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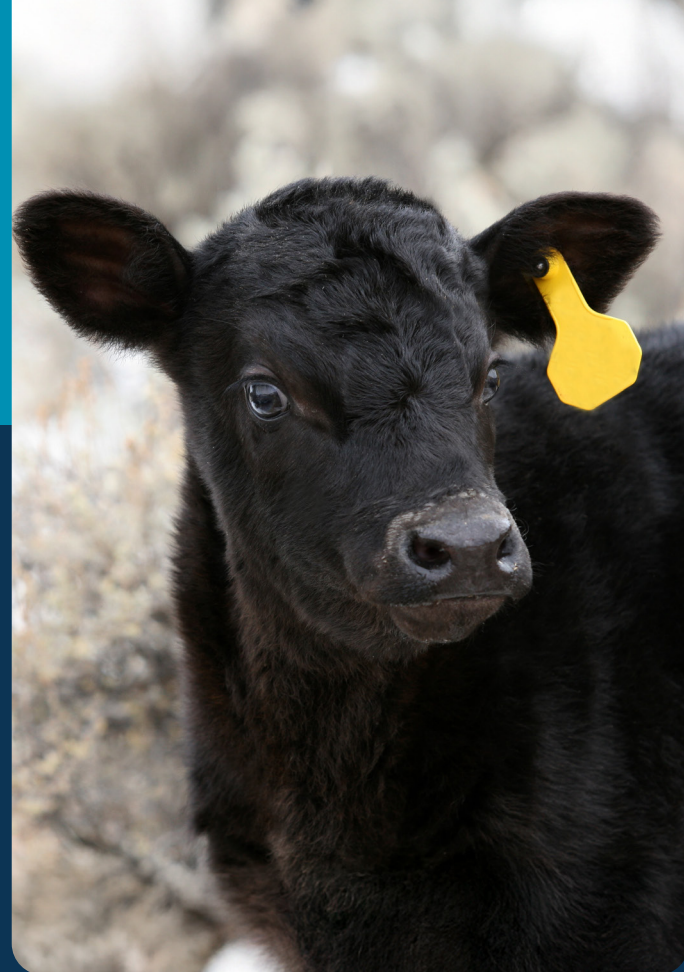
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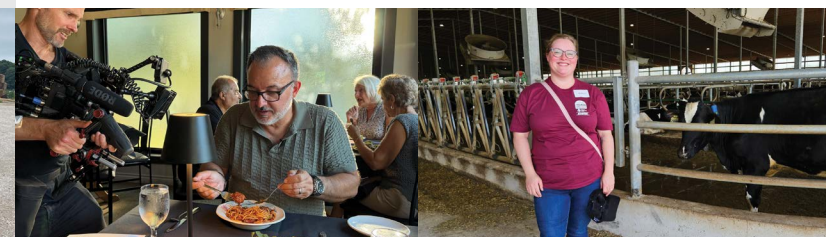
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Patrick MacCarthy

Grateful for opportunities to collaborate in Ontario's agricultural sector

As Thanksgiving approaches and harvest begins, this is a great time to pause and reflect on the many things we have to be grateful for. It is a time to reflect on the challenges of the growing season, appreciate the support of families and communities, and acknowledge the significant role agriculture has supporting our province.

At our summer board meeting, Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO) directors and staff celebrated the service of long-time board member Judy Dirksen to our organization. Judy has been a member of VFO's board of directors and our legacy organization, the Ontario Veal Association, where she served as President, for 25 years. This is an incredible accomplishment and highlights her commitment to both the veal and dairy-calf sector and the broader agriculture industry. In addition to her service to VFO, Judy is very actively involved in her community serving as a town councillor and in her church. In the agriculture industry she sits on the Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal, serves as Vice-President of the Canadian Veal Association, and has previously served as Chair of the Agricultural Adaptation Council. Thank you, Judy, for your leadership and service! We are grateful for your experience and insight around the board table.

VFO is also grateful for opportunities to connect with producers from around the world and learn from their production systems and best management practices. Recently VFO Chair Philip Kroesbergen was pleased to welcome visitors to his farm from New Zealand Alan McDermott, founder of Pearl Veal and current Nuffield Scholar looking at food system transformation along with Richard McColl, research and development manager at the New Zealand Meat Industry Association. It was a great opportunity share with them how veal is raised in Ontario and to learn about how they raise their animals in a vastly different climate. While production practices may differ, this visit highlighted how farmers around the world have the same commitment to animal health and continuous improvement. In a future addition of the magazine, look for some information from Alan about his research and veal production in New Zealand.

VFO is grateful for the strong relationships and collaboration we share with our industry partners as we continue working together to build a stronger and more resilient agriculture sector. Through organizations such as Presidents' Council and the Ontario Agricultural Commodity Council, we are proud to contribute to a unified voice to government

sharing ideas, perspectives, and practical solutions that support Ontario farmers and help ensure they can remain sustainable, competitive, and productive.

The Healthy Calf Conference is coming to Stratford on November 18th and is a great opportunity to connect with producers and learn about the latest advances in calf health, nutrition, and management. VFO is grateful for our partnership with the University of Guelph and this year's conference will once again include a calf research spotlight featuring new research on colostrum, calf health, nutrition, and crossbred calves. Whether you are joining the conference in-person, or online via livestream, you'll take home practical solutions that you can implement on your farm. I look forward to seeing you there.

VFO is always grateful for member feedback, and we want to know how VFO can better provide value to our members. Share your ideas on how VFO can help build a stronger veal and dairy-calf sector by emailing us at info@vealfarmers.ca.

Patrick



VFO Director Judy Dirksen and VFO Chair Philip Kroesbergen

VFO joins ag sector partners in urging investment in research and innovation

This September, Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO) signed a joint letter from Ontario producer and commodity associations urging Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness to renew and enhance investment in the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness (OMAF)-University of Guelph Agri-Food Innovation Alliance Agreement (the Alliance Agreement), which is critical to the research and innovation supporting Ontario's \$52 billion agri-food sector.

Carcass Disposition Working Group update

VFO is pleased to be working collaboratively with OMAFA to address the impact of carcass condemnations at provincial plants and to support the consistent and fair application of inspection standards. VFO values the collaboration and resources being dedicated by OMAFA to this pressing issue through the Ontario Government-Industry Disposition Working Group.

The Working Group meets every other month and brings together stakeholders from government and across the value chain. In addition, the Working Group has established several subcommittees that have been meeting regularly and recently presented their draft recommendations to the broader Working Group for review.

At the final Working Group meeting in November, these recommendations will be prioritized and finalized. The recommendations are intended to strengthen communication and collaboration among OMAFA, processors, and producers, with the goal of supporting greater consistency and transparency throughout the disposition process. VFO looks forward to continuing its collaboration with OMAFA and other industry stakeholders following the conclusion of the Working Group.

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Meat quality of grain-fed veal is impacted by pre-harvest management

Cate Thompson, Beef Cattle Assistant
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness

A recent scientific study that took place in Quebec shows that what happens to veal cattle in the few hours prior to harvest – transport, handling, lairage conditions, and other environments causing stress – can have a significant effect on meat quality (Meniga et al. 2026).

Over 500 grain-fed cattle, from 11 different operations, were followed as they were sent to a processing plant in Saint-Germain-de-Grantham, Quebec, at roughly 12 months of age. Loading time on-farm, transport time, and waiting time before unloading at the processing plant were all measured. The time it took to unload the various groups of cattle was also measured. The lairage conditions at the processing plant were recorded, where all pens had access to water, and all cattle that were part of the study were mixed with other cattle that were not part of the trial but originated from the same farm. The environmental conditions were closely monitored to see how hot and humid the holding pens were, which may cause more physiological stress. The waiting time for cattle at the harvest facility was also recorded. Researchers were closely observing the behaviour of the cattle to record the frequency of aggressive and non-aggressive interactions between the cattle in lairage.

