

Governments Support Animal Care Training

Two-Year Program for Ontario Farmers Through Growing Forward 2

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The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$2 million under [Growing Forward 2](#) so that farmers and others who work with farm animals can receive training in animal care.

[Farm and Food Care](#) will develop training materials, deliver courses and help farmers implement new practices into their operations under the two-year program, which will be offered beginning this September. It will help those who work with farm animals keep up to date with the latest research, standards and practices related to farm animal care.

[Producers](#), [processors](#), [organizations and collaborations](#) can also receive support under Growing Forward 2 for activities that enhance animal welfare, including training, skills development, and project planning and implementation.

QUOTES

“Canada has a strong record supporting the use of best practices in farm animal care. This investment will continue to promote the development of practices that meet Canada’s high standards.”

—Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

“Ensuring our farm animals receive the best care possible is a priority for our government, our farmers, and our consumers. This program will help the agri-food sector meet the targets of our agri-food growth plan while improving animal welfare practices on farms across the province.”

—Kathleen Wynne, Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food

“Making an impact on the lives of animals on the farm takes knowledge, resources and experience, and this program will provide all of these in a way that will let farmers and their animals benefit on a day to day basis. All farmers and others who work with livestock have the desire to care for their animals in the best way possible, and this program will give them a valuable tool to continue to improve in this priority.”

—Mike Petrik, Program Lead, Farm and Food Care

QUICK FACTS

- The [Animal Health Act, 2009](#) was created to keep Ontario’s animals safe and the agri-food industry strong.
- [Codes of Practice](#) are nationally developed guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals.
- Codes of Practice for pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, sheep, farmed fox and mink have recently been updated. Codes of Practice for chickens, turkeys and breeders, as well as for poultry-layers, are soon to be released.

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