



New Brunswick Cattle Producers

Statement on September 2, 2026, announcements related to Provincial Veterinarian and Lab Services in New Brunswick.

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The New Brunswick Cattle Producers stated our position shortly after the government announcement to phase out provincial veterinarian and lab services. We emphasized that any path forward must ensure that:

- Veterinary services remain accessible across all regions of the province;
- Emergency and after-hours care is reliably available;
- Provincial laboratory services are maintained at a level that ensures timely, accurate diagnostics;
- Animal health, welfare, and food safety standards are not compromised.

The announcements made on September 2, 2026, by both Carleton AgriSolutions and the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (NBDAAF) are a welcome step forward and provide greater clarity regarding the future delivery of these critical services.

Carleton AgriSolutions is a New Brunswick company who is familiar with agriculture in our province, and has support from the current provincial veterinarians to explore a plan to ensure the priorities laid out by NBCEP are met.

While there are still a lot of unanswered questions and work to be done, NBCEP is hopeful that this announcement is a positive step to ensuring the relationships producers have with their vets will remain intact and is confident Carleton AgriSolutions is committed to working hard over the next six months to make this a seamless transition with vets producers already know and trust.

The Provincial Veterinary Laboratory is also an essential component of New Brunswick's animal health infrastructure. It is critical for maintaining the health of our herd and ensuring that we are prepared to respond effectively in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak. NBCEP welcomes the decision to maintain these laboratory services under government oversight and recognizes the importance of ensuring the laboratory operates efficiently, effectively, and with the capacity required to support producers and the broader livestock sector.

Overall, NBCEP views these announcements as a positive step forward that provide greater certainty around the future of veterinarian and lab services in New Brunswick. We recognize Carleton AgriSolutions' understanding of the agricultural sector and respect the professionalism and commitment they are bringing to this process. We also recognize the continued importance of NBDAAF's role in providing provincial laboratory services and supporting animal health across the province.

NBCEP looks forward to working collaboratively with Carleton Agri-Solutions and NBDAAF throughout the transition and will continue to advocate for New Brunswick cattle producers to ensure their needs remain at the forefront and the best possible outcome is achieved for producers, veterinarians, and the livestock sector.