



Dairy Code Public Comment Period Quantitative Analysis Summary

The public comment period (PCP) for the draft Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle was open to respondents between November 29, 2021, to January 27, 2022. During that time, 5,884 respondents completed a submission (timeline shown in Figure 1). The summary below describes the quantitative analysis of the responses.

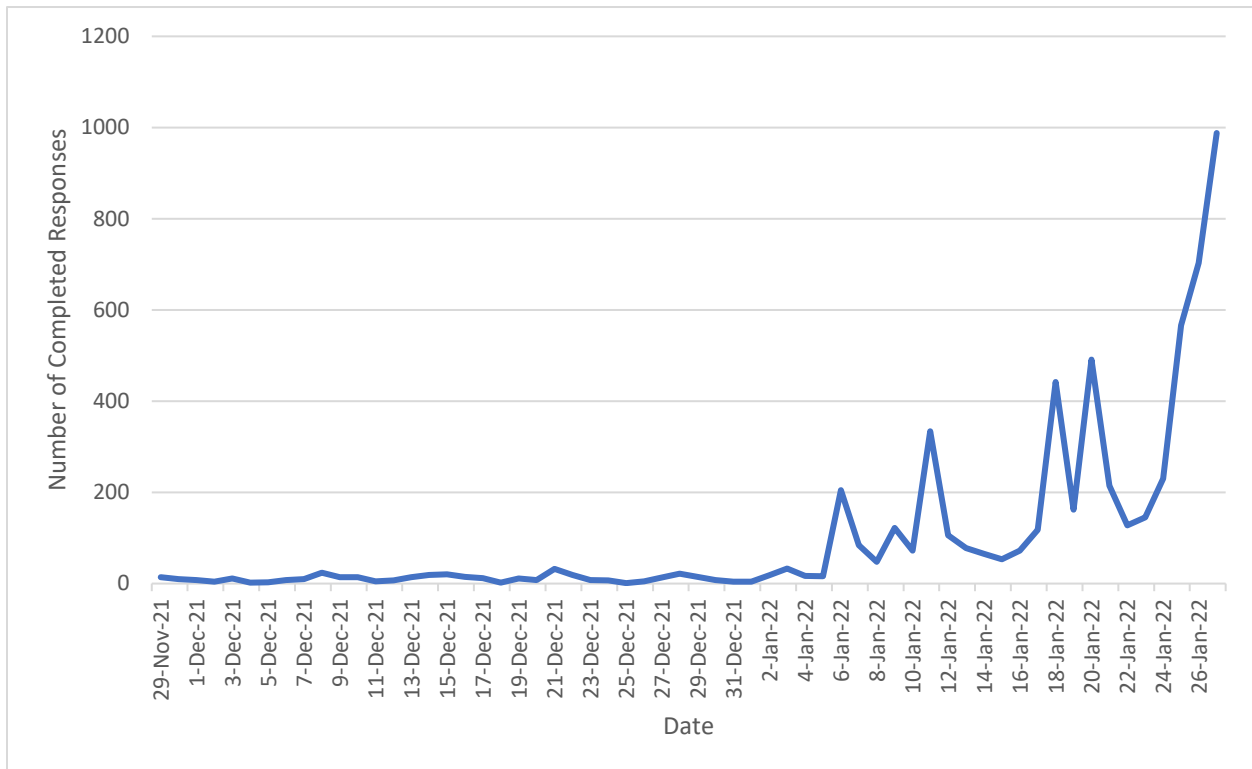


Figure 1. Dairy Code PCP Response Timeline

Fifty submissions were on behalf of a group, of which 38 were English, and 12 were French. Of the remaining 5,834 individual responses, 3,062 were English, and 2,772 were French. 14.8% of respondents did not specify their residential province and only indicated that they were from Canada. Of those that did specify their residence, the majority of responses came from Quebec (48.7%), British Columbia (19.5%), and Ontario (12.6%, Figure 2).

