



## **NFACC Information Update: May 2016**

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### **MARKET RELEVANT CODES AND COMMUNICATION LEADERSHIP PROJECT\* UPDATE**

#### **Codes of Practice**

**Chickens, Turkeys and Breeders** - An updated Code of Practice for the care and handling of hatching eggs, breeders, chickens and turkeys will be released June 15, 2016. Watch NFACC's website for this new Code, which was updated in accordance with NFACC's Code development process. A news release will be issued just as the Code goes "live".

This has been one of the most complex Code development processes completed to date given the number of sectors involved. Revisions to the "poultry (meat)" Code started in 2011. The public comment period, which ended in December 2015, garnered over 900 submissions.

Many thanks to the Code development committee for their commitment and hard work, which made the development of this Code possible.

**Poultry (layers)** – Get ready for the public comment period! The Code Development Committee is meeting in early May with the aim of releasing the draft layer Code for broader input through the public comment period as soon as possible. Clarifications on the Code development process and the status of the layer Code were made available at [www.nfacc.ca/news?articleid=263](http://www.nfacc.ca/news?articleid=263) for those wishing to better understand the process for Code Development Committee deliberations.

**Rabbits** – the Code Development Committee had its most recent meeting in March 2016. A summary of this meeting is available at [www.nfacc.ca/progress-report-rabbit](http://www.nfacc.ca/progress-report-rabbit). The next meeting is scheduled for July.

**Veal Cattle** – the Code Development Committee met in March 2016. A summary of the meeting is available at [www.nfacc.ca/progress-report-veal-cattle](http://www.nfacc.ca/progress-report-veal-cattle). The next meeting is scheduled for June.

**Bison** – the Code Development Committee met in February 2016. A summary of that meeting is available at [www.nfacc.ca/progress-report-bison](http://www.nfacc.ca/progress-report-bison). The next meeting is scheduled for June 2016.

### **PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT (2015-2016) RELEASED**

NFACC is championing progress on farm animal care through the *Market Relevant Codes and Communication Leadership Project*. A compilation of accomplishments for Year Two (April 2015-March 2016) of the project is now available from NFACC's website at [www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/NFACC\\_AR\\_2016\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/NFACC_AR_2016_EN.pdf). Please feel free to share the report with anyone you think would be interested.

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## NFACC WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER - CARGILL (CANADA)



NFACC is pleased to welcome Cargill (Canada) as Associate Members.

*"We are pleased to join NFACC as associate members. Our operations touch the health and well-being of animals through our animal feed products, the work we do with our farmer partners, and the education we undertake with employees at our processing facilities. Animal welfare is an essential component of how we operate our plants and other company-owned facilities. The humane treatment of animals in our supply chains, as well as the respectful handling of animals in our care, is critical to our business success."*

*Dr. Mike Siemens, Global Lead  
Animal Welfare & Husbandry, Cargill Animal Protein*

### NEW WHITEBOARD VIDEOS RELEASED ON THE CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Two whiteboard videos have been released to explain the Code development process in an engaging way that breaks down the complexities of the process. The first video, Raising the Bar: The Code Development Process explains the seven steps of a Code's development and can be viewed at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2cvixnA\\_MQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2cvixnA_MQ) The second video, Key Features of the Code Development Process highlights important Code process features that contribute to sustainable animal welfare improvements and public trust while supporting the viability of Canadian farmers. This video can be viewed at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFbyJIFqwnM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFbyJIFqwnM)

Please feel free to share these links.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit [www.nfacc.ca](http://www.nfacc.ca) for more information and links to the following events:

- International One Welfare Conference  
September 26 - 28, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
<http://onewelfareconference.ca>
- National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Forum 2016  
November 29 - 30, Ottawa, Ontario  
<http://www.ahwcouncil.ca>

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