



Farm Animal Care News

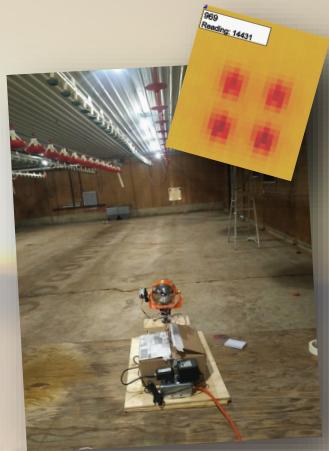
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This newsletter highlights Farm & Food Care's animal care initiatives. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Update on Barn Fire Prevention Technology

Beginning in early 2017, Farm & Food Care Ontario (FFCO) has been working in collaboration with commodity groups, OMAFRA, and an engineering company, Harvest Robotics, on a heat-sensing prototype for livestock barns as a method of fire prevention. The project is now in the second stage of development with field tests underway. The first monitor was made from plastic using a 3D printer, and able to accurately locate heat sources in a barn. The second prototype was made to operate in true barn conditions with dust and moisture. The intent of this project is to detect issues before barn fires start.

FFCO is pleased to announce the date of the first-ever joint Animal Care and Environment Advisory Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 20th. A prototype of the sensor will be demonstrated to both councils.



Truck Rollover Update & LERC Training Days

FFCO received approval from the Agriculture Adaptation Council in the spring of 2017 to complete a livestock truck rollover project. This is a collaborative project between FFCO and Beef Farmers of Ontario, with assistance from the Wellington County Fire Department, Luckhart Transport Limited and other interested parties. Together, a team of advisors was created to attend truck accidents involving livestock. By the end of September, this team will be trained and equipped to respond to all types of livestock incidents. The goal is to ensure animals involved in these accidents are moved and handled in a method that limits stress while also ensuring the safety of the responders on scene. This project highlights the vast expanse of the province and the different challenges experienced in different geographical locations.

Save the date! Livestock Emergency Response Courses

Farm & Food Care will be hosting two Emergency Livestock Training Days with livestock specialist Jennifer Woods on September 26th and 27th in Listowel and Glencoe, respectively. These courses are targeted for emergency responders but open to anyone interested in learning more about animal behavior and how to manage animals during livestock disasters such as truck rollovers and barn fires. For more information and how to register, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2tFSS2E>

Animal Care Certificate

Farm & Food Care Ontario is pleased to announce the launch of the Animal Care Certificate Program, based on the nationally developed Codes of Practice for six species. With support from the agricultural industry, a certification program is the next logical step in animal care training. These interactive courses will provide animal care workers with a program aimed at meeting the requirements set out in the Codes of Practice. The program will run from July 2017 until the end of May 2018 where training and certification will be available free of charge.

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Local Food Week Farm Tour

On June 6, FFCO, along with sponsor groups, took food influencers on a farm tour for Local Food Week. We visited Weber's Turkey Farm, had lunch catered by Fraberts Fresh Food, and learned from Fred Vaughn, of Vaughn Agricultural Research Services, about his pesticide research trial company.



Veterinary Sharps Disposal

In an effort to clean up the countryside, two FFCO staff attended the Pork Congress in Stratford to assist Ontario Pork in collecting veterinary sharps. Producers were very appreciative of this program and brought numerous containers. With a booth outside the doors of the event, 36 large biohazard bags were collected and safely disposed of. For more information on sharps pick-up options, please contact the animal care team.



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Upcoming events & meetings

- Joint Animal Care and Environment Council Meeting September 20, Guelph
- Breakfast on the Farm, September 16, Listowel ON
- Livestock Emergency Response Courses September 26th & 27th - Listowel & Glencoe
- Harvest Gala, November 2, Guelph

New in the news

- Ridgetown Campus to Open Swine Education Centre - <http://bit.ly/2tSYqVk>
- Canadian Family Farms at Risk - <http://bit.ly/2tgEjn1>
- Ontario Supporting Sustainable Beef Production Facility in Elora - <http://bit.ly/2tnbi55>

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