

# AFAC

## ALBERTA FARM ANIMAL CARE

2011  
Annual Report



# AFAC's Strategic Plan

**Vision:** Livestock in Alberta are respected and well cared for.

## Mission:

- To provide a coordinated approach for the livestock industry to work together to advance and promote responsible animal care.
- AFAC will be a collective voice for livestock welfare in Alberta.

## Guiding Principles:

- The welfare of the animals in our care is a moral, social, ethical responsibility.
- Sound animal welfare practices and healthy animals contribute to improved production and industry sustainability.
- Strong, cooperative partnerships with industry in extension, research, legislative developments and enforcement are essential.
- As a diverse livestock industry organization, AFAC provides a collective voice and member groups are responsible to deliver industry specific programs on their own behalf.

## Goals:

- Humane care within the livestock industry.
- Public policy that is practical and defensible.
- Emerging issues are identified and producers and other stakeholders are informed in a timely fashion.
- Greater public understanding of producer commitment and dedication to provide humane care for their animals.
- Practical and science-based research relevant to animal care is supported in Alberta and western Canada.
- AFAC is a progressive organization able to respond and react to member needs.



## AFAC Board Members

Alberta Auction Markets Association  
Alberta Beef Producers  
Alberta Chicken Producers  
Alberta Egg Producers  
Alberta Equestrian Federation  
Alberta Hatching Egg Producers

Alberta Lamb Producers  
Alberta Milk  
Alberta Pork  
Alberta Turkey Producers  
Alberta Veterinary Medical Association  
University of Alberta

Western Stock Growers Association  
Wild Rose Agricultural Producers  
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## Active Members

Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association\*  
Alberta Elk  
Alberta Poultry Hatchery Association  
Bison Producers of Alberta  
CDN/AB Livestock Research Trust Inc.

Calgary Stampede  
Canadian Professional Rodeo Association  
Edmonton Northlands  
Feeders Association of Alberta Ltd.  
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## Associate Members

Alberta Goat Breeders Association  
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ATB Financial  
Auburndale Elk Farm  
Berdina Farms Ltd.  
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Stockyards Veterinary Services Ltd.  
Stolte Farms Ltd.  
STS Farms Ltd.  
Sundgaard Poultry Farm Ltd.  
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Sunterra Meats Ltd.  
Turkey Farmers of Canada  
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Winter's Turkeys

## Message from the Chair

AFAC is one of four provincial Farm Animal Care groups in Canada. It's an organization made up of groups and members with a commitment to promoting responsible animal care.

Over the past year, AFAC has continued to strengthen its relationship with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency and the Alberta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. These relationships we have nurtured will continue to serve the livestock and poultry industry in Alberta as we move into the future. Our strength is in collaboration.

I would like to stress this benefit of collaboration that AFAC offers the livestock industry in Alberta, in addition to the cooperative work with the groups mentioned above. While member organizations have to play a role in promoting responsible animal care individually, the collective voice of AFAC is strong. As pressures on livestock production increase, our efforts to work together become more critical to our success.

AFAC is a member of the Alberta Livestock Protection Network (ALPN). In 2011, various member groups met on issues "where the rubber hits the road". One excellent example of this is the semi-annual meeting of the ALERT Line, Alberta SPCA, AARD, LIS, and RCMP. These meetings have evolved into a training session for those involved in the front-line of animal care issues in our province and as a way of sharing experiences in order to improve the way our services co-exist and work towards our common goals.

This was a momentous year for the CLT program (now officially known as the Canadian Livestock Transport certification program). AFAC and Canada's national livestock and poultry associations have worked for several years to move CLT to a national level. Then, early this spring

the hard work paid off when federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz approved \$320,000 of government funding under the Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program. This project is a source of great pride for the AFAC board as it shows leadership coming from Alberta and provides a service to help maintain and strengthen Canada's livestock and poultry industries.

The year 2011 marks a first for me personally. Having been a director on various boards for a number of years, this was my first opportunity to take part in an Executive Committee. To be on the Executive of a board that has recently undergone governance changes with a renewed fervor to ensure AFAC is not only present but also increasingly successful, has been a steep, but exiting learning curve.

