

The Feed Industry Amid COVID-19

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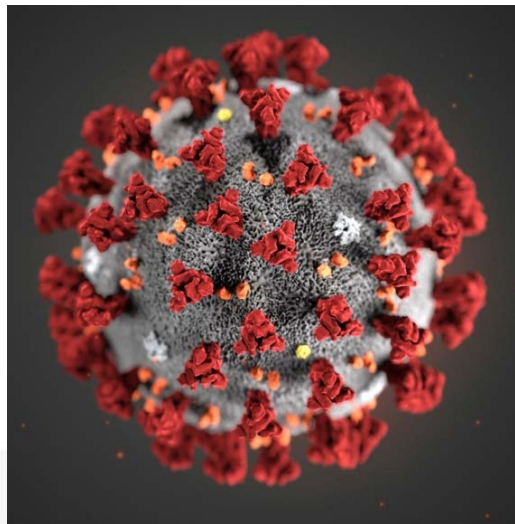
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The Canadian feed industry is committed to providing safe and nutritious feed to all Canadian livestock during the COVID-19 pandemic



Priority areas

- Information sharing
- Business continuity
- Flexible regulatory environment
- Feed ingredient availability



Information sharing

- With the feed industry
 - Through our members and COVID-19 advisory committee – ongoing discussions about the impacts of the pandemic in the field and what challenges need to be addressed
 - Via our international feed value chain
- With government
 - To ensure regulatory environment supports industry efforts
 - To inform of domestic and international challenges
- With value chain industry groups
 - To be able to react to changing markets to ensure we support our customers



Business continuity

- Classification of the feed value chain as an essential service
- Adaptation of the FeedAssure® program
 - Ensuring feed safety is not compromised
 - Implementation of virtual third-party audits
 - Allowances for electronic communications instead of paper-based signoffs



Business continuity

- Implementation of public health recommendations to safeguard the health and safety of employees and customers. Some examples of new procedures implemented:
 - Working from home whenever possible
 - Reducing the number of employees in facilities
 - Implementing social distancing whenever possible in facilities and during delivery
 - Not allowing visitors to enter facilities
 - Conducting virtual visits and consultations instead of going on-farm



Flexible regulatory environment

- Goal: to ensure feed safety is maintained while following public health guidelines. Interim policies put in place:
 - Use of electronic documentation and signatures, specifically related to the feed labels and shipping documents
 - Suspension of compliance verification and sampling activities by CFIA in feed mills and feed retail outlets
 - Extension for renewal applications for livestock feed – from March 30 to May 31, 2020



Feed ingredient availability

- Domestic ingredients
 - Changes in the food value chain affecting availability and price of certain ingredients
 - Nutritionists are adjusting diets, when necessary, to ensure nutritional needs of livestock are being met
- Imported ingredients (e.g. vitamins, minerals and amino acids)
 - Short term - inventory of pre COVID-19 imports sufficient
 - Medium term – country-specific however inventories of most products at foreign facilities are good



In summary

The feed industry is:

- Well equipped to continue to be flexible in the products we manufacture to meet market needs. We can adapt quickly and efficiently.
- Making sure ingredient substitutions are being and will continue to be made in formulations to minimize the impact on overall feed costs while maintaining the quality, nutrition and safety of the feed delivered to customers
- Committed to continuing our work with government, producers and processors to ensure all Canadian livestock continue to have access to nutritious and safe feed



Thank you

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