Animal behaviour that was observed at the processing plant varied based on transport time, unload waiting time, lairage time and density, and lighting in the facility. When trailers were unloaded in less than 20 minutes after arrival, the behaviour profiles of cattle were quite balanced. But, when waiting times exceeded 20 minutes, there were more cattle that were less active. Interpreting activity results from waiting times is complex, as having lowly active cattle is not necessarily beneficial if waiting times on the truck are extended, given that the low activity may stem from other physiological problems for the cattle, including additional stress, suboptimal environmental conditions, and overall fatigue.

Bright lighting that is greater than 100 lux in the holding pens was also associated with increased aggressive behaviours and greater water intake. Male cattle were more active during the period before harvest.

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	Description	YES	NO
FITNESS FOR TRANSPORT 	Are animals able to stand and walk without pain or assistance?		
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	Are animals compromised or unfit as per <i>Health of Animals Regulations - Part XII</i> ?		
	Have all treatments/medications been recorded?		
	Have all medication withdrawal periods been met?		
CATTLE CLEANLINESS 	Does the animal contain broken needles?		
	Have animals been tag scored for manure and mud tags? Do 75 per cent of the animals have 30 per cent or less of their abdomen free of manure and mud tags?		
IDENTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION 	Are animals tagged with approved tags?		
	Have the proper transport documents been completed, including emergency contacts and destination details?		
FEED AND WATER 	Have animals been fed within 24 hours prior to loading?		
	Have animals had access to fresh, clean water prior to loading?		

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When animal density was between 1.1 to 1.5 m²/animal there were fewer aggressive animals, and when this space allowance was increased to over 1.5 m²/animal or under 1.1 m²/animal, the number of aggressive cattle increased. This is an important finding given that activity can be indicative of stress, which lowers the quality of the meat.

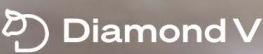
After harvest, blood lactate was recorded and several meat quality measurements took place on one side of each carcass. This included measuring pH, meat colour, drip loss, and cooking loss, and conducting shear force tests. Higher blood lactate indicates metabolic stress prior to harvest where glycogen stores are depleted. This slows down the synthesis of lactic acid, which is vital for the production of superior quality meat. It was discovered that cattle that showed higher long-term activity in lairage before harvest had significantly higher muscle pH, which is not desirable given that high pH can cause faster meat spoilage, and create a less appealing colour and a tougher texture. In some cases where only short-term activity occurred just prior to harvest, this muscle pH remained low enough to maintain a brighter red meat that has a longer shelf life. Having higher activity levels associated with higher pH and blood lactate concentrations show evidence that pre-harvest management impacts animal behaviour. Abnormally high pH can reduce the water-holding capacity within the meat, which leads to greater liquid losses in the meat, and therefore more cooking losses.

Although not all pre-harvest activity will negatively impact the meat quality, aggression between cattle should be monitored. Stocking density on trucks and in lairage pens should also remain at the forefront of the producer and the processing plant staff's minds when considering enhancing individual animal welfare. Despite this article stating extensive new research results in veal cattle, there are additional components to be examined in future trials. This includes testing cortisol levels to connect behavioural activity to stress and to investigate carcass bruising at harvest and whether bruising is more likely to occur throughout the transportation stage or in lairage, and the implications of varying activity levels in individual animals.

Although management throughout the rearing stage is crucial for producing consistent, high-quality meat, what happens after the cattle leave the farm can play an important role in providing the consumer with an enjoyable cooking and eating experience. This study highlights that increased animal activity including aggression and mounting has negative consequences on meat quality such as greater pH and blood lactate, further influencing tenderness of the product. Factors that influence animal activity include

sex, transport time, waiting time to unload at the processing plant, and environmental conditions at the plant.

Despite abattoir conditions being outside of the producer's control, there are other steps that can be taken prior to harvest that can ensure optimal meat tenderness, muscle pH, and reduce drip loss. This is important as good meat quality helps to maintain consistency throughout the supply chain. Minimizing unnecessary stress by considering when the best time is to ship cattle for processing is important to maintain both animal welfare and meat quality. Less time in holding pens seems to be better for both the animal's behaviour and the meat quality, and 1.1 to 1.5 m² of space per animal in the lairage pen will minimize aggression. This could have further implications of reduced bruising, and this leaves an opportunity to study these effects in the future. Lower lighting is also clearly beneficial for activity levels, and this could be easily controlled at the processing facility. Making good meat quality a priority in grain-fed veal cattle will help to support the industry where consumers can be confident that they are receiving a consistent meat product. 🐮



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Calf Care Corner

FROM SCIENCE TO PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

Popular biennial event brings research from the lab to the farm

Lilian Schaeer
For Veal Farmers of Ontario

With calf prices remaining historically strong, the cost of losing a calf — or failing to maximize its performance — is higher than ever. Getting colostrum management right, fine-tuning nutrition or catching health problems earlier can improve calf performance while reducing treatment costs. That’s why this year’s Healthy Calf Conference is focused on delivering practical research and proven on-farm solutions producers can start using immediately.

BUILDING THE FOUNDATION HEALTHY CALF CONFERENCE



The conference, hosted by Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO), will take place November 18 in Stratford with a livestream option for those who can’t attend in person. This year’s event also marks VFO’s third decade of bringing together researchers, veterinarians and producers to share the latest advances in calf health, nutrition, and welfare.

“We’ve always believed that getting research results out to farmers is as important as the research itself,” says VFO Executive Director Patrick MacCarthy. “The Healthy Calf Conference is about taking the latest science and turning it into practical management ideas that producers can use right away, whether they’re raising veal cattle, dairy replacements or starting calves for the dairy-beef sector.”

Research that tackles today’s challenges

The morning opens with a series of University of Guelph research presentations exploring topics ranging from colostrum management and calf immunity to dairy-beef cross calves and sickness behaviour. Sessions will look at new discoveries about colostrum beyond antibodies, what current research says about delivering the right amount

of immunoglobulin (IgG) in a calf’s first feeding, maternal antibodies related to bovine leukemia virus (BLV), sickness behaviour in calves, and management strategies for the rapidly growing population of dairy-beef cross calves.

From research to the farm

The conference also emphasizes practical management. Veterinarian Dr. Rachel Budd will present a practical “DIY Vet Work (Calf Edition)” session built around real-world health scenarios. Using case studies, she’ll help producers recognize common calf health problems, decide what can safely be managed on the farm, know when veterinary support is needed, and discuss practical prevention and treatment options that can improve outcomes.

The afternoon continues with updates on Ontario cattle health trends from Dr. Cynthia Miltenburg of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness (OMAFRA), followed by new research on optimizing fibre in calf starter diets from Dr. Hanne Goetz.

The keynote presentation by Dr. Kristen Edwards focuses on helping producers use calf health records to identify recurring problems before they become costly.

MacCarthy says every session has been planned with one question in mind: What can producers take home and use?

“We’re proud to invest in research that supports the future of our industry and gives farmers practical outcomes they can put to use in their operations right away,” he says. “If they leave the conference with one or two changes they can make that improve calf health or reduce losses, we’ve done our job.”

Learning beyond conference day

The conference also reflects VFO’s ongoing investment in calf research and knowledge transfer, including the release of an updated Cost of Production tool earlier this year together with OMAFA.

Every registered participant will receive access to an online portal

containing presentation recordings and calf care resources. VFO has also expanded its on-demand learning with additional webinars and a new podcast mini-series that complements the conference program. One featured webinar, presented by Alberta livestock handling specialist Jennifer Woods, focuses on humane and effective handling of young calves.