Thanks to our Executive Director, Lorna Baird, for her dedication to animal care and welfare and for her patience working with a new Executive. The same of course goes for the entire staff. Many thanks to the other members of the Executive Committee – Doug Sawyer (Past Chair), Larry Delver (Vice Chair) and Brian Chomlak (Finance Chair) for their active participation and dedication to AFAC. We have a strong board, dedicated staff and excellent contractors that all work together to advance and promote responsible animal care. It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of AFAC.

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## Message from the Executive Director

In 2011 the Board of Directors built on the momentum initiated in 2010 with facilitated board governance sessions. A new Strategic Plan was developed early in 2011 and despite being a large group, the board has continued to improve its effectiveness.

During the year, AFAC had a presence at many producer and industry events, as you will see in the Program Highlights section of this report. This participation has helped us meet three important goals of our organization: 1) to gather stakeholder opinions and needs, 2) to reach out to the public and demonstrate the dedication of Alberta's livestock and poultry industries to responsible animal care and 3) to ensure that people at the front-line of animal care are aware of AFAC and our goals.

Looking forward to 2012, AFAC has a number of projects planned that serve Alberta's livestock and poultry industries:

- AFAC spent the latter half of 2011 working with the Alberta Farm Animal Health and Welfare Strategy's Improved Emergency Management Priority Action Team to develop a Livestock Handling Trailer and Training project. Funding for this project is imminent.
- AFAC's Livestock Welfare Communication grant from ALMA draws to a close in early 2012. A follow-up project that aims to improve knowledge and support decision-making at the level of individual producers and the organizations that represent them is under development.
- Livestock care in the public eye – One of AFAC's priorities includes connecting with the public to demonstrate our commitment to responsible animal care. We hope to once again participate in events

such as the Cattle Trail at the Calgary Stampede.

- Discussions around the AFAC board table have highlighted that the debate surrounding antimicrobial use in production animals is an issue that will have animal care ramifications.
- The APRUMA (Alberta Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicine in Animals) document being produced by the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association is one that we will continue to support and learn from as this issue continues to develop.

As AFAC continues to expand its programs to serve the livestock industry and to connect with the public, the team of people and organizations we work with helps AFAC achieve its many goals. Dedicated staff and contractors have helped make this year a success. My heartfelt thanks go out to them. I would also like to extend a special thanks the Executive Committee for their tireless efforts working with me to ensure AFAC is on a solid foundation and is moving in the right direction.

It's a privilege to work with a livestock and poultry industry with a commitment to responsible animal care. I truly believe the work we do at AFAC will help secure the future viability of animal agriculture in Alberta.

Lorna Baird





# 2011 AFAC Program Highlights

**AFAC Websites** AFAC's main website [www.afac.ab.ca](http://www.afac.ab.ca) was under redevelopment in 2011 and is close to being ready to launch. Currently, AFAC member organizations are being asked to review the content of the new website. The wealth of knowledge and resources that have been accumulated on the site is being streamlined. In addition to content reviews and upgrades, we are planning for a 'members only' section of the site for our board and executive to access meeting information and policy/governance documents. We hope that our fresh new, user friendly website will be launched shortly.

**Matched Assistance** Through the Livestock Welfare Extension project, funded in part by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (AARD), AFAC is able to offer matched assistance for the delivery of extension events that promote responsible farm animal welfare. In 2011, six groups (~1,100 individuals) in rural Alberta accessed the program. Typically, these industry workshops and conference sessions include 'Livestock Handling', 'Livestock Handling for Youth,' or 'Safety with Livestock' messages.

**Livestock Protection** The Alberta Livestock Protection Network (ALPN), comprised of AFAC, ARD, CFIA, ASPCA, RCMP and LIS, did not officially meet during 2011. Meetings of the majority of ALPN member groups did however occur as needed throughout the year and communication with the individual groups was maintained on an on-going basis. ALPN was created in direct response to growing public and producer concern for an effective, accountable and coordinated province-wide effort targeting farm animal welfare. Collaboration on a project to benchmark the incidence of compromised cattle at auction marts and processing plants is one area where ALPN partners are working together. Although this hasn't become a proper project yet, the groundwork for this initiative was established this year. AFAC also participates in the provincial Alberta Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategic Framework Steering Committee. The vision of this Strategy is that "Alberta has an effective animal health system that serves the needs of animals, people and industry." One particular Strategic Outcome related to the work of AFAC is, "Improved animal health through animal care & welfare." AFAC was invited to participate in the Strategy's "Improved Emergency Preparedness" Priority Action Team meetings in the latter half of 2011. The Team developed a project proposal to address the province's need for a coordinated network of well-equipped livestock handling trailers that can be used to contain loose animals in numerous situations including (but not limited to) natural disasters, traffic incidents and large animal welfare seizures.

