



Biosecurity

Case Study 07

## Empowering Producers Through the Animal Health Emergency Management Project



The Animal Health Emergency Management (AHEM) project works to develop resources for relevant agricultural industries to minimize the future impacts of livestock diseases. The team behind the AHEM project has created resources for the individual producer to prepare for emergency situations and implement better management practices on their farms. Linking national Standards, best practices, and guidance from government and industry, AHEM has produced protocols, handbooks, best practice guides, and response plan frameworks have been developed (and in many cases, are province-specific) to support Canadian livestock and poultry sectors.

### Key Successes & Lessons Learned

The AHEM project has fostered producer assistance and support, which empowers producers and builds relationships across all levels of the industry. Previously, the individual producer had not been supported in this way, making the AHEM project the first of its kind to produce documents

for producers to assist them in emergency planning and biosecurity. [Biosecurity resources](#) are available for the individual producer on the AHEM website. These easily accessible and highly relevant documents are helpful in allowing producers to prepare for disease on their own farms.

Through AHEM resources, livestock owners and their advisors have guidance on how to prepare, prevent, and respond to emergency disease situations, as well as better understanding their roles and responsibilities as an individual farmer. Through this project, relationships and partnerships have been developed between commodity groups and different levels of government. Producers have been able to share experiences and identify ways to work with different government groups and associations.

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