More than a conference

Early registrants will receive a complimentary calf pail, while all in-person participants will receive a calf weigh tape sponsored in part by Farmers Depot. The event also includes a trade show, a hot lunch, and time to network with researchers, veterinarians, and industry representatives.

“One of the biggest strengths of the Healthy Calf Conference is bringing everyone together,” says MacCarthy. “Producers get the chance to talk directly with researchers, veterinarians, and fellow farmers who are all working toward the same goal: raising healthier calves. Those conversations during breaks and over lunch are often just as valuable as the presentations themselves.”

An opportunity to learn and connect

As calf values remain high, the conference offers producers a chance to compare ideas, hear the latest research, and return home with management practices they can put to work immediately.

The Healthy Calf Conference will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford, with a livestream available for online participants. Registration details are available at calfcare.ca.

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Preparing together to protect Ontario livestock farms

If an animal health emergency stopped livestock movement tomorrow, the effects on your farm could be immediate. Animals would still need feed and care, bills would keep coming, and delayed sales could put pressure on cash flow. You would need clear answers: What does this mean for my farm? What should I do? Where can I get reliable information?

Ontario's beef, pork, sheep, and veal organizations have come together to be better prepared to respond to emergencies that cause livestock movement interruptions. This includes coordinated communication platforms that will help farmers stay up to date on response efforts and to help with answers to those questions when an emergency happens.

Each organization has already developed emergency plans. The gap is making sure those plans work together. An emergency affecting several livestock sectors needs coordinated communication, clear responsibilities, and people who are trained in advance and ready to respond.

Through the Livestock Incident Management Coordinator project, Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO), Beef Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Pork, and Ontario Sheep Farmers are building that shared approach. The Livestock Incident Management Coordinator project is funded under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal, provincial, territorial initiative.

What this means for your farm

During an emergency, farmers need timely, consistent information to make decisions about animal care, movement, and their businesses. Conflicting messages or delays can add uncertainty when there is already enough to manage.

The project focuses on four practical improvements:

- **Plans that work together.** Common checklists, forms, and clearly defined roles will make it easier for organizations to coordinate and help one another, while keeping the guidance specific to each species.
- **People ready to respond.** Response resources will be trained in advance for their role and associated emergency responsibilities, with alternates in place so the response does not depend on one person being available.
- **Practice before an emergency.** Exercises will test the plans and identify gaps while there is still time to address them.
- **Established government contacts.** Working relationships with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency will help organizations share information and bring farmers' concerns forward.

For veal farmers, this means VFO will have access to shared tools, trained people, and established contacts to support its response. When several sectors are affected at once, organizations will be better positioned to coordinate their efforts and communicate what farmers need.

Why work across commodities?

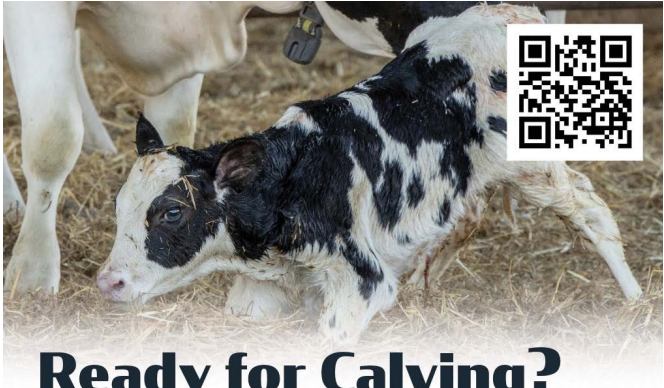
An emergency can affect farms beyond the sector where it begins. Disruptions to livestock movement, processing or transportation can create problems across the supply chain.

Each commodity organization will remain responsible for its own emergency plan and decisions about when to activate it. A committee representing all four organizations will oversee the shared work.

The project builds on existing emergency planning, including the Animal Health Emergency Management work, and draws on experience from Ontario's poultry and pork sectors. It will help keep plans current, connect them across commodities, and test how they work in practice.

Doing the work before it is needed

Preparation cannot prevent every emergency or remove every financial loss. It can help reduce the confusion and delays that make a difficult situation harder. For farmers, the purpose is straightforward: reliable information, people who know their responsibilities, and organizations ready to work together to support your farm. Sorting those things out now means less time spent figuring out how to respond when animals, income, and livelihoods are at risk. 🐾



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More Choice. More Control. More Canada: The National Food Security Strategy

The government of Canada has released its first-ever National Food Security Strategy (the Strategy), a long-term plan aimed at strengthening Canada's food sovereignty through a series of new initiatives to address vulnerabilities in the food supply chain and increase Canadian food production and processing capacity. Although the strategy covers the entire Canadian agri-food system, several initiatives have direct implications for Ontario's veal and dairy calf sector.

The Strategy identifies several challenges affecting the livestock industry in Canada including limited processing capacity, lack of competition in meat processing, regulatory delays, increasing input costs, labour shortages, and barriers to producer access to financing and capital.

The Strategy proposes measures to expand meat processing capacity through competition reform and increased support for local harvest capacity and provincial abattoirs. This includes a time-limited, targeted exemption from the *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* for eligible establishments, amendments to the *Competition Act*, technical support and guidance for facilities to meet federal food safety requirements, reduced administrative burden, and better leveraging of provincial and territorial food rules.

These measures are intended to address regional deficiencies in harvest capacity and increase the availability of Canadian meat products.

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The federal government has also made specific commitments to address regulatory barriers and improve service standards by eliminating backlogs and accelerating approval processes for producer inputs such as seed, feed, and veterinary biologics. Amendments to the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act*, *Pest Control Products Act*, and recurring Red Tape Review Progress Reports to identify and remove unnecessary regulations are intended to streamline regulatory processes while maintaining food safety and animal health standards. Faster access to animal health technologies and to a greater supply and variety of inputs could provide producers with more options and reduce costs.

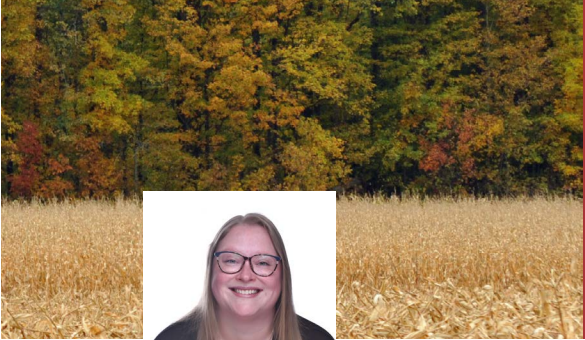
Several initiatives are intended to improve producers' access to capital and support generational farm transfers, including:

- Review of existing farm succession supports and continued tax-deferment for intergenerational transfers
- Increasing the Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption to \$1.25 million for qualified farm properties
- Doubling guaranteed loan limits and extending terms under the *Canadian Agriculture Loans Act*
- Maintaining interest-free borrowing limits of \$250,000 for non-canola advances through the Advance Payment Program

The funding initiatives proposed to encourage new investments and modernization across the sector include:

- \$350 million in existing funding under the Strategic Response Fund (SRF) for agri-food projects
- \$150 million in SRF existing funding to support food-related national innovation ecosystems
- \$150 million in new funding to the Regional Economic Growth through Innovation program for agri-food projects
- \$150 million in new funding for a Food Security Fund to support initiatives for expanding processing capacity, food production, storage, and distribution
- A Productivity Super-Deduction to encourage investment in machinery, technology, equipment, and other productivity-enhancing assets

While the Strategy focuses on the broader Canadian food system, many of the initiatives proposed – expanding processing capacity, improved financing, investments in infrastructure, strengthening domestic demand, regulatory modernization – if implemented as outlined, could create new opportunities for livestock producers while increasing the resilience and competitiveness of Ontario's veal and dairy calf sector.



