

TRANSITION

In 2021, Members of the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council (now AHC), voted to adopt:

- a new vision and mission,
- the name of Animal Health Canada,
- an expanded membership, inclusive of the value chain

This decision stands on the shoulders of the work done in the Animal Health Canada Working Group from 2017-2021.

Adopting a new name was the first step in the process of transition, but major work areas were identified. This report outlines our progress to date on these key work areas.

We invite wide sharing of this report, and feedback/comments to info@animalhealthcanada.ca

ABOUT US

Animal Health Canada is the only national organization that brings together industry, federal, provincial and territorial partners to provide collaborative guidance on a cohesive, functional and responsive farmed animal health and welfare system in Canada. Founded in 2010, AHC is a not-for-profit corporation jointly funded by members which include federal, provincial, and territorial governments, industry organizations, and other partners working in animal health and welfare in Canada.

Structure

Animal Health Canada



VISION

A sustainable agriculture and agri-food sector strengthened by an inclusive industry-governments partnership protecting the health and welfare of farmed animals.

MISSION

Animal Health Canada provides leadership in building a collaborative, multi-partner model that clarifies the respective roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of each partner implementing an animal health strategy for Canada, beginning with emergency management.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

The new strategic plan was shared at the AHC Annual General Meeting on September 19, 2022 and was accepted. Operational planning is now well underway.

Guiding Principles:

1. AHC is a leader in One Health and One Welfare.
2. AHC is an agency of communication and integrity. We are leaders, convenors, facilitators, and collaborators for the farmed animal sector.

Four strategic pillars of focus for 2022-2025:

1. Emergency management: preparedness and response
2. Animal welfare
3. Disease surveillance
4. Development of a resilient governance and operational model

To review our strategic plan please visit our [website](#).



GOVERNANCE PLANNING

While AHC has an established governance structure, work done through the AHC Working Group 2018-2021 show that there are new, innovative ways to achieve even more effective, rapid decision making.

Member consultations to move to a new structure that will encompass new opportunities were conducted throughout the fall of 2022 with the intent of moving forward on changes in early 2023.

A new, proposed board structure, membership agreements, and updated Terms of Reference, By-laws and a Director Attributes Matrix were included in the consultation packages.



RE-BRANDING

Our new brand was accepted by the membership in September 2022. Stay tuned for the big reveal!



MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION

Work continues to include new members in Animal Health Canada through the review of pathways to membership and clarifications on proposed membership segments.

Once a clear direction is set for AHC's new governance structure, action to include new members will follow.



OPERATIONS DEVELOPMENT

To accommodate and prepare for change, we have undertaken a review and expansion of our capabilities, technology, and processes to meet new needs while remaining lean and nimble.

Now that needs and most cost effective options have been explored, organizational planning has begun for implementation in the next fiscal year.



BUDGET

A strong budget is built upon good data and assumptions. A draft financial model was circulated for member feedback in November 2022. Responses continue to be collected and analysed and more will follow in early 2023.