**Livestock Welfare Extension & Communication** AFAC attended or participated in 32 livestock industry meetings, conferences and workshops including: Horse Breeders and Owners Conference, Banff Pork Seminar, Alberta Association of Agriculture Fieldmen In-Service Training and Conference, University of Alberta Poultry Research Centre priorities meeting, Alberta Beef Industry Conference, Alberta Veterinary Medicine Leadership Weekend, Alberta 'Feather Board' meetings, Western Canadian Dairy Seminar, Alberta Equestrian Federation AGM, Canadian Beef School, Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency Future Fare, Alberta Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy meetings, Red Deer Swine Technology Workshop, 5th International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level, Feeding a Hungry World Summit, British Columbia

Farm Animal Care Council Conference, National Farm Animal Care Council conference and board meeting, Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan AGM and Conference. AFAC contractors and volunteers (including Board members and member organization staff as well as CLT instructors) helped teach urban and rural students and public about animal care at Aggie Days (Calgary), Westerner Days (Red Deer) and the Calgary Stampede (Cattle Trail and Ag in the City).

## Humane Handling Resources

**Temple Grandin DVDs** – The AFAC website features video clips from Dr. Grandin's handling and auditing DVD series. Canadian-based requests for purchase can be made through links on our site.

**Humane Handling Guidelines** – Humane Handling Guidelines are booklets with information helpful for making decisions regarding the care, handling and transportation of beef, dairy, sheep, swine and horses. A review of the Guidelines was initiated in 2011. AFAC is working with industry groups to ensure the Guidelines are current and accessible to producers. The horse, dairy and sheep booklets are available electronically through the AFAC website and beef Guidelines can be requested from the AFAC office. Ultimately, we hope to have all species booklets available online. Commodity groups and other end users will be consulted on required updates and formatting requirements.

## Industry Contact and Animal Care Issue Management

**Publications** – The "Farmers Care For Their Animals" booklet was reprinted and distributed widely to Alberta youth and their teachers at events such as Aggie Days and the Alberta Dairy Congress. The "Real Dirt on Farming II" financially supported by AFAC was also widely distributed.

**Conference** – Approximately 150 people attended the 2011 AFAC Livestock Care Conference. New elements including a student session called "Meet the Expert" and an interactive session during the main conference agenda proved to be successful. We will continue to build on this event as we move into the future.

**Communications to industry** - AFAC prepared speaking notes and conveyed pertinent information to member organizations on a number of issues that arose in 2011. These issues included: veal calves in Texas, multiple covert activist activities in Canada that focused on animal transport and animals delivered to processing plants and an unfortunate incident involving loose animals near an urban centre in Quebec.

**Winter Preparedness** AFAC's News Lines, or Winter Preparedness extension articles caution producers to be aware of animals losing condition throughout the winter and provide advice from various livestock specialists on how to deal with certain issues that might arise. The new distribution method initiated in 2010 has been well received by our media contacts. Making the information more accessible to those who can distribute it extends the reach of our messages. We provide a print version of the story as well as audio clips and clip transcriptions. We now send each story by email to approximately 235 media contacts and they are available online at [www.afac.ab.ca](http://www.afac.ab.ca). The stories are typically picked up in print and radio reports. While the majority of stories pertain to animals that may be kept outdoors during the winter, topics such as barn collapses due to snow load and feed quality due to weather conditions are applicable to indoor-housed animals as well. A total of 17 News Lines were distributed in 2011.

# Livestock Care Response

The ALERT Line is a frontline awareness system that plays a critical role in helping to ensure responsible farm animal care.

It allows anyone to report livestock care concerns through a 1-800 call line. An ALERT dispatcher can then activate a response from a knowledgeable ALERT Resource Team that can check these concerns and either ensure there is not a problem or, if there is an issue, help get it solved.