Rachel Epworth
Member Services Coordinator

A farm fire can change everything. Recent fire incidents and the devastating impacts on livestock operations in the province show that this remains an immediate concern for Ontario producers.

Many trusted organizations like the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness (OMAFRA), Farm & Food Care Ontario, the Office of the Fire Marshal, and Emergency Management Ontario all emphasize a common message: Prevention is the most effective fire safety strategy, and prevention begins with everyday management decisions.

Fires on farms can rarely be traced back to an exact cause; in fact, the cause of approximately 40 per cent of barn fires is never determined. When it can be determined, the leading causes of farm fires are grouped into three broad categories: mechanical or electrical failure, improper handling and/or storage of ignition sources, and deficiencies in barn design, construction, and/or maintenance.

Modern veal barns rely heavily on electricity to provide safe and comfortable housing environments for livestock. Ventilation systems, feeding equipment, heating, lighting, and other automated controls that typically operate continuously place significant demands on motors, belts, bearings, and electrical components. Research suggests approximately 40 per cent of the determined causes of barn fires are associated with electrical system faults.

Preventative maintenance is one of the most effective investments producers can make. Following manufacturer maintenance schedules, replacing worn belts, lubricating moving parts, immediately repairing damaged wiring, inspecting heating systems before seasonal use, and avoiding overloading circuits all help reduce the risk of equipment failure. Technologies such as thermal imaging and electrical system monitoring devices that detect overheating, corrosion, and poor connections are available to producers to help identify problems before they become emergencies.

Good housekeeping is another crucial factor in fire prevention. Dust, cobwebs, oily rags, and other combustible materials can quickly fuel a fire once it starts. Regular cleaning around motors, ventilation equipment, and electrical panels reduces available fuel sources; keeping electrical panels accessible and storing combustible materials away from ignition sources are simple preventative practices that can significantly reduce risk.

Separating fuel sources is equally important. Wherever possible, storage of bedding materials, hay, feed, fuel, and other flammable materials should be in separate buildings or designated fire-resistant areas. Likewise, if hot work such as welding or gridding must be completed

Fire prevention on veal farms: Protecting your investment with everyday practices

near combustible materials, remove material if possible, keep fire extinguishers readily available, and monitor the area closely after work is finished.

Every farm should have a written emergency response plan that includes emergency contacts information and an up-to-date farm map showing livestock housing, utility shut-offs, chemical storage areas, water sources, and access routes. Emergency procedures should be reviewed regularly with family members and employees. Producers can also communicate with their local fire departments to familiarize them with the farm operation before an emergency occurs.

This article provides a high-level overview of farm fire prevention strategies and considerations for dairy calf and veal cattle producers. More information on each of these topics is available; please review the guidance provided by OMAFRA and Farm & Food Care Ontario for further information on best management practices and other emergency planning resources at vealfarmers.ca/producer-information/resources.

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Building demand and sustaining consumer awareness through targeted programs

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Throughout the Spring and Summer, the Dining with Ontario Veal initiative continued to gain momentum through restaurant outreach, digital storytelling, and consumer engagement. With funding from the Government of Ontario, this project's goals are to strengthen partnerships across the value chain and inspire consumers to enjoy the many different veal dishes being prepared by some of Ontario's restaurants.

With the help of Ontario Veal Appeal ambassadors, regular restaurant reviews remain a

While supplies of Ontario veal have been tightened during these past few years with the impact of the growing dairy-beef sector and lower cattle inventory, the importance of building and sustaining consumer demand for Ontario veal and veal as a protein choice, is now more important than ever.

With production lower and retail prices higher, we need to ensure consumers continue to 'pull' veal through the supply chain to sustain consumption over the long term. Without consumer awareness and demand, it can erode even faster, making it harder down the road when market conditions evolve again. It is a marathon and not a sprint while the beef and veal industry recalibrates. Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO) has several strategically focused initiatives aimed at consumers who are already enjoying and eating veal and with a goal of long-term sustained demand.

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cornerstone of the Dining with Ontario Veal program. These mystery diners provide insights into the many different Ontario restaurants serving grain-fed veal while showcasing menu applications, chef creativity, and unique dining experiences across the province. With photos, video, and feedback, restaurants reviews are created and posted across social media channels to encourage followers to try new restaurants and veal dishes.

A featured Dining with Ontario Veal event was held at Brunello on Fourth in Collingwood on June 11th. Hosted in partnership with Ontario Veal Ambassador John Catucci, the evening showcased Ontario grain-fed veal through a specially curated menu while creating opportunities to engage directly with consumers and restaurant patrons.

The event generated a variety of digital content from Ontario Veal Appeal, Brunello on Fourth, attending guests, and content creators. Together, this content extended the campaign

well beyond the evening itself, showcasing both the restaurant experience and the versatility of Ontario grain-fed veal.

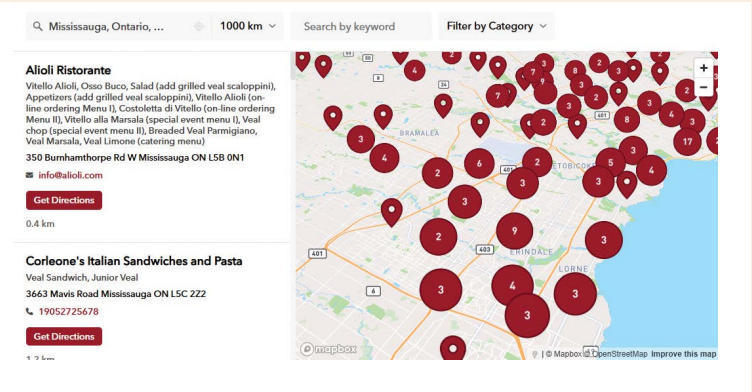
On July 29th, VFO hosted another sold out Dining with Ontario Veal consumer event at Casa Bella on the Thames in Chatham. John Catucci once again participated in the evening, welcoming guests and helping to create an engaging consumer experience around a specially developed Ontario grain-fed veal menu.

The event generated extensive social media digital content and consumer engagement before, during and after the evening, including promotional videos, real-time social posts, photography, and follow-up reels. This extended the value of the activation well beyond the event itself and provided additional exposure for both Ontario veal and the participating restaurant.



Ontario Veal Restaurant Map

Another component of the Dining with Ontario Veal project is the creation of an interactive map. The Ontario Veal Restaurant Map continues to expand as new establishments are identified and verified throughout the province. This searchable platform allows consumers to discover restaurants serving veal based on cuisine type, dining style, and menu preferences, including halal offerings, fine dining, fast casual options, and popular veal dishes. As the database continues to grow, the map is becoming a valuable tool for both consumers and industry stakeholders while helping showcase the breadth and diversity of Ontario veal menu offerings.



Canadian Culinary Federation National Conference



VFO and Ontario Veal Appeal participated as a Gold Sponsor at the Canadian Culinary Federation (CCF) National Conference held in Kitchener-Waterloo in May, creating multiple opportunities to engage directly with chefs, culinary educators, students, and foodservice decision-makers from across Canada.

The conference was an excellent opportunity to better understand the challenges of getting veal on the menu and identified several opportunities to support those chefs and culinary professionals already using and familiar with veal as a protein option. As part of the sponsorship package, VFO hosted a Quick-Fire Competition with Ontario grain-fed veal chops serving as the mystery ingredient where teams of chefs competed for the winning dish. VFO also met with industry partners and professional chefs as part of the Product Showcase. VFO provided samples of a delicious smoked veal shoulder roast thanks to Chef Ted Reader's recipe. This veal preparation encouraged chefs to think outside of the box and consider how veal can fit all cultural and consumer

preferences, especially Halal. Our booth remained very busy with lots of great questions and discussions about supply and menu options.

