

FORUM2026

Agenda

DAY 1 - AFTERNOON SESSION | Tuesday, September 22, 2026

1:00 PM EDT	Greeting and Opening Remarks
1:20 PM	Forum 2026 Session One - Rising Animal Welfare Expectations
1:25 PM	Keynote: Managing Change in Animal Welfare: Trade-offs, Timelines, and Courage Dr. Nina von Keyserlingk, University of British Columbia
2:25 PM	From Policy to Practice: Global Strategies for Improving Farm Animal Welfare Robert Hoste, Wageningen Economic Research
3:20 PM	Break
3:50 PM	Influencing On-Farm Change Dr. Claire Windeyer, ACER Consulting Ltd.
4:25 PM	Panel Discussion: Big Picture View of Farm Animal Welfare Drivers, Influences, and Direction Moderator: Katerina Kolemishvaska, Canadian Pork Council Panelists: • Dr. Nina von Keyserlingk, University of British Columbia • Robert Hoste, Wageningen Economic Research • Dr. Claire Windeyer, ACER Consulting Ltd.
5:35 PM	Closing Remarks
5:45 - 8:00 PM	Animal Health Canada Awards Ceremony - Wine & Cheese

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DAY 2 - MORNING SESSIONS | Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7:30 AM EDT	Breakfast
8:15 AM	Opening Remarks
8:25 AM	Forum 2026 Session Two - Evolving Canada's Biosecurity Strategy
8:30 AM	Keynote: Building National Alignment for Biosecurity Dr. Beth Cookson, Chief Veterinary Officer of Australia
9:05 AM	Turning National Biosecurity Priorities into Action Dr. Samantha Allan, Animal Health Australia
10:05 AM	Break
10:35 AM	Forum 2026 Session Three - Cybersecurity and Agro-Terrorism
10:40 AM	Understanding Cybersecurity Whitney Bowman-Zatzkin, BIO-ISAC
11:40 AM	Biothreat Reduction and Preparedness Trevor Smith, Global Affairs Canada
12:25 PM	Lunch

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Forum 2026 Session Four - The Growing Impact of Misinformation and Disinformation

1:35 PM

Knowledge Crisis: How Did We Get Here and What Can We Do?
[Dr. Timothy Caulfield, University of Alberta](#)

2:35 PM

New Vulnerability in Animal Health? Effects of the Information Ecosystem on Diseases, Economics, and Policy
[Dr. Guillaume Lhermie, University of Calgary](#)

3:20 PM

Break

3:50 PM

Misinformation Panel Discussion: Rebuilding Trust
[Moderator: André Picard, The Globe and Mail](#)

Panelists:

- [Tom Rosser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#)
- [Dr. Timothy Caulfield, University of Alberta](#)
- [Dr. Guillaume Lhermie, University of Calgary](#)

4:40 PM

Interactive Discussion: Identifying and Using Tools for Misinformation
[Facilitator: Lisa Bishop-Spencer, Canadian Centre for Food Integrity](#)

5:30 PM

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