



FARM ANIMAL CARE NEWS

BEEF HANDLING WORKSHOPS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH ONTARIO FARMERS

OCTOBER 2015

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 3

In August, IMPACT hosted three one-day beef handling workshops featuring handling expert and rancher Dylan Biggs. The workshops covered basic understanding of cow behaviour, how they learn and how to practically use this information to move cattle calmly. Facility design and how to use aspects of your chute and crowd tub were heavily discussed, as well as how to reduce frustration when trailering animals. Dylan shared many personal stories and videos with attendees to aid basic animal handling techniques.

The workshops reached over 150 farmers, farm workers and industry professionals across Western Ontario. Attendees rated the workshop for overall satisfaction 4.7 out of 5.

Attendees indicated that they were highly likely to change practices on their own farms after attending the workshop. Some of the take home messages included spending more time to train cattle to work with you and watching their ears and eyes to see what the cows are focused on. Overall attendees identified that being more patient when working with cattle will be better for handlers and the cows themselves.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Ontario Agriculture Week
October 5—11, 2015
- IMPACT Northern Ontario Beef Handling Workshop Series
October 7-9, 2015
- Harvest Gala October 29, 2015
Bingeman Park, Kitchener
- IMPACT Eastern Ontario Beef Handling Workshop Series
November 2-5, 2015



Dylan Biggs gives a full on-farm commentary as he moves the cows and calves around the field.



Working cow calf pairs at Gilbrea Farms in Erin, ON.



Attendees spent the afternoon on-farm with cows practicing the techniques from the morning.

MORE BEEF HANDLING WORKSHOPS COMING TO A FARM NEAR YOU

If you were unable to make it out to the workshops in August, you're in luck. IMPACT will be hosting additional beef handling workshops in October in Northern Ontario and in November in Eastern Ontario.

Who should attend? Farmers, farm employees, and anyone who works with beef cattle. Cost is free. But everyone must register. Visit www.farmIMPACT.ca to register.

NORTHERN ONTARIO WORKSHOP SERIES 2015

- October 7**
New Liskeard
- October 8**
Bruce Mines
- October 9**
Massey

EASTERN ONTARIO WORKSHOP SERIES 2015

- November 2**
Peterborough
- November 3**
Frontenac
- November 4**
Athens
- November 5**
Perth





IMPACT Farm Animal Care App

One tool currently in development is an app that will allow farmers and farm workers to access farm animal care information on their smart phones where they need it most - in the barn.

The IMPACT Farm Animal Care app will be available for free download on both iTunes and the Google Play Store.

Look for the IMPACT app for download in late 2015.



IMPACT HOSTS PACCO TRAINING

Farm & Food Care Ontario's IMPACT program hosted a two-day training session on August 27 and 28, 2015 in Guelph for the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PACCO). A total of 30 industry professionals and veterinarians were trained for auditing red meat plants for animal welfare.

The training included in-class portion, on-site demonstrations and hands-on experience at Conestoga and Cargill. The curriculum is based on the PACCO-accredited North American Meat Institute Foundation's 2012 Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines and Audit guide, which is widely accepted by packers, restaurants and retailers.

These participants now add to the 42 listed PACCO certified red meat inspectors Ontario currently has registered. For more information on PACCO please visit www.animalauditor.org



PACCO attendees learn red meat species auditing from Temple

WHERE IS IMPACT?

As resources and training tools are becoming available and workshops are being hosted, the IMPACT team is attending many industry events and trade shows to introduce farmers, farm workers and industry professionals to these newly developed animal care resources.

If you are interested in having IMPACT attend your event or learning more about what IMPACT can offer you and your farm, please contact our team at impact@farmfoodcare.org or by calling (519) 837- 1326.



Here are some examples of where our team will be presenting or attending in the months to come:

- ✓ Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency Annual Meeting—October 29 and 30, 2015
- ✓ Beef handling workshops Northern Ontario—October 7-9, 2015
- ✓ Beef handling workshops Eastern Ontario—November 2-5, 2015
- ✓ Canadian Meat Council—October 1 and 2, 2015
- ✓ Grey Bruce Farmers Week—January 2016

MORE AT STAKE THAN THE BARN—FIRE PREVENTION VIDEO FOR FARMERS

The Perth East Fire Department has released a new video on fire prevention in barns.

