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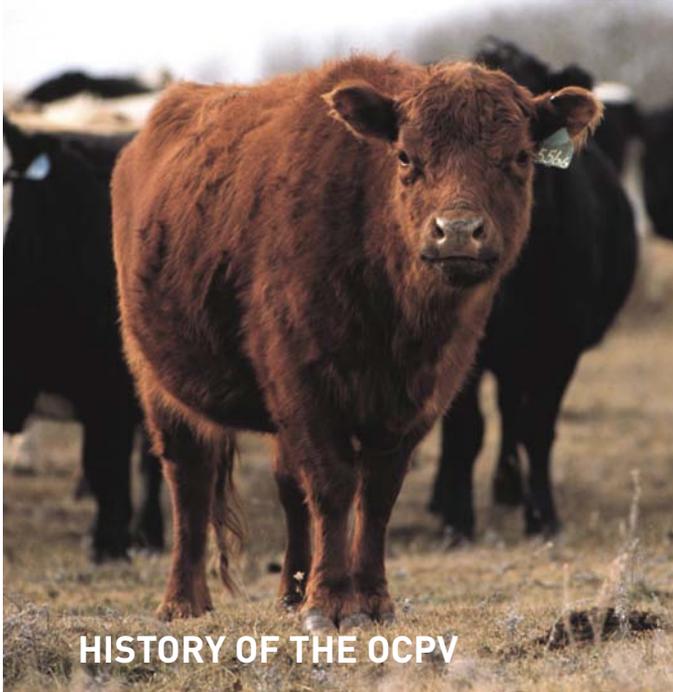
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## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROVINCIAL VETERINARIAN

Alberta



## HISTORY OF THE OCPV

In 1914, the position of Provincial Veterinarian was created to lecture at the schools of agriculture and to assist the livestock industry with disease issues. In 1939, the position of Provincial Animal Pathologist was created and the first veterinary laboratory was opened in 1940.

Over the years, various positions and roles were developed to address Alberta's changing needs. In 2002, the Chief Provincial Veterinarian position was created to better represent the animal health interests of Alberta's livestock herds, to work with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and to work with veterinarians representing provincial, national and international jurisdictions.

The Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian is part of the Food Safety Division of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

## WHAT DOES THE CHIEF PROVINCIAL VETERINARIAN DO?

- Advise provincial policy-makers on current scientific principles and information in the development of legislation and disease control
- Liaise with international, federal and other provincial departments, as well as industry on food animal health issues, such as BSE, Avian Influenza and Chronic Wasting Disease
- Supervise the provincial implementation of the national BSE surveillance program and other national disease surveillance programs
- Lead the development and implementation of provincial animal disease control programs, such as Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) in poultry and West Nile Virus in horses
- Prepare for animal health emergencies in the event that a foreign animal disease is diagnosed in Alberta
- Represent the provincial government on various national and international animal health committees
- Speak to media about animal health issues on behalf of the Alberta government
- Maintain the Livestock Diseases Act and its regulations
- Report animal disease status to Albertans
- Liaise with Alberta Health and Wellness on issues where animal diseases may impact human health