

INAUGURAL MEETING

National Farm Animal Care Council

The inaugural meeting of the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC), held August 11-12, 2005, brought together representatives from a broad spectrum of groups interested in farm animal care in Canada.

NFACC's vision is *a national coordinated approach promoting responsible farm animal care.*

Each representative offered their perspectives on animal care and insights as to the role of NFACC. Some common points were:

- Animal care is a multi-jurisdictional, whole supply chain issue of growing importance;
- Each group has been addressing animal care individually, but there is value in working together on common issues and shared goals;
- A forum for communications is needed.

The first Chair of NFACC is Gordon Coukell, representative for Dairy Farmers of Canada. Other NFACC members represent the beef, pork, cervid, bison, sheep and equine industries, the humane movement, research/academia, provincial and federal governments, meat and poultry processors, veterinarians, restaurant and retail food services and provincial farm animal care groups.



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