Join us as we discuss the lessons learned from the early barn fires, the management of deadstock, Emergency Response, and the new industry initiative to address truck rollovers.

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1:00pm – 4:00pm
GUEST SPEAKERS

BARN FIRES 101 – LESSONS LEARNED

Bruce Kelly, Program Manager, Farm and Food Care Ontario

Barn fires are devastating for Ontario’s farming families to deal with, the financial and emotional impacts are felt for many years, in addition to representing a concerning farm animal care issue. Barn fire prevention requires not only a practical understanding of livestock barns and fires, but also a sociological understanding of farmers’ attitudes and behaviours, along with an awareness of how the risks of farm fires are perceived by farmers.

Bruce has been part of an Agricultural Barn Fires working group for 4 years and will provide an overview of the group’s work on the barn fire issue. The group includes government, mutual insurance companies, livestock commodity groups, fire professionals and the ESA. Using information from fire loss investigations, near-misses, and from thermal imaging inspections of current buildings and equipment, the group has come to some conclusions that will help reduce the risk of livestock barn fires in Ontario.

Bruce is a U of G grad in wildlife biology and then spent more than 20 years as a Pork Producer in Wellington County. Since 2012, Bruce has worked for Farm & Food Care as Program Manager, working on a variety of Environmental and Animal welfare Issues impacting Ontario’s farmers. Bruce works in a number of program areas including welfare training for farmers, livestock emergencies (truck rollovers and barn fires) dealing with activists and protesters and a variety of environmental issues related to agricultural water use and conservation including nutrient stewardship issues including Lake Erie water quality concerns.

AFTER THE FIRE – NOW WHAT?

Jacqui Empson Laporte, Environmental Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

In 2009, the rules for managing dead farm animals were modernized, to address the agricultural industry of today, and protect the environment, food safety and biosecurity. Jacqui will talk about management of deadstock on the farm, off the farm, and Emergency Response.

Jacqui Empson Laporte is an Environmental Specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. In 2009, she was Project Manager for the modernization of the framework that dealt with management of livestock after emergencies such as barn fires and structural collapses. She is a member of the Reduce the Risk of Barn Fire Advisory Committee, working with a number of organizations to develop new resources, education and outreach on barn fire prevention. In her personal life, she is a Crisis Responder and Team Leader for Victim Services of Huron County.

FIRST RESPONDERS AND VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Michael Campbell, Policy and Research Analyst, Beef Farmers of Ontario

Vehicular accidents are always a challenge for first responders, but even more so when there are 1500 lb animals involved. Michael will talk about a new industry initiative to address truck rollovers including the unique risks and challenges in Northern and Southern Ontario.

Michael Campbell is the Policy & Research Analyst at Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO). Michael manages BFO’s efforts to improve cattle truck rollover preparedness in the province, which has included establishing the Ontario Cattle Emergency Network, a collective of beef producers intended to provide expertise to first responders at the site of highway accidents involving transported cattle. Michael also performs cost of production modeling, market research & analysis, and research project administration for BFO.
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