In addition, Ontario grain-fed veal was featured at both the CCF Honour Society reception and President's Dinner, showcasing premium menu applications and prepared by members of Culinary Team Canada.

A highlight of the CCF conference for VFO was the opportunity to be part of the chef tour day. VFO welcomed over 35 chefs and culinary professionals to Birchview Farms for an exclusive on-farm tour. For many attendees, this was their first opportunity to visit a veal farm and learn about Ontario grain-fed veal production firsthand. Participants were highly engaged throughout the tour, asking thoughtful questions about animal care, feeding practices, and farm management.

Many attendees indicated that the farm tour challenged some of their previous perceptions about veal production. One chef said after the tour: *"I was okay with veal already, but I am even more okay with veal now after seeing the farm and way the cattle are handled and raised."* A special thank you to VFO Vice Chair Dylan Yantzi for hosting this tour and helping to change the conversation.

Veal Farm Video – Go behind the barn door!

While hosting the culinary professionals farm tour, Ontario Veal Appeal took the opportunity to capture extensive video content featuring all aspects of a modern Ontario veal farm. Consumers are always curious about veal production and what better way to take them into the barn to show them how Ontario grain-fed veal is raised.

Rather than always being on defense and responding to questions, the Ontario Veal Appeal team developed the farm tour video concept as a proactive opportunity to engage with consumers. The video content features VFO Vice Chair Dylan Yantzi and food television personality John Catucci going through the veal farm and talking about veal production,

addressing common questions about farming practices, and highlighting the people behind the product while at the same time dispelling myths and misconceptions.

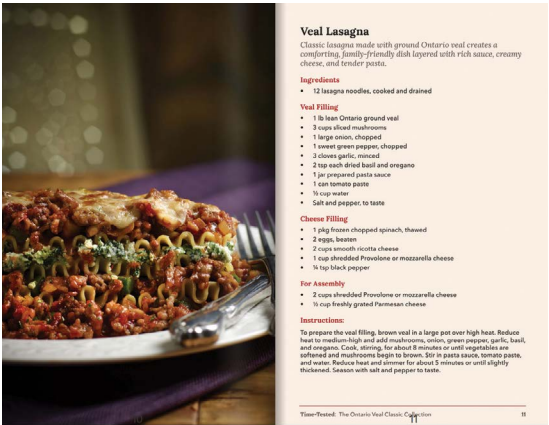
The content has been developed into a series several short social media reels, educational videos, and digital content pieces that will support consumer awareness, foodservice outreach, and promotion initiatives. While we may not always be able to host on-farm tours, we have been able to capture the farm on video which provides new opportunities for engagement. Look for the videos in your social media feeds as they roll out throughout the next several weeks. Like and share them across your platforms to help us extend our reach.

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Jennifer Haley

Time-Tested The Ontario Veal Classic Collection



Time Tested – The Ontario Veal Classic Collection

For those consumers looking to cook at home, VFO created a new recipe booklet, *Time Tested – The Ontario Veal Classic Collection*, that is available in both print and digital formats. The collection celebrates classic veal recipes and comforting family favourites while providing consumers with practical inspiration for incorporating Ontario grain-fed veal into everyday meals and special occasions. The booklet is an opportunity to continue to support consumer education and promotion while also providing social media and digital content. You can view the digital version at ontariovealappeal.ca/ebooks.



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Managing your cost of production

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The article in the summer edition of *The Connection* addressed the importance of knowing your cost of production. Once you know your costs, you will be in a better position to manage them. As a starting point, here is a checklist of things to consider for cost management.

1. Accurate record keeping

Good production and financial records are critical to good management. Record keeping is not the most exciting task so make it easier by setting a regular weekly or monthly schedule to enter records and find ways to automate this process, if possible, with electronic entry. Knowing your costs by enterprise, and by categories like calves, feed, labour, bedding, health program, overhead, and capital, can highlight areas where you should focus your management time.

Consider what per-head and per-lb. metrics can be used to benchmark performance in these categories. These metrics will help guide you in terms of what records you need to collect.

2. Calf purchasing strategy

Calf prices are driven by the cattle market, so farmers have little control over them. Monitoring price trends and market signals can at least keep you informed on the relationship between calf prices and finished market prices.

More controllable aspects of calf purchases include calf quality expectations in terms of health, weight, and genetics. Track consistency, mortality, and morbidity especially if calves are coming from multiple suppliers.

3. Feed cost management

Feed cost is a product of the amount you pay and the amount you feed; having records of both are important. Purchased feed costs are straightforward as the cost and amount are on each invoice. Accounting for home-grown feed amounts and costs can be more challenging. Growing crops for home-grown feeds can be part of your farm's strategy to control feed costs. Accurately tracking crop production yields, inventories, and amount fed is essential to maximizing your benefit from this strategy.

Know how components of your ration contribute to total feed costs. Consider utilizing by-products or alternative feeds that may be available at prices competitive with traditional feeds.

Feed shrink is the gap between the amount of feed you purchase or harvest, and the amount consumed by your animals. Understanding feed wastage and storage losses can allow you to find areas for more optimal feed handling.

4. Growth performance monitoring

The amount fed from the feed cost management item above is part of important production measures like feed conversion ratio and average daily gain. Better conversion and better gains equal less days on feed and lower feed cost per lb. of gain.

Records also need to include cattle start and end weights. Tracking through the feeding period can also identify underperforming groups early, which can allow you to correct issues.

5. Health program

A strong preventative health program is an investment that pays dividends in performance. Monitor products used and treatment rates, mortality, and medication costs alongside impacts to the production performance outcomes. Health and performance may not connect perfectly but healthy animals are a better bet on performance than unhealthy.

6. Labour efficiency

Labour will likely be a mix of paid and unpaid hours. Understanding all labour hours utilized for daily work and current processes can help identify areas where you can optimize workflow. Are there opportunities for better processes or where it may be worthwhile to consider adopting automation technology?

7. Bedding and housing

Animal comfort can improve productivity. Monitor bedding use per animal and cost trends. Evaluate housing design for existing and new buildings in terms of labour efficiency and animal comfort. Improve ventilation to reduce health risks.

8. Overhead control

Overhead is the accumulation of many costs that individually may be small in relation to total costs but as an overall category it needs to be watched and managed. Costs need to be allocated across enterprises to calculate enterprise-level cost of production. Allocate fixed and indirect variable overheads accurately to ensure each enterprise is paying their appropriate share.

9. Capital costs

As calf purchase values increase, the interest expense associated with livestock investment will also rise. Will these purchases be financed internally or through external borrowing?

While not a cash cost, depreciation is an important consideration to show if the farm generates enough of a profit margin to allow for reinvestment as you plan for eventual replacement of barns, equipment, and feeding systems.

When replacing these assets, there are decisions to be made on whether adopting automated or computerized systems make sense. Profitable choices should include evaluating return on investment (ROI) of any major investments. Calculating ROI was covered in the Fall 2025 issue of *The Connection*, available on vealfarmers.ca.

10. Benchmarking and margin analysis

Use the veal cost of production calculator to evaluate changes to any of these cost categories. Benchmark your historical farm performance or measure it against other cattle feeding operations with the farm financial analyzer. Both are available on OMAFA's cost of production page (ontario.ca/agbusiness). Know your break evens and margins today and establish goals to improve them over time.

Conclusion

Cost management is the systematic and ongoing approach of identifying key cost areas, having the right records to be able to make changes, and measure how those changes impact your bottom line.



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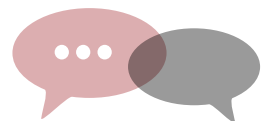
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INDUSTRY UPDATES



VFO attends Minister's roundtable ahead of FPT meeting

In late June, Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO) was pleased to attend a roundtable discussion with the Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness ahead of the annual federal, provincial, and territorial (FPT) agriculture ministers meeting. The roundtable focused on the opportunities and challenges the Ontario agriculture industry is facing to help shape priorities for the Next Policy Framework.

