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D'AGRICULTURE ET DE MÉDECINE VÉTÉRINAIRE

ACFAVM Member Faculties

Veterinary Medicine

- University of Calgary
- [University of Saskatchewan](#)
- [University of Guelph](#)
- Université de Montréal
- University of Prince Edward Island

Agriculture

- University of British Columbia
- University of Alberta
- [University of Saskatchewan](#)
- University of Manitoba
- [University of Guelph](#)
- Université Laval
- Dalhousie University

ACFAVM Mandate

- The ACFAVM was founded in March 1990.
- The members are the Deans of these faculties
- The members meet in person two times a year, and hold conference calls to address issues between meetings.

ACFAVM Mandate

- To support, promote, and enhance the impact of activities of the Canadian faculties of agriculture and veterinary medicine for the benefit of society
 - Share expertise and develop networks
 - Academic collaboration and innovation
 - Enhance our collective national and global impact
 - Single point of contact
 - Inform public opinion and government policy
 - Advocacy



Key Activities for 2015

Safe Food Canada

- Founding partner of Safe Food Canada.
- Joint industry-government-academia partnership intended to define competency-based learning outcomes against which all food protection learning can be benchmarked and certified
- www.safefoodcanada.com



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CANADA
the learning partnership
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ALIMENTS CANADA
le partenariat d'apprentissage

Agriculture Research

- Agriculture identified as a priority in Canadian Government's 2014 Science and Technology Strategy.
- Agriculture encompasses a broad range of activities including technological development, genomic research, and manufacturing.
- The ACFAVM is working with government, national research funders and industry groups to identify key priorities and opportunities for collective research action.
- Canadian Foundation for Innovation undertaking a detailed evaluation of past agricultural research: “Mapping investments to impacts”.

Joint Academic Programs

- Growing interest among members in developing and offering multi-faculty academic programs for our students.
- Offer the very best academic programs available from our faculties nationally, and greater choice of offerings.
- Initiative is still in discussion phase.
- We are interested in others' experiences.

Program Enrollment

- Student numbers in veterinary medicine programs are limited by enrollment maximums.
- Enrollment in undergraduate agriculture programs strong, and increasing as capacity allows.
- Strong employment market for degree graduates.
- Some difficulty attracting graduate students due to strong employment opportunities.



Ag program enrollment thrives at University of Saskatchewan

- The fastest growing enrollment at the University of Saskatchewan is in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.
- Student numbers are up 11.5 per cent over last year - well above the 0.6 per cent increase recorded for the university as a whole. It's also the latest in a string of similar increases over the past five years.

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- There are more than 1,100 undergraduate students pursuing bachelor degrees and another 275 graduate students enrolled in Master's and PhD programs.
- The U of S College of Agriculture and Bioresources in Saskatoon has a distinct international flavour with 11 per cent of undergraduate and 50 per cent of graduate students coming from other countries. China

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- A wider selection of educational opportunities with relatively new degree programs in agribusiness, animal biosciences and renewable resource management.
- A challenge is finding space and teaching resources for College of Agriculture and Bioresources students who now account for approximately seven per cent of total enrollment at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Nearly every graduate in the college finds

