

FARMED ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2020

NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL



SINCE 2015, 4 CODES OF PRACTICE HAVE BEEN
UPDATED, AND 1 HAS BEEN CREATED

THESE 5 CODES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO
REACH OVER 9,000 CANADIAN PRODUCERS



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The original National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Strategy (2009) was designed to provide strategic direction to farmed animal industry stakeholders to 2015. The renewed strategy includes revisions to the strategic outcomes and identifies priorities to provide direction for stakeholders to 2020.

The most significant advancement for the 2020 strategy is the engagement of all stakeholders in contributing to the measurement of progress on the strategic outcomes and sharing the responsibility to report on the achievements of those outcomes in their own words.

NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL

National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) is a national organization that reflects the various influencers and interests in farm animal welfare including farmers, animal welfare groups, veterinarians, processors, governments, food companies, and others. NFACC oversees processes for the development of Codes of Practice for the care and handling of farmed animals and animal care assessment programs. It also provides a forum for open dialogue on farm animal care and welfare.

NFACC'S PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, INITIATIVES, AND OTHER NOTABLE EXAMPLES WHICH REFLECT WORK BEING DONE IN ACCORD WITH:

- "Safe food animal products are accessible to Canadians" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Canada protects the welfare of farmed animals" [Strategic Outcome]
- "Emergency management" [5 Year Priority]



ACTIVITIES

- **UPDATE 4 CODES OF PRACTICE**
- **CREATION OF A NEW RABBIT CODE**
- **SEEKING FUNDS TO UPDATE 3 CODES (INCLUDING THE TRANSPORTATION CODE) & CREATE AN AQUACULTURE CODE**
- **6 ANIMAL CARE ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED BY NFACC SINCE 2015 AS HAVING FOLLOWED THE ANIMAL CARE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK**
- **EDUCATIONAL & COMMUNICATION MATERIALS CREATED BASED ON CODES**
- **REVIEWING THE CODE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
- **CODE 5-YEAR REVIEW & AMENDMENT PROCESS**
- **NFACC REFLECTIVE EXERCISE**

SAFE FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTS
ARE ACCESSIBLE TO CANADIANS
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)



CANADA PROTECTS THE WELFARE
OF FARMED ANIMALS
(STRATEGIC OUTCOME)

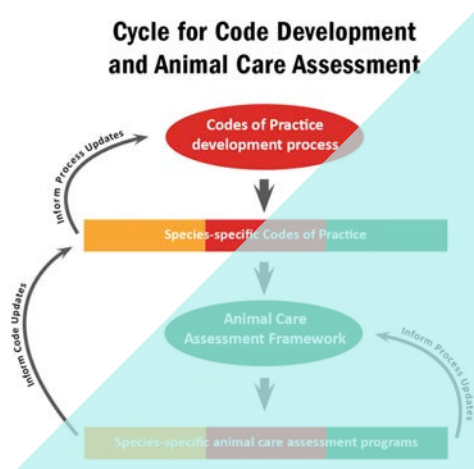


EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(5 YEAR PRIORITY)



SAFE FOOD

NFACC contributes to the improvement of animal welfare in Canada through the development of Codes of Practice, animal care assessment programs, and communicating related information to stakeholders and the public. Although their activities contribute to animal welfare, animal welfare has been linked to food safety.



ANIMAL WELFARE

NFACC is known for developing and updating Codes of Practices that supply national scientific-based guidelines to promote management practices through requirements and recommendations. Since 2015, 5 Codes have been created or updated for:

- Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens, and Turkeys in 2016
- Pullets and Laying Hens in 2017
- Bison in 2017
- Veal Cattle in 2017
- Rabbit in 2018

Additionally, NFACC recognizes groups whose animal care programs have been developed following NFACC's rigorous Animal Care Assessment Framework. Six industry groups have achieved recognition, including:

- Dairy Farmers of Canada
- Turkey Farmers of Canada
- Chicken Farmers of Canada
- Canada Mink Breeders Association
- Canada Fox Breeders Association
- National Cattle Feeders Association

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Although emergency management is not directly an NFACC objective, most Codes of Practice require or recommend that producers have an emergency plan on the farm.

