



Canadian Animal Health Coalition
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'... promoting a collaborative approach to animal health'

Gordon Coukell Receives 2006 Carl Block Award

Gordon Coukell, an Ontario dairy farmer and chair of the Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council (OLPC), is the 2006 recipient of the Carl Block Award. The award is presented annually for outstanding contribution to the field of livestock animal health in memory of the late Carl Block, founding chairman of the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency.

Coukell is a past director of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, founding organizer and first chair of the National Farm Animal Care Council, and a past director of the Canadian Animal Health Coalition (CAHC). He believes all agriculture must work together to address issues that cross sectors, such as animal health, animal care and emergency management planning. He has been instrumental in efforts to bring livestock and other sectors together to address both animal care and emergency management planning, through both the CAHC and the Ontario Livestock and Poultry Council.

The award was presented December 5 at the second annual CAHC Emergency Management Conference in Ottawa, which followed the CAHC annual general meeting.

The CAHC is a collaborative partnership of private sector and government organizations with a stake in ensuring the optimum health of Canada's livestock, for the benefit of all. With the guidance of a Board of Directors appointed by its member organizations, the CAHC provides strategic leadership and a forum for sharing information and building consensus in matters related to farmed animal health, while balancing the interests of livestock, wildlife, human health and trade. The CAHC also coordinates management and funding of projects with potential benefit for livestock animal health, as approved by the Board of Directors.