VFO highlighted the importance of Business Risk Management programs to ensure that Ontario farmers remain sustainable, competitive, and productive; specifically, permanently increasing the interest-free portion of the Advance Payments Program to \$350,000 and modernizing AgriStability. VFO also shared the need for investment in research, innovation, and technology so that farmers can adapt to changing market conditions.

VFO appreciated the invitation from Minister Jones and looks forward to working with the Ministry and alongside our industry colleagues to help grow Ontario's agriculture sector and strengthen our food independence.

AAFC meat quality experts join University of Guelph

VFO is encouraged by the announcement that the work of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) meat quality experts Dr. Óscar López-Campos and Dr. Nuria Prieto will continue at the University of Guelph for the next two years. Dr. Lopez's research has supported the Canadian veal industry through numerous projects, including the development of a veal carcass grading system. VFO looks forward to continuing to work with Drs. López-Campos and Prieto in their new roles and encourages the University of Guelph to make these positions permanent.

VFO supports July Breakfast on the Farm event

In late July, Rachel Epworth, VFO Member Services Coordinator, joined Farm & Food Care Ontario's league of volunteers at the Breakfast on the Farm event in Brussels.

More than 2,300 guests, volunteers, exhibitors, and community members

enjoyed a welcoming, educational, and memorable day on the farm, learning more about Ontario agriculture and the people who produce their food. VFO also supported the event as a leader-level sponsor and offered an exclusive VLT-sandwich recipe card and the *All About Veal* brochure for guests.



VFO represented on Agency Marketing Committee

VFO has re-appointed Jennifer Haley to the Marketing Committee of the Beef Cattle Marketing Agency (the Agency) following their Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg this past August. The Marketing Committee is responsible for planning and establishing Canada Beef's strategic, business, and operational goals and objectives, and for the overall management and operation of the business and affairs. VFO and the Agency entered into agreements to strengthen Canadian veal marketing as a part of the larger Canadian beef and veal marketing initiative in early 2020.

VFO welcomes new Minister of Agriculture

VFO extends congratulations and welcomes Sam Oosterhoff to his new role as Minister of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness. We look forward to working with him on key issues affecting livestock producers. VFO would also like to thank outgoing Minister Trevor Jones, who will now serve as Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development, for his commitment to working with Ontario's farmers to strengthen the province's agri-food sector and protect Ontario's food independence. VFO wishes him all the best in his new role.

VFO attends roundtable at IPM

In late September, VFO attended a roundtable with the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, the Honourable Sam Oosterhoff, newly appointed Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness, and Parliamentary Assistant Paul Vickers at the International Plowing Match (IPM) in Walkerton. VFO appreciated the opportunity to meet Minister Oosterhoff and share with him the priorities for Ontario's veal and dairy calf sector.



Join VFO's private Facebook groups



VFO has two private Facebook groups to help foster connections between members, share timely sector updates, and provide a space for discussing producer and industry issues.

The *Marketing of male dairy calves in Ontario* group is designed for dairy and veal producers, and for those starting calves for the dairy-beef market. The *Finishing grain-fed veal in Ontario* group is geared towards producers finishing male dairy cattle for veal markets.

To join, send a request! Both are great forums to ask questions and start important conversations. 🐾

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The power of one

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Veterinarian Rick Knill, volunteer at Breakfast on the Farm in Brussels, answering guests' questions

Being a proud agricultural advocate can take many forms. And it almost always starts one conversation or one interaction at a time. Telling people about your experiences, answering questions, making presentations, talking with the media, hosting tours or engaging on social media are all things you can do. That's the power of one.



One of Breakfast on the Farm Brussels' hosts, Barb Terpstra, whose family opened their farm gates to the local community

At Farm & Food Care Ontario (FFCO), we are proud to be in the business of empowerment. One of our core values is to “amplify energy and excitement in farming and food” and if you've ever attended one of our events, you've seen that value in action.

But too often, we hear passionate people ask: “But what can I really achieve? I'm just one person.”

The truth is, we see the profound impact of just one person every single day.

It's the veal farmer answering a curious question about package labels at the grocery

store, chatting with a fellow parent at the local hockey rink, or connecting with a neighbour curious about something they've read online after a Sunday church service.

It's the “former farm kid” now working for an Ontario utility company. Realizing her colleagues knew very little about agriculture – despite regularly needing to connect with farmers and obtain permissions to cross farmland – she stepped up and coordinated an ag-awareness webinar, focused on very specific topics, for 100 of her coworkers.

It's the City of Toronto manager eager to bridge the gap between urban food processors and agriculture. He reached out to forge a connection with FFCO to help educate city councillors and senior staff – a partnership that has massive potential, all sparked by a single email.

It's the 4-H member taking the time to introduce fairgoers to their prize-winning calf at a fall fair. Farm kids talking to their non-farming counterparts is always a bit magical to watch.

It's the veal farmer attending the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair handing out fact sheets and spending 30 minutes speaking to a consumer, answering every single question they had.

Those of us who work in ag and food have incredible, everyday opportunities for these conversations – with a seatmate on a plane, another parent at a school event, or at your local fall fair. It's important that we take every chance we get.

If you find yourself in one of these moments,

keep these five keys to ag-advocacy in mind:

- 1. Be yourself:** Talk about what you know. Use real examples from your own farm or career.
- 2. Be positive and patient:** Take pride in your work, and be patient with the questions you're asked.
- 3. Keep it simple:** Avoid industry jargon and acronyms – and yes, we're famous for them! Keep explanations clear and accessible.
- 4. Respect opinions:** Avoid preaching or lecturing. It's about building a conversation, not forcing a conversion.
- 5. Show you care:** This one is easy! Your passion is contagious; share that pride with the people you meet.

Want to sharpen your advocacy skills or train your team? FFCO can help:



For Free Resources: Access our toolkits and tips here: www.farmfoodcareon.org/resources/ambassadors-for-agriculture/

For Team Training: We offer everything from 60-minute “Lunch & Learns” and half-day *Agriculture 101* courses, to full-day *Speak Up* advocacy training sessions.

Being an agricultural advocate starts with just one conversation at a time. Whether you're answering questions, speaking to the media, hosting a farm tour, or engaging on social media – that truly is the power of one. 🐾

VFO launches 2026 Healthy Calf Conference at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show

VFO proudly showcased our latest initiatives at our new location in the Dairy Innovation Centre during Canada's Outdoor Farm Show in mid-September. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with veal and dairy calf producers, share valuable resources, and engage with our industry partners on key issues impacting our sector.

