

# FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

## CHICKEN FARMERS OF CANADA

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CHICKEN FARMERS OF CANADA HAS IMPLEMENTED CREDIBLE, NATIONAL ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY & ANIMAL CARE PROGRAMS THAT INCORPORATE 3RD PARTY AUDITS



## FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE 2020

The original National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009) was designed to provide strategic direction to farmed animal industry stakeholders to 2015. The renewed strategy includes revisions to the strategic outcomes and identifies priorities to provide direction for stakeholders to 2020.

The most significant advancement for the 2020 strategy is the engagement of all stakeholders in contributing to the measurement of progress on the strategic outcomes and sharing the responsibility to report on the achievements of those outcomes in their own words.

## CHICKEN FARMERS OF CANADA

Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC) is a national producer organization that represents Canada's 2,800 chicken farmers. CFC works with government partners and industry stakeholders to provide Canadian producers with programs to raise high-quality chickens to meet Canada's needs.

CFC'S PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES, AND OTHER NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF WORK BEING DONE IN ACCORD WITH:

- "Safe food animal products are accessible to Canadians" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Emergency management" [5 Year Priority]

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## ACTIVITIES

- **RAISED BY A CANADIAN FARMER ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM**
- **NATIONAL ANTIMICROBIAL USE (AMU) STRATEGY**
  - **AMU EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**
  - **AMU SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES**
  - **AMU RESEARCH**
  - **ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP & REDUCTION STRATEGY**
- **RAISED BY A CANADIAN FARMER ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM**
- **FUNDS RESEARCH (E.G. ANIMAL WELFARE AND ANIMAL HEALTH) THROUGH THE CANADIAN POULTRY RESEARCH COUNCIL**
- **TRACEABILITY SYSTEM**
- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES**
- **CFIA AVIAN BIOSECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**
- **WILDLIFE HEALTH**
- **SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES**

SAFE FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTS  
ARE ACCESSIBLE TO CANADIANS  
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)



CANADA PROTECTS THE WELFARE  
OF FARMED ANIMALS  
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
(5 YEAR PRIORITY)



## SAFE FOOD

CFC is implementing a national, mandatory *Raised by a Canadian Farmer* On-Farm Food Safety Program. The On-Farm Food Safety Program sets out standards for all farmers in Canada and audits occur on an annual basis.

CFC has developed a comprehensive antimicrobial use (AMU) strategy that incorporates antimicrobial reduction, surveillance, stewardship, innovation and research. CFC's focus is to eliminate the preventive use of antibiotics of human importance, while maintaining the ability to treat illness. CFC has developed on-farm AMU and resistance surveillance with the Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (CIPARS).



## ANIMAL WELFARE

The CFC *Raised by a Canadian Farmer* Animal Care Program was developed using the National Farm Animal Care Council's (NFACC) Recommended Code of Practice, and CFC has released a new version of the Animal Care Program. Third party audits of the Animal Care Program offer credibility and ensure consistency across the country.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CFC and all ten provincial boards maintain Emergency Response Plans to deal with traceability and emergency management. Each province has an industry/CFIA/provincial government emergency response committee.

The On-Farm Food Safety Program is a significant risk mitigation strategy for disease, as it includes a comprehensive set of requirements for biosecurity and disease management.