A big focus of ALERT is early identification of potential issues so they can be resolved before animals are in distress. ALERT Resource Team members include farmers and other rural community members who have the knowledge to offer solutions to improve animal care. ALERT also has team of veterinarians who provide knowledgeable counsel when needed. ALERT is also available for self-reporting to assist those who may be experiencing problems in caring for their livestock, and the program works closely with Alberta SPCA and RCMP.

The ALERT Line is a part of the Alberta Livestock Protection Network (ALPN). This network is a partnership of AFAC, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD), Alberta SPCA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, RCMP and Livestock Identification Services.

## ALERT Line Activity

The ALERT Line program continues to serve a vital need. In 2011, over 900 calls were handled by the ALERT dispatchers. Many of these were handled at the dispatcher level, while others were addressed using the ALERT Resource Team of volunteers. Livestock Care Veterinarians assisted with 14 of these cases. In all, over 4,000 farm animals benefited from the efforts of the ALERT Line in 2011.

The majority of calls to the ALERT Line are considered “information calls,” where the dispatcher is given an opportunity to inform the caller about common agricultural practices.

Where there are situations that require an ALERT Resource Team member, in most cases the team member works with the producer involved and has good cooperation to resolve the situation. Severe cases with dead animals or animals in distress are referred immediately to the Alberta SPCA, as are cases that involve dogs and cats.

Horses are a cross-over animal because they can be regarded as companion animals, working animals or livestock. Previously, if an ALERT line call involved a situation with less than 10 horses, the dispatcher would refer the call directly to the Alberta SPCA. In 2011, the AFAC Board decided to respond to cases involving even a small number of horses,

since, even though horses are a cross-over animal, the proper care of any number of horses is a concern for the livestock industry.

## The Livestock Care Response Team

Teamwork is the foundation of quality farm animal care. One of the strengths of the ALERT Line is the network of relationships that are continually built with groups working towards similar goals. Key examples include the Alberta SPCA, ARD's Animal Welfare Unit and Ag Info Centre (310- FARM (3276)), Livestock Identification Services and the RCMP.

Currently, these groups along with a contingent from the AFAC Board and the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association meet semi-annually, to strengthen collaboration, share experiences and learn from one another. These groups all share the various challenges of working with livestock and owners under duress. The semi-annual meetings provide an opportunity for training and guidance that may help those who are on the frontline responding to animal care calls.

Meetings are geared toward a specific issue. For example, the April 2011 meeting focused on “Dealing with people in crisis” and the October 2011 session highlighted the importance and challenges of biosecurity when dealing with livestock care concerns.

## Partners drive success

Since the ALERT Line was established in 2003, the investment and effort of partners has been the key to success. AFAC, ARD, the Alberta SPCA, along with the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency (ALMA) and its forerunners have invested almost \$700,000 in this service. Many thanks to all the contributors!



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# ALERT

Help Line & Resource Team

To report livestock care concerns

CALL

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## 2011 ALERT Line Summary

Beef	39	Bison	4	Other	9
Dairy	0	Poultry	1	Pigs	1
Horses	65	Elk	0	Sheep	3
TOTAL CASES				122	
Information Calls				143	
Repeat calls on existing cases				15	

## 2010 ALERT Line Summary

TOTAL CASES		117
Information Calls		146
Repeat calls on existing cases		11

## ALERT Dispatcher's Report: Year in Review

The past year was an active and productive one for the ALERT Line, which contributed to efforts that benefitted over 4,000 farm animals. Pam Miller, dispatch coordinator for the ALERT line, was at the centre of that activity and provides these insights.

**Challenging winter.** “The winter of 2010/2011 saw challenging conditions for pasture animals,” says Miller. “Many were going into the winter on badly overgrazed pastures and the combination of an over abundance of snow and extreme cold caused potentially stressful conditions for the animals.” Producers needed to be diligent and make sure their animals were cared for, at times by providing supplemental feed, bedding and water. A number of ALERT Line calls involved reports with animals that may not have had this increased level of care.

**Better spring.** Spring conditions were relatively favorable, with pastures becoming full with lush grass, says Miller. This helped those livestock who had endured a tough winter to recover well, but she emphasizes that does not undermine the importance of making sure those animals are not in stressful situations to begin with. “Every year the public becomes less and less tolerant and seeing animals in distress and it angers them,” says Miller. “We as producers do not condone nor defend abuse either. We have a moral and legal responsibility to care for our animals and it is unacceptable for animals to suffer.”

