



Farm Animal Care News

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This newsletter highlights what Farm & Food Care's animal care initiatives. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Farm & Food Care's new animal care team

Earlier this month, Farm & Food Care welcomed two new members to our vibrant team: Morgan Ellis and Brent Royce.

Morgan Ellis graduated from the University of Guelph's Honours Animal Biology program with a minor in Nutritional and Nutraceutical Sciences. Her passion for animals led her to further her education by obtaining a Master's degree from the Animal Biosciences department researching health and nutritional implications for in vitro-produced dairy calves. Morgan volunteered as an events co-coordinator for the Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare Student Chapter in the fall of 2015 while completing her Masters. Morgan has held several positions with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in their Research and Innovation Branch, Agriculture Development Branch and Food Inspection Branch, which further enriched her agricultural background. Morgan's enthusiasm and dedication will make her a valuable asset to the team.



Brent Royce was raised on a dairy cattle farm in Perth County and for the past 20 years has been raising turkeys, crops, sheep and his two daughters on a family farm with his wife Christa. He is a graduate of the Advanced Agriculture Leadership Program (Class 12). In 2015, Brent received the Farm & Food Care Champion award for his outstanding efforts in advocating and promoting agriculture in Ontario. Brent has been involved in the animal care advisory council for the past four years. He is a Canadian Livestock Transport certified trainer and has been trained in both red meat and poultry by the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization. Brent's turkey farm was also featured on Farm & Food Care's Virtual Farm Tours, and he has written many blogs for organization. Farm & Food Care is delighted to have Brent's experience and knowledge.

We are very pleased to welcome Morgan and Brent to Farm & Food Care's animal care team!



Animal Care Advisory Council

Farm & Food Care's animal care team works under the direction of its Animal Care Advisory Council which provides an open forum for input, ideas, dialogue and proactive discussion of on-farm animal care issues. The Advisory Council discusses current farm animal issues in Canada and provides insight into how Farm & Food Care can be part of the discussion and develop practical solutions.

The goal is to keep ahead of the curve of these issues wherever possible, and react as necessary. Topics discussed by the council at its quarterly meetings in the past have included updates on the Codes of Practice, IMPACT, results from Farm & Food Care's producer attitude study, OMAFRA's animal care framework, and more. At each meeting, experts are invited to join the meeting to provide insight on agenda items. Moving forward, the advisory council will help to provide direction on the resources and training programs developed through Farm & Food Care's animal care team.

The next Animal Care Advisory Council Meeting will take place on **September 29th, 2016** at the Victoria Park East Golf Club.

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Upcoming events & meetings

- Canada's Outdoor Farm Show
September 13-15, 2016, Woodstock, ON
- Animal Care Advisory Council Meeting
September 29, 2016, Guelph, ON

New in the news

- Senecavirus A found in slaughterhouses in Iowa:
<http://www.porknetwork.com/news/seneca-valley-virus-cases-found-slaughterhouses>
- The Codes of Practice continue to be updated:
www.nfacc.ca

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