergency management resources (frameworks, plans and handbooks)
- Delivering industry awareness tools and workshops
- Facilitating online, practical training for private practitioners.

ASF



African Swine Fever (ASF) Project

National ASF Coordinator:
Christa Arseneault

April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

www.ahwcouncil.ca/african-swine-fever.ca

Focus is to provide coordination to all aspects of African Swine Fever (ASF) planning and preparedness file connected to the Pan-Canadian ASF Action Plan, under the leadership of the ASF Executive Management Board (EMB).

The Pan-Canadian ASF Action Plan includes the follow pillars under its framework; 1) Enhanced biosecurity and prevention 2) Preparedness planning 3) Ensure business continuity 4) Coordinated risk communications.

The ASF Coordination team will ensure:

- Identified ASF planning gaps and challenges are addressed.
- Best communications practices take place amongst all involved, including to our stakeholders.
- Efforts on ASF planning and preparedness continue to be collaborative and move in a forward direction.



Enhance Collaboration, Data Integration, Analysis and Reporting (CAHSS)

Project lead:
Theresa Burns

July 2019 – March 2023

www.cahss.ca

Recognizing that systematic data collection, analysis and interpretation are integral to improving health and welfare outcomes and reducing the scale and impact of disease events, CAHSS is exploring ways to advance animal health surveillance in Canada.

This CAHSS division project targets three key activities:

- Enhancing collaboration
- Exploring shared intelligence opportunities, and
- Defining joint processes for collective success and sustainability.



Canadian Livestock Transport Program (CLT)

Project lead:
Amy Wrtight

Ongoing

www.livestocktransport.ca

The CLT program is a comprehensive training course and support service for livestock truckers, shippers and receivers.

The program offers certification that is recognized throughout Canada and United States.

The program is led by an industry initiative to address the need for increased accountability and improved handling practices in livestock transport.

Training modules are available for livestock (cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, elk and bison) and poultry.