**Spring and summer thaw.** ALERT Line calls that required an ALERT Resource Team response in late spring and summer involved issues such as stray animals, unweaned calves, lack of separation of bulls and cows or a perceived lack of space in corrals. There was also a number of unfounded reports, often based on a lack of understanding, says Miller. “The public will always spot injured animals and have no understanding that they may have already been treated, so that always brings in many calls. The education of animal practices to the public continues to be our major hurdle and is one that becomes a bigger role for the ALERT Line.” Most of the calls continue to come in from either the public, different sectors of Alberta's agricultural services, public services and producers themselves. *Photo: Pam Miller is dispatch coordinator for the ALERT line.*



## Certified Livestock Transport (CLT) Training Program

AFAC's Certified Livestock Transport (CLT) training program for livestock haulers, shippers and receivers was launched in 2007. In 2011, AFAC received a grant for \$320,000 through the Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program to expand this Alberta-based initiative into a truly national program – the Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT) certification program. To date, over 1700 drivers, handlers and dispatchers have participated in CLT courses. CLT is an excellent example of how the livestock and poultry industry is being proactive to ensure that livestock are handled and transported humanely.

After confirmation of the CAAP funds to support this industry initiative, Geraldine Auston was hired as the CLT Project Coordinator. She started work November 1, 2011, to assist with updates to existing species modules and transition the program to on-line by June 2013. Since November, Geraldine has been working with AFAC and industry partners to get the project underway.

In 2011, the update to the Cattle CLT Module was completed and reviewed by the Cattle working group and CLT steering committee. This update incorporated special considerations for cull dairy cows and calves. By the end of March 2012, the Cattle CLT Module will be translated and available for use in both English and French. A supplemental “Laws” document has been developed and will offer, in one place, relevant livestock transport recommendations and regulations for haulers. Also, the first draft of the new Hog CLT Module will be available to the Hog CLT working group for review and comment. All species modules will be updated and translated by no later than December 2012.

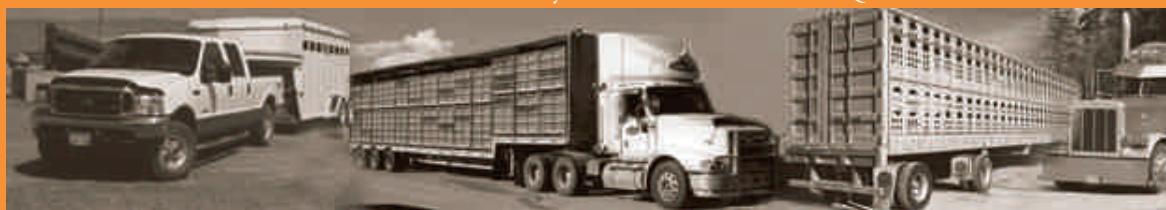
Looking forward, changes will be made to the existing CLT program that is delivered in person with a view of moving to a mainly on-line education delivery system. While we recognize that there will still be a need to have trained instructors, we will not require the number that we currently have and some CLT trainers will need to be ‘retired’ and likely no new instructors will be trained.

CLT is close to securing a relationship with an on-line course provider and will begin the development of the on-line program in Spring 2012. We recognize the value of a classroom setting for this program and this has been considered in the development of the on-line training. It is our goal to have an interactive, engaging program while ensuring high standards of education and certification. The aim of the future on-line CLT Certification Program is to have a credible and auditable program that will receive broad Canadian industry buy-in and acceptance.

We are on target and on budget to deliver a successful national CLT Certification Program.

Funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP) is a five-year (2009-2014), \$163 million national program aimed at helping the sector adapt and remain competitive. CAAP provides an industry-led innovative and cooperative approach to funding projects at the national, multi-regional and regional levels.

CLT staff and instructors organized and delivered 46 courses in 2011, and the number of active CLT trained and certified drivers, handlers and dispatchers is now 1,485 drivers, 124 handlers and 4 dispatchers. The majority of these are Alberta-based, but courses were also held across the country from British Columbia to Quebec.