Every year over 70% of the fire calls responded to by the Perth East Fire Department are barn fires. In an effort to provide prevention techniques the detachment has produced a YouTube video called 'More at Stake than the Barn.'

You can watch the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMB0QFvwKww>

The video encourages simple preventative tasks such as having a designated smoking area with a disposal spot for cigarette butts, unplugging extension cords and making sure they are in good working order, keeping dust away from electrical panels and fans, and keeping oil rags in a bucket out of the way of possible fire hazards.

If you're looking for additional information for first responders or livestock emergencies, please contact the Farm & Food Care office.



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



@FarmFoodCare



Facebook.com/
FarmFoodCare



Farm & Food Care



Farm Food Care



Farm & Food Care



100 Stone Road West, Suite 202, Guelph, ON, N1G 5L3

Phone: (519) 837-1326 Fax: (519) 837-3209 info@farmfoodcare.org www.farmfoodcare.org

SPOTLIGHT ON PROCEDURE MODULES

FROM TOOTH TO TAIL—PIGLET PROCESSING

Five species-specific interactive procedure modules are being developed through the IMPACT program as tools to communicate common procedure practices like castration in pigs, dehorning in cattle and tail docking in sheep to farmers across Ontario. Here is a quick peek into the piglet procedure modules that are coming to a computer near you soon!



Welcome to Piglet Processing— From tooth to tail Meet Dr. Sarah, she will be your instructor for the module. In the tooth to tail module for piglets castration, teeth clipping and tail docking is covered. Today we will be looking at the castration module.



Dr. Sarah begins the castration module by introducing the other team members Dr. Seth, Maria and Miguel who are going to be practicing a new way of castration on their farm.

She explains that this lesson focuses on why and how the team is going to accomplish this new castration technique on farm.

The module then takes users to a virtual farm layout and requires them to click on the litter of piglets to continue through to the next step of the module.



Users can navigate around the modules with the buttons on the bottom right labeled 'Prev' and 'Next'





Next Dr. Sarah discusses what castration is, why we castrate males and when to castrate young piglets, and that elective procedures like castration are painful regardless of the age of the piglet. Dr. Sarah also informs users about the Codes of Practice and the Code requires when it comes to piglet castration.

All information in every procedure module is based on the Canadian Codes of Practice for that specific species.



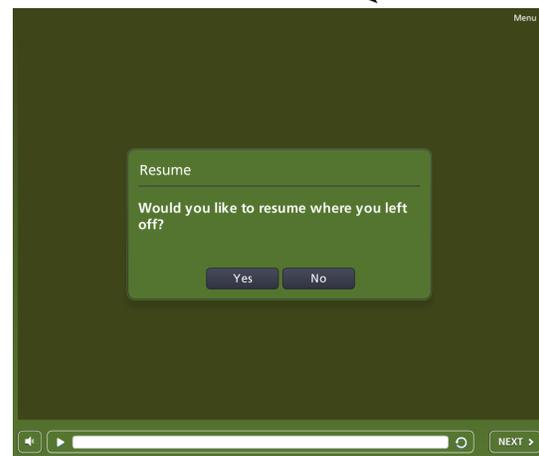
All of the answers are tabulated upon completion of the module and users are able to see how they did on the questions as well as retry or print their results indicating they completed the module.



Throughout the module there are a number of multiple choice questions that users must answer to proceed. The questions reflect the content of what's being taught in each section. Once the answer is submitted, the user will be prompted if their answer is correct or incorrect. And a reason is given as to the correct answer.



Dr. Sarah and the team then move through two different methods of piglet castration. Pain management, technique, required tools, restraint and other important information is provided to users in step by step and practical manner.



Users can come back to the module at any time and either restart or resume where they left off. This allows users time to watch each video and retain the

Other species procedure modules being developed include:

- Dairy cattle disbudding and dehorning
- Beef cattle disbudding, dehorning and castration
- Sheep tail docking, disbudding, castration and how to give proper injections
- Goat disbudding and how to give proper injections.



FARM & FOOD
Care ONTARIO

100 Stone Road West, Suite 202, Guelph, ON, N1G 5L3
Phone: (519) 837-1326 Fax: (519) 837-3209 info@farmfoodcare.org www.FarmFoodCare.org