

INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICAL ANIMAL CARE TRAINING

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Resources and training programs are well into development as the first year of the IMPACT program comes to a close.

In this issue of Animal Care News, highlights include the kick-off conference and resource updates.

IMPACT CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

IMPACT hosted a launch conference on February 26 and 27, 2015 in Cambridge. Over 90 farmers and industry partners attended the event for a look at the IMPACT program . The overall response to the resources presented was very positive with an overall rating of 4.39 out of 5.

The afternoon began with Dr. Mike Petrik introducing the IMPACT program, and was followed by Dr. David Fraser of University of British Columbia, who spoke about animal production as a profession. Dr. Sarah Probst-Miller of AgCreate, gave an informative talk from her experience in adult learning and how to effectively teach.

The following morning attendees were split into species-specific groups where the resources for each livestock group were presented. The day was wrapped up with Kim DeKlein speaking about ways to host effective training and workshops.

Video of the full presentations can be viewed here http://www.farmimpact.ca/ index.php/2-uncategorised/13-impact-kick-off-conference-presentation-resources-2

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

May 25, 2015 to June 5, 2015

Don Hoglund dairy workshop series

June 17 & 18, 2015 Ontario Pork Congress. Stratford ON.

August 27 & 28, 2015 PAACO Course. Guelph, ON.



CODES OF PRACTICE MODULES



Six Code of Practice modules are scheduled to be developed through IMPACT as tools to communicate the requirements and recommendations set out in the Codes. IMPACT is working with Ridgetown College to develop these interactive modules which will cover all aspects discussed in the Codes of Practice around livestock production from feed and water to health and welfare.

These recourse modules are meant to acquaint individuals with the content of the Codes of Practice in a unique method. Questions, videos and pictures throughout the sessions will keep users interested and

active while completing each module. Upon completion, a printable certificate can be included in assurance programs to confirm knowledge of the Codes of Practice.







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.



Don Hoglund Dairy Handling Workshop SERIES

Join Farm & Food Care's IMPACT program for a workshop series featuring Dr. Don Hoglund on Stockmanship for Better Production.

The workshop series will run from mid-May to mid-June of 2015. Each workshop will accommodate up to 15 farmers and consist of a morning presentation, followed by lunch and then an afternoon of on-farm demonstrations and skills development.

Dr. Hoglund's one day workshop will feature techniques on using low-energy handling to improve outcomes for both people and cattle. The result is better welfare for cows and handlers which in turn will result in increased production.

For a full list of workshops visit http://www.farmimpact.ca/ index.php/2-uncategorised/14-impact-dairy-handling-workshops



DW TO HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES

Farm & Food Care has been working with AgCreate to develop interactive how-to videos for the following species and procedures:

Swine—teeth clipping, tail docking and castration

Dairy—Disbudding and dehorning

Beef—Disbudding, dehorning and castration

Sheep—Castration, tail docking and giving proper injections

Goats—Disbudding and giving proper injections

Each how-to video will cover proper preparation including restraining animals for the procedure, proper technique and what to look for to ensure the procedure was performed properly. Options for various methods are shown for each procedure so farmers can choose the method they prefer on-farm.

The videos follow all requirements in the Code of Practice and can be used for new employee training or will be available on your smart phone while in the barn.

OTHER IMPACT RESOURCES TO LOOK FOR

Other resources currently under develop include the following:

- Poultry CLT and handling training delivery has begun.
- Smart Pig Handling video and quiz book modified from Manitoba Pork's handling videos.
- Behaviour whiteboard videos for sheep, goats and veal calves.
- A Canadian version of Pork Checkoff's On-Farm Euthanasia of Swine.
- Sheep and goat euthanasia pocket guide.
- Ballistics infographic for euthanizing ruminant farm animals.
- Rabbit euthanasia resources.
- Canadian Livestock Transport workshops.
- Ethics of euthanasia video.
- Beef handling workshop series.
- And much more.





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