VFO extends sincere thanks to everyone who stopped by, including current and past speakers of our biennial Healthy Calf Conference. We look forward to seeing everyone in November! 🐾

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Rachel Epworth, VFO Member Services Representative and Cassidy Wagler, Agricultural Education Event Coordinator, AgScape



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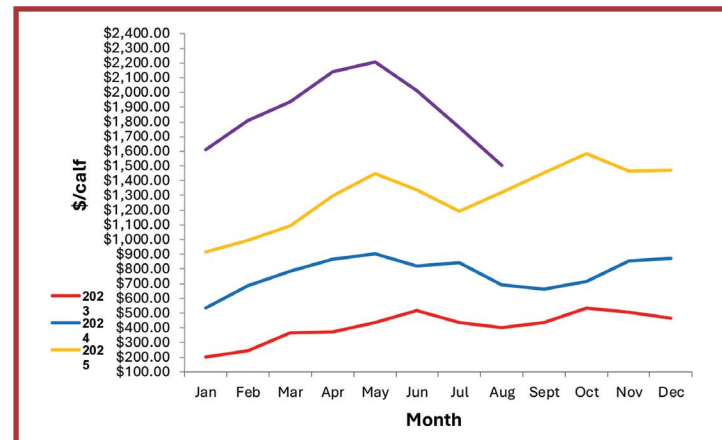
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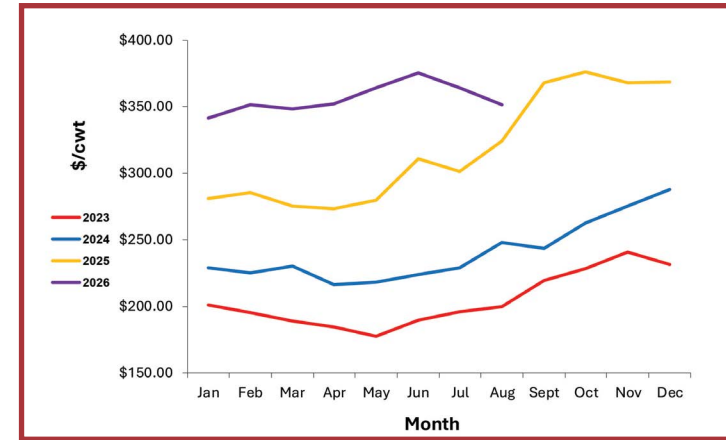
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Bob Calf Pricing



This price range is collected and tabulated from participating sale barns throughout Ontario based on average pricing. This information is used to follow trends.

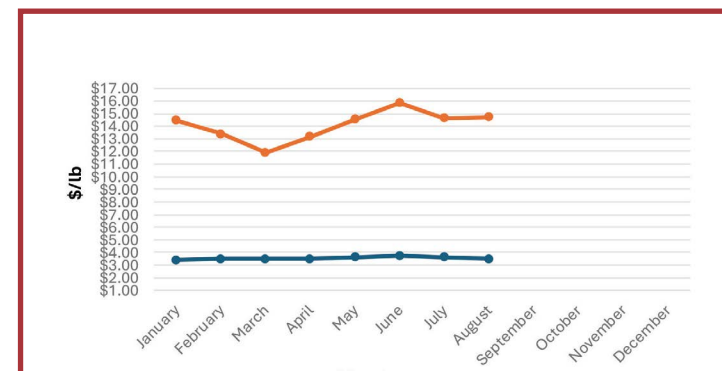
Sale Barn Veal Pricing



This price range is collected and tabulated from participating sale barns throughout Ontario based on average pricing. This information is used to follow trends.

Finished Pricing

compared to bob calf prices (8 months previous)



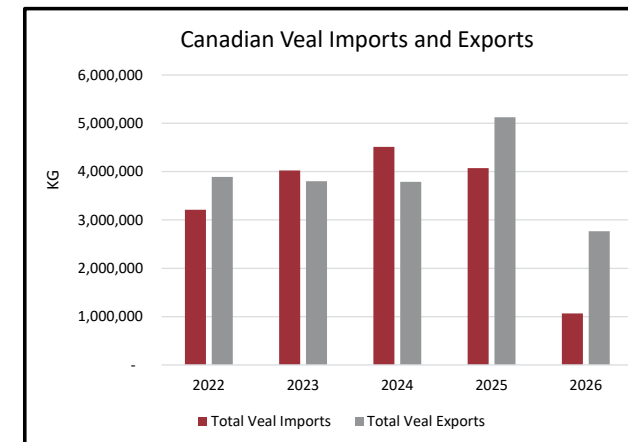
This graph is used to compare the finished price from both the sale barn and rail grade pricing to the bob calf prices eight months prior. This information could help when deciding on the purchase prices of calves and what market they will be shipped in. This information gives a quick glance at both bob calf pricing and finished veal pricing.



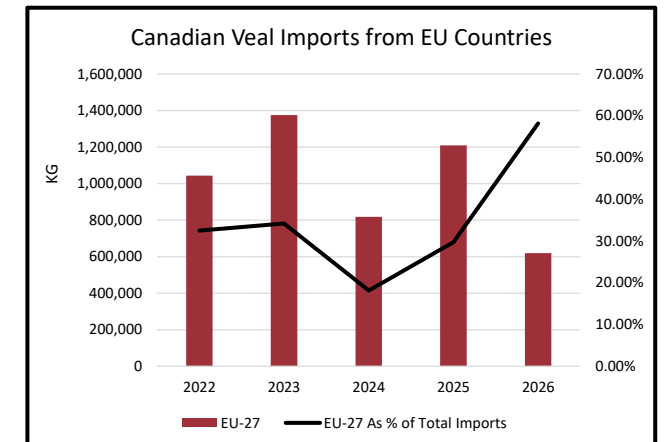
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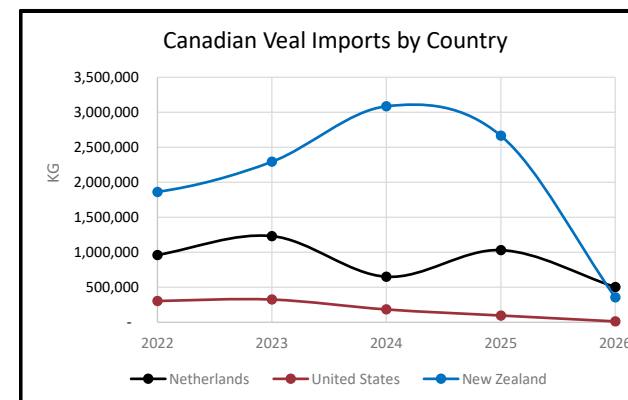
A quarterly snapshot of Canada's veal trade



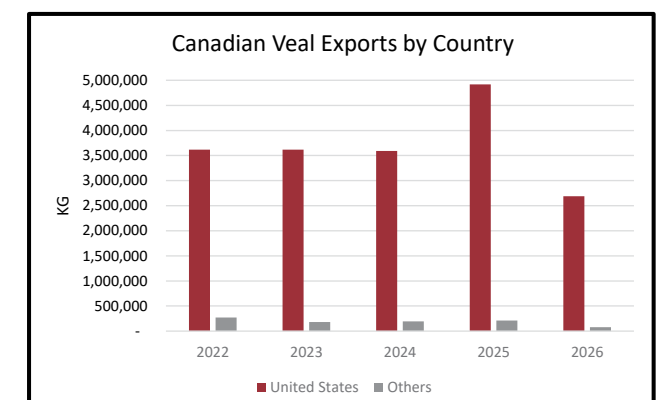
Throughout the first half of 2026, veal exports continue to exceed imports. Compared with this time last year, import volumes have risen by 28%, while exports rose at a slower pace, increasing by 2.5%.



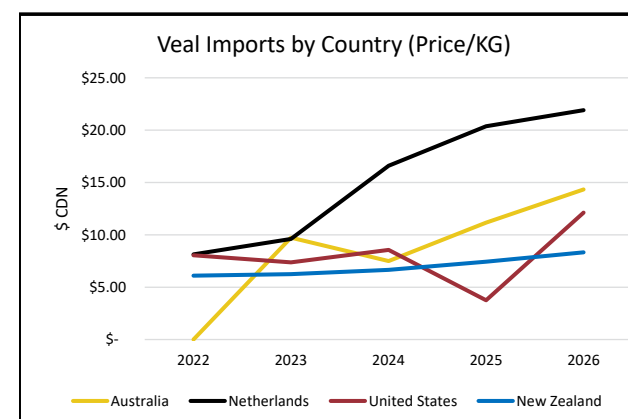
Thus far in 2026, the volume of veal imports from the EU, primarily the Netherlands, represents 58% of Canada's total veal imports (black line).



