

The Canadian Livestock Transport Certification Program

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Introduction

- Livestock industry stakeholders are designing a national farm animal transport certification program, using the existing Alberta-based Certified Livestock Transport (CLT) program as a model.
- Plans are for the new program to be called:
**The Canadian Livestock Transport (CLT)
Certification Program***

*Unofficial working name only



Background

- Alberta Farm Animal Care Association (AFAC) launched the CLT program in 2007, after commissioning studies in 2002 and 2004
- CLT is North America's only multi-species transport training and certification program
- To date, more than 1200 drivers and handlers have been trained and certified.
- Courses have been held in provinces from BC to Quebec.



This is a screenshot of the CLT website. At the top left is the CLT logo. Below it is a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'Training Program', 'Support Services', and 'Contact'. The main content area features the text: 'Providing skills certification & support for Canada's livestock transport sector'. Below this is the heading 'Certified Livestock Transport (CLT) training program' followed by contact information: 'phone: 403.932.8053' and 'email: info@livestocktransport.ca'. A paragraph describes the program as a comprehensive training course and support service for livestock truckers, shippers, and receivers. Another paragraph states that the program offers core content for all species and breakout modules for CATTLE, HOGS, HORSES, SHEEP and POULTRY. A list of links includes 'program overview', 'training program details', and 'media releases'. On the right side, there is a small inset image of a 'Canadian Livestock Transporters Training Manual' cover. At the bottom of the page, there is a section for 'UPDATES & NEWS'. On the left side of the screenshot, there is a vertical sidebar menu with links for 'About CLT', 'Training Program', 'Transport Conference', 'TQA & CLT', 'Advisory Team', 'Reports', 'Resources', 'Laws & Code', and 'More on livestock transport'.

- Alberta's CLT program is an existing, operating livestock transport training program.
- Course material includes specific course modules and videos for cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry.
- CLT is a proven model for a national program
- See website at www.livestocktransport.ca

The Need for a National Program

- Canadian processors are beginning to require driver training and certification (Olymel & Maple Leaf require either TQA or CLT; St. Helen's Packers will require CLT as of 2011)
- Farm animal transportation involves crossing provincial and national borders. The industry requires certification that is Canada-wide and also accepted in the US.
- Society continues to increase pressure on the farmed animal industry, and transportation is a key focus (eg. recent WSPA criticism of Canada's standards in the Globe and Mail)
- Proposed changes to the federal Health of Animals Act regulations would make driver training mandatory
- Safe and humane farm animal transport reduces costs for producers, processors and consumers.



Progress Update

CLT National Working Group

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- CLT National Working Group
 - Representation from key industry sectors
 - Initial meeting in Calgary, May 14, 2010.
 - Beginning the process of creating the new program
 - Canadian Animal Health Coalition (CAHC) is participating in the working group and may become the national home for CLT.



Progress Update (continued)

- Proposal for federal AgriFlexibility funding is in the formal review process.
- Industry is committing its financial and moral support.
 - Commitments have been received from several major national organizations, and others are in formal discussions
- OFAC's 3 year Livestock Transportation Specialist Project is introducing CLT to Ontario.
 - Dave O'Rourke and the National CLT Working Group are collaborating on a CLT Beef Module to help St. Helen's Packers meet their requirement for CLT-certified drivers in 2011.
- The CLT Working Group is collaborating with industry to update CLT's beef, dairy and poultry modules.



What's Next?

- Waiting to hear from AgriFlexibility about funding!!
- Firming up industry support: financial and philosophical
- Working with the CAHC and others to transition the Working Group into an Advisory Board
 - Choosing a chair; creating a board structure; preparing to hire a Project Coordinator
- Working to “bridge the gap” so CLT training initiatives can continue until project funding is secured

