



FARM ANIMAL CARE NEWS

Welcome to the First edition of Farm Animal Care News

Welcome to the first edition of Farm Animal Care News. This newsletter will highlight what FFC is working on in farm animal care. This information will be included in the regular Farm & Food Care e-newsletter on a quarterly basis with links for more information. If you have any comments or recommendations, please send them to our office.

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What's new at Farm & Food Care?

Livestock Emergency Awareness Video Series

Loose farm animals are scared animals and scared animals are dangerous animals. We see it on the news and cringe — a cow causing havoc in rush hour traffic or a pig running loose through a residential area. When livestock are loose in unfamiliar areas, there could be damage to animals, people or property. This video series takes a look at the basics of handling farm animals in a calm manor, how to deal with loose livestock, tips for responding to accidents involving farm animals, and priorities in dealing with a livestock emergency.

You can find the four part video series on www.livestockwelfare.com or on Farm & Food Care's YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/FarmandFoodCare/videos>

Farm Animal Care & Emergency Awareness Van

You might see some of our staff driving around in the new Farm Animal Care & Emergency Awareness van this fall at various events and meetings. Thanks to Ontario Pork and the Canadian Swine Health Board for partnering and providing funding for this vehicle.

FFC staff will be bringing the van out to events and meetings as part of a commitment to increasing awareness and information on farm animal care issues. The van is also in the process of being fully equipped to respond to emergencies involving farm animals (i.e. truck rollovers).

It was showcased at the Outdoor Farm Show in September and is now out on the roads getting lots of attention and stirring up questions.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- January 30, 2014 - OMAF Animal Care Conference, Delta Hotel, Guelph
- April 15 & 16, 2014 - Farm & Food Care AGM, Milton

Tips & Tricks—Suspicious Vehicles

Ever see a vehicle you don't recognize hanging around your plant or farm? It can be easy to pass them by because it's Canadian nature to not want to appear nosy. But if an unknown vehicle is on your property or just outside of it, make a note of the vehicle's make, license plate and driver description. (You can even snap a quick photo with your phone.) Activists like to observe a site before making it a target. They could be watching and making note of daily or weekly routines on the site. They may show up on quiet days (so they don't look suspicious) or on busy days (where they hope to blend in.)



What's new at Farm & Food Care? Continued.

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Past Meetings & Conferences Attended

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Tim Hortons Animal Welfare Summit October 3, 2013

The main objective of the Summit was to provide European and North American perspectives on current and past experiences trying to establish animal welfare and sustainable value chains.

NFACC Annual Meeting October 9 & 10, 2013

The National Farm Animal Care Council hosted its third AGM in Ottawa where it featured a series of speakers over two days focusing on the Codes of Practice, industry initiatives and bridging the gap from farmer to consumer. The conference attracted 140 people across the supply chain from farmers to food service, with a vested interest in farm animal care.

OFA meeting on OSPCA October 30, 2013

This meeting was hosted by OFA to discuss the current attitudes from livestock commodity organizations concerning the OSPCA . This meeting was to discuss the provincial announcement on changes to the functioning of the OSPCA. Dairy, beef, veal and horse representatives were present to discuss their relationships and MOUs with the group. Farm & Food Care responded in saying that it will continue to work with the OSPCA on its Farm Animal Care Helpline service and provide resources and advice whenever possible.

Have a friend or family member who is interested in visiting a farm? Did you know you can from the comfort of your own couch? Visit Virtual Farm Tours today.



Current Issues

The following are current issues to be aware of:

- W5- Undercover video on Alberta Poultry Farm
<http://www.ctvnews.ca/w5/undercover-investigation-reveals-horrific-conditions-within-egg-industry-1.1503296>
- The Codes of Practice continue to be updated through the National Farm Animal Care Councils project. Check the NFACC website for the most up to date and current information on which stage each Code is at www.nfacc.ca
- CFIA and Access to Information requests by activists: Several farmers and processing plants across Canada have received Access to Information (ATIP) requests from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency relating to specific information on transport, animal and inspection data recently. This is a new tactic activists are trying out to gain access to personal information about farmers and agri-businesses, including names and 911 addresses, with the plans to expand depending on the success of their efforts. Please contact Farm & Food Care for more information.

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