# AFAC Timeline

## 1988-1992

- OFAC (ON), MFAC (MB), FACS (SK) and an Alberta 'Livestock Issues Coalition' formed
- AB industry decides to focus on animal welfare & calls group Alberta Foundation for Animal Stewardship

## 1993-1995

- Name changes to Alberta Foundation for Animal Care & by-laws established
- Perspectives newsletter launched
- Active & Associate members join AFAC
- Horned Cattle Trust Fund monies directed to AFAC
- Animal Care ALERT Line started
- Livestock Transportation Review completed
- Dr. Jeff Goodwin tells us at the AGM "While it is essential to tell our side of the story, the focus should be less on a positive public perception and more on an accurate one"

## 1996-1999

- 4-H Learning About Animal Welfare launched
- Alberta Livestock Protection System (ALPS) set up
- Livestock Care Conference series started
- Elementary student / teacher resources completed
- Name change to Alberta Farm Animal Care
- Cattle & pig hauling courses launched
- Issue reports & INSIGHTS started

## 2000-2002

- McDonald's adds animal welfare to QA protocols
- AFAC Research fund initiated
- AFAC Awards of Distinction started
- ALIDF supports AFAC's Communication Plan
- Livestock Care Response Plan put in place due to drought

## 2003

- BSE case in Alberta - US border closes to cattle, sheep & bison
- Grades 7-12 student / teacher resource completed
- Livestock care consulting veterinarian Dr. R Fenton joins AFAC
- Swine humane handling guidelines completed

## 2004

- AFAC & ABVMA co-sponsor Dr. Grandin to speak in Fairview, Vermilion & Lethbridge
- Dairy humane handling guidelines completed
- Horse Welfare in Alberta report / brochure released
- PMU contracts ended
- Do we still need AFAC? review completed
- Begin distributing Dr. Grandin handling DVDs
- Handle with Care cards developed (horse & cattle)
- Alberta Canada Livestock Research Partnership initiated
- AFAC received 2nd research fund installment

## 2005

- International Animal Transportation meeting in Calgary
- US border re-opens to cattle, sheep & bison
- Livestock transport training program underway with industry advisory team
- Beef & sheep humane handling guidelines completed
- Funding received for Livestock Care consulting veterinarian
- Animal Protection Act & Regulations revised
- AFAC manager receives Humane Care award from CVMA
- National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) launched

## 2006

- What's on Your Plate? consumer messaging started
- Animal Protection Act (APA) & Regulations revisions enacted
- Downer Benchmarking Study completed
- Review of Humane Transport Regs coordinated
- Putting Farm Animal Welfare on the Agenda joint project begins
- Use of monetary fines for APA reviewed

## 2007

- Launched Certified Livestock Transporter (CLT) training program & support services. 58 trainers and 88 truckers trained
- Be Prepared for Winter program launched with radio, news lines & posters
- Beef Cattle Transportation benchmarking survey underway
- Beef, dairy, swine, sheep humane handling guidelines reprinted
- The Alberta Equine Welfare Group is established
- Euthanasia training program started with ABVMA

## 2008

- Livestock Care Conference - record attendance
- Alberta Horse Welfare Report & horse humane handling guideline completed
- Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada formed
- CLT - over 300 drivers trained
- Livestock Transport Conference planned
- Farmers Care for their Animals booklet revised

## 2009

- Livestock Transport Conference held in Calgary
- Livestock Care Conference - Susan Church announced retirement
- Jim Haggins stepped in as Interim Manager
- On-Call Vet program (ALERT Line) expanded
- CLT - Total # livestock transporters & handlers: 975
- Alberta Livestock Protection Network (ALPN) established
- Livestock Emergency Response Video created & distributed

## 2010

- Lorna Baird hired as new AFAC Executive Director
- Relocation of AFAC office to Calgary
- AFAC board Governance structure revisited
- CLT - Total # livestock transporters & handlers: 1,470
- Progress was made towards a national CLT program

## 2011

- Livestock Care Conference – increased student participation, interactive sessions and networking focus
- CLT project to create a Canadian program initiated; Total active certifications: 1,613
- Increasing animal rights activist pressures felt by the Canadian livestock industry
- AFAC participated in the first Cattle Trail exhibit at the Calgary Stampede and educated attendees on animal care and Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT)



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