

Livestock Mortalities

A CFFO Policy Statement

1. **Whereas** the role of the rendering industry in agriculture keeps changing (sulfur, BSE, possible ban on all MBM in livestock feed by users).
2. **Whereas** other provinces and other jurisdictions (U.K.) allow for the incineration (including on farm) of mortalities, while Ontario's Dead Stock Act does not.
3. **Whereas** many producers are uncomfortable with burial as an option for the management of mortalities. They are concerned about the impact of diseased animals on biosecurity and groundwater.
4. **Whereas** Ontario has nothing in place, other than burial, for dealing with a large number of mortalities should a major animal disease outbreak occur in the province.

Therefore Be It Resolved

1. **That** CFFO ask OMAF to review the Dead Stock Act and update it to reflect current and emerging circumstances.
2. **That** the review specifically consider the merits of using incineration (on-farm and off-farm).
3. **That** the review specifically consider the management approach that will be used should a major animal disease outbreak occur in the province.
4. **That** the review examine how the management of mortalities can achieve the goals of the Nutrient Management Act and the proposed Watershed-based Source Protection Planning.
5. **That** the review provide assurances that the options available in Ontario are environmentally sound and do not pose risks for biosecurity.
6. **That** the review develop financial incentives to encourage agricultural producers to manage mortalities in the most environmental friendly manner on their farms.

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Provincial Board

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