



NEWS LINE

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AFAC enjoys enviable results in promoting responsible animal care

Pine Lake cattle producer Doug Sawyer is quick to point out the success of Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) in its work to promote responsible animal care.

“We work together as a team and I think that the reason why, in Alberta, we can achieve such great success is because all the members of the team - right from producers, right to law enforcement, right to the legislators - all sit around the same table and discuss what needs to be done and how to make things happen better. It has brought on obvious successes in this province. We are certainly looked-upon favorably by other provinces and a lot of states. They look at our system and how well it works to move animal husbandry and animal welfare issues forward,” says the AFAC chairman.

Sawyer refers to an on-call veterinarian system that is in place to provide professional help in the event of an issue that requires teamwork to assist a farmer in resolving a problem in treating animals humanely. Anyone who sees animal welfare issues is asked to call the ALERT line at 1-800-506-2273.

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Clip No. 1:

Pine Lake cattle producer Doug Sawyer, who chairs Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC), says his organization is always prepared to swing into action should a call be received concerning animal welfare issues:

(17... “farmer.”)

Clip No. 2:

Sawyer says AFAC and the Alberta SPCA work well together in the interests of animal welfare:

(17... “better.”)

Clip No. 3:

Sawyer adds, AFAC is a leader in addressing North American livestock welfare issues:

(17... “basis.”)

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