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BCFACC Conference Agenda
“Working together for responsible animal care”

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Value and merit of farm animal care councils, Susan Church

Farm animal welfare: adapting to a changing world, David Fraser, the University of British Columbia

Farm animal welfare has 'gone global', drawing the attention and involvement of international corporations, intergovernmental agencies, and even the World Bank. How can the animal production sector best adapt to this world of changing expectations?

Certified Livestock Transportation from the Practical Side, Kevin Garecki

Pork processor's experience with farm animal care, Bonnie Windsor, Johnston Packers Ltd.

Does BC need a Farm Animal Care Council? John van Dongen, MLA Abbotsford South

National Farm Animal Care Council and National Codes of Practice, Jackie Wepruk, Manager, – NFACC

An overview of the role of NFACC in farm animal care and a summary of the work that's being done on the national codes of practice.

Taking the Code of Practices for Dairy to the Farm, Ron Maynard

Ron Maynard will discuss the main highlights of the Dairy Code, his experience in applying the requirements and recommendation on his farm. He will also discuss the ongoing developments related to measuring the adoption of management practices that improve animal care and welfare on the farm and the development of an assessment tool, through the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) and funded under Growing Forward, that is based on the Dairy Code.

Farm animal care impacts in the retail setting, Ken Clark, Overwaitea Food Group

Retailers across North America are changing their purchasing decisions and product selection in response to consumer concerns how meat, dairy and eggs were produced on the farm. Is the trend here to stay in grocery stores and how do prices interact with these concerns? Ken will provide the perspective from a BC food retailer and discuss how consumers' farm animal care concerns are impacting the Overwaitea Food Group. He will discuss how retailers can work with farmers and ranchers to provide consumers with education on how animal are treated on the farm and more options at the grocery store.

Temple Grandin on Farm Animal Welfare

From her travels to farms and processing plants around the world, Temple will discuss what she has seen and how she works with farmers and processors to change farm animal handling practices.