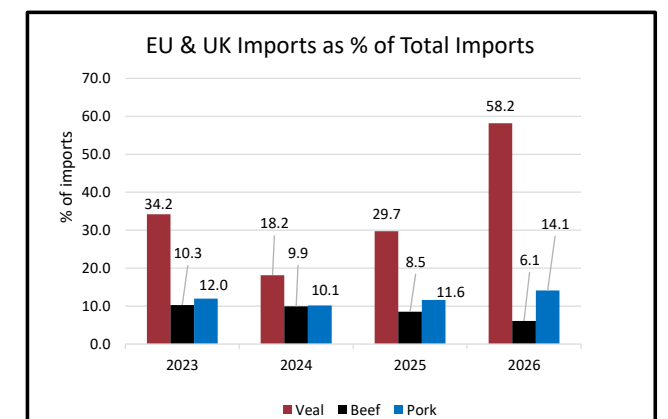
In the second quarter of 2026, almost half of Canada's veal imports came from the Netherlands, followed by New Zealand, Italy, Australia, and the United States. Imports from the USA have significantly declined by over 86% compared to this time in 2025.



2025 has the strongest level of veal exports to the USA in the past decade. Thus far in 2026, there has been a modest increase in veal export volume to the USA compared to this time in 2025.



The per kilogram price of veal imported from the Netherlands has risen again in 2026 and remains notably higher than other countries. While the value of New Zealand imports has held relatively steady.



When compared to beef and pork, the share of veal being imported into Canada from the EU and UK is consistently and significantly higher.

Data retrieved from AAFC and Statistics Canada, red meat section.

FEATURED VEAL RECIPE



Nashville Hot Honey Veal Cutlet Sandwich

Cut: Scaloppini/Cutlets | Servings: 4 generous sandwiches | Prep Time: 25 minutes | Cook Time: 10 minutes

Picture this: layers of tender, juicy Ontario veal stacked high on a toasted bun, dripping with sweet hot honey butter and a tangy, addictive comeback sauce. It is the kind of incredibly messy, deeply satisfying sandwich that you will start craving again the absolute second you finish your last bite.

Ingredients:

Veal

2 lb (907 g) Ontario veal cutlets (8 cutlets total)
2 tbsp (30 mL) avocado oil
1 tsp (5 mL) kosher salt
1 tsp (5 mL) freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp (5 mL) sweet paprika
½ tsp (2.5 mL) garlic powder
½ tsp (2.5 mL) onion powder

Nashville Hot Honey Butter

1 to 2 tsp (5 to 10 mL) cayenne pepper
1 tsp (5 mL) smoked paprika
½ tsp (2.5 mL) garlic powder
½ tsp (2.5 mL) brown sugar
¼ tsp (1.25 mL) kosher salt
¼ cup (60 mL) unsalted butter
2 tbsp (30 mL) hot honey

Nashville Comeback Sauce

½ cup (120 mL) mayonnaise
2 tbsp (30 mL) hot sauce
1 tbsp (15 mL) dill pickle brine
1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
1 tsp (5 mL) honey
½ tsp (2.5 mL) smoked paprika
¼ tsp (1.25 mL) garlic powder
¼ tsp (1.25 mL) black pepper
Pinch of kosher salt

Crunchy Dill Slaw

2 cups (475 mL) finely shredded green cabbage
½ cup (120 mL) finely shredded iceberg lettuce
1 ½ tbsp (22.5 mL) dill pickle brine
1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh dill
1 tsp (5 mL) apple cider vinegar
1 tsp (5 mL) olive oil
¼ tsp (1.25 mL) kosher salt
¼ tsp (1.25 mL) black pepper
Optional: 2 to 3 tbsp finely shredded red cabbage, for garnish

Nashville Red Drizzle

¼ cup (60 mL) cayenne pepper hot sauce (such as Frank's RedHot)
2 tbsp (30 mL) melted butter
½ to 1 tsp (2.5 to 5 mL) cayenne pepper, to taste
¾ tsp (3.75 mL) smoked paprika
2 tsp (10 mL) apple cider vinegar
1 tsp (5 mL) brown sugar

Instructions:

Make the Nashville Comeback Sauce

In a small bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, hot sauce, pickle brine, Dijon mustard, honey, smoked paprika, garlic powder, black pepper, and salt. Cover and refrigerate until needed.

Prepare the Slaw

In a medium bowl, combine the green cabbage, iceberg lettuce, pickle brine, fresh dill, vinegar, olive oil, salt, and pepper. Toss until lightly coated. Refrigerate until ready to serve so the slaw remains crisp and lightly dressed. Hold the red cabbage until assembly.

Make the Nashville Hot Honey Butter

In a small saucepan over low heat, combine the cayenne pepper, smoked paprika, garlic powder, brown sugar, and salt. Add in the butter to melt, then the hot honey. Whisk until smooth and fully combined. Remove from the heat and keep warm.

Whisk up the Nashville Red Drizzle

In a small bowl, whisk together the hot sauce, melted butter, cayenne pepper, smoked paprika, apple cider vinegar, and brown sugar. Set aside. The drizzle should be loose enough to spoon over the sandwich and run down the sides of the veal, but thick enough that it does not immediately soak completely into the bun.

Prepare the Veal

Trim and portion the 8 pieces veal to fit your brioche buns. Cut each of those 8 pieces in half to create 16 pieces total. If necessary, lightly pound the cutlets to an even thickness of approximately ¼ inch (6 mm). Pat dry with a paper towel. Toss the pieces with avocado oil, salt, pepper, paprika, garlic powder, and onion powder. Allow the meat to stand at room temperature for 15 minutes before cooking.

Grill the Veal

Preheat your grill or griddle to medium-high heat, targeting approximately 450°F (232°C). Cook the veal for 1 ½ to 2 minutes per side, or until the thickest cutlet reaches an internal temperature of 145°F (63°C). Cook in batches if necessary to avoid crowding the cooking surface.

Immediately brush both sides of every cooked cutlet with the warm Nashville Hot Honey Butter. On 12 of the cutlet pieces, place a half-slice of Havarti cheese, leaving 4 pieces without cheese. Cover briefly until the cheese is completely melted. Stack the veal into 4 separate sandwich portions: each stack should have 3 slices with cheese and 1 top slice without cheese. Transfer the stacks to a platter and let them rest for 3 minutes.

Assemble the Sandwiches. 🍴

Find the full recipe and instructions at:

ontariovealappeal.ca/recipes/nashville-hot-honey-veal-cutlet-sandwich/

Recipe courtesy of Jimmy's Nook (www.ZimmysNook.ca)



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Ontario Regulation 58/15 Veal Cattle Marketing requires any person who receives veal cattle to deduct from the money payable for the veal cattle any licence fees payable to the local board by the person from whom the veal cattle is received and to forward the licence fees to the local board. Bob calves and preconditioned calves are considered veal cattle. This regulation also includes veal cattle that are sent for custom harvest.

If you are purchasing male dairy and dairy crossbreed bob calves (up to 150 lbs.) and preconditioned intact male dairy and dairy crossbreed calves (up to 450 lbs.) licence fees are required.

If veal cattle are purchased from a sale barn this does not apply.

Licence fee remittances are due on the 15th of the following month.

Forms 4 and 5 are available on vealfarmers.ca or contact the VFO office to have copies mailed.

Ontario Beef Cattle Financial Protection Program

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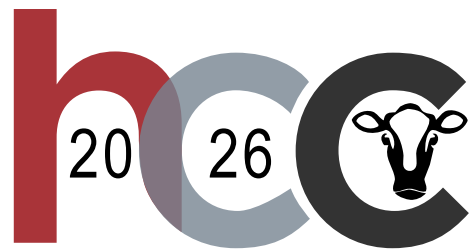
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