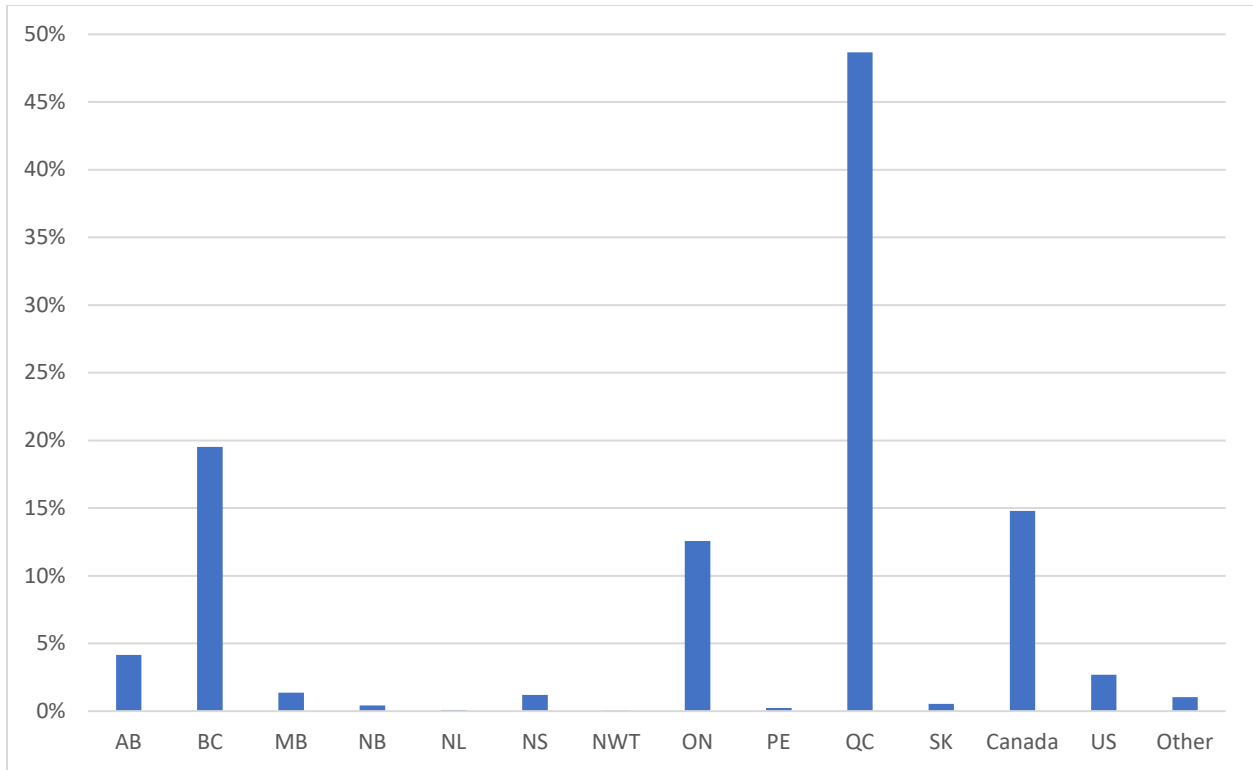


Figure 2. Residence of Dairy Code PCP Respondents

Respondents were able to comment on 58 sections of the draft, and they were able to submit one general comment. There were 613 individuals that clicked submit but did not submit any comments. The remaining 5,271 respondents submitted a total of 45,407 comments. The majority (76.4%) of those respondents submitted 10 or fewer comments.

The majority of respondents identified as a dairy producer (40%), concerned citizen/animal welfare advocate (31.3%), and a consumer (17.4%, Figure 3). Of the Quebec respondents, the majority identified as a dairy producer (54.3%), concerned citizen/animal welfare advocate (18.8%), and a consumer (15.4%).

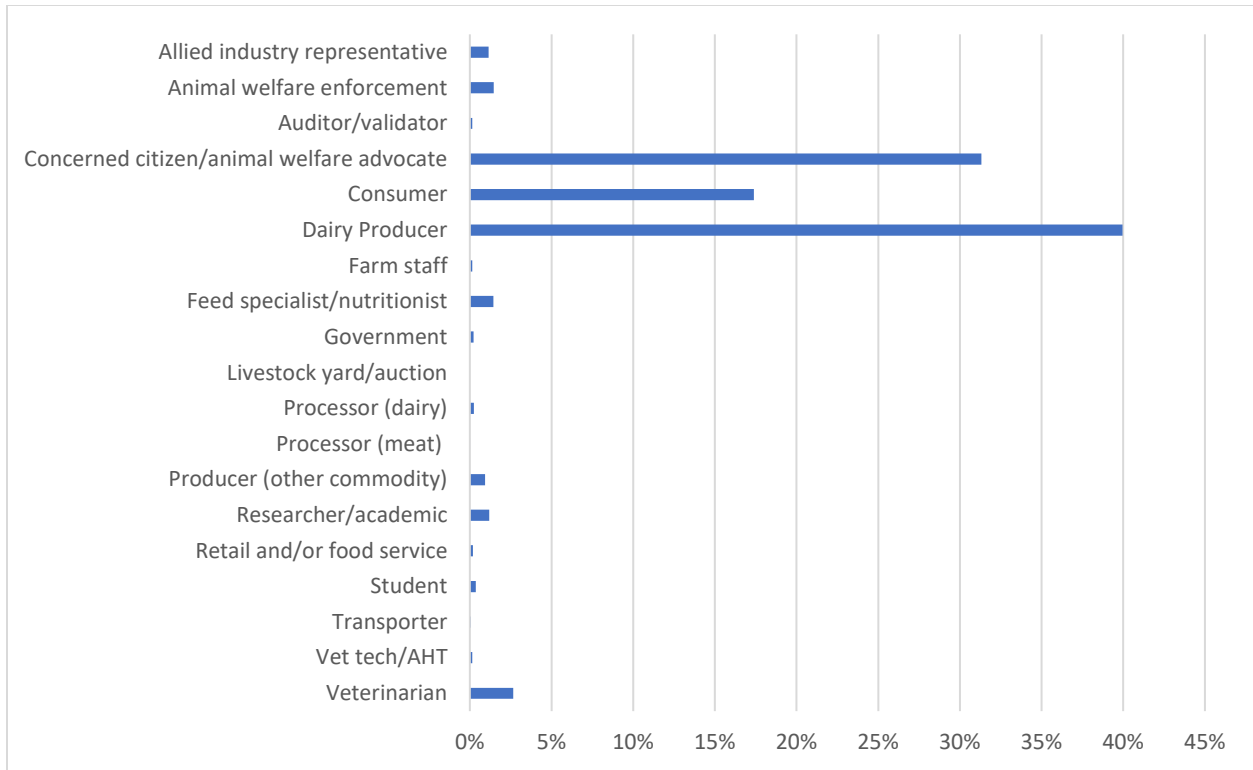


Figure 3. Stakeholder groups of Dairy Code PCP respondents

The general comment section received the most comments (55.8%, Figure 4). Of the specific sections of the draft Dairy Code, sections 2.2.3 – Lactating and Dry Cows (50.7%), 2.2.1 – Calves (Pre-Weaning; 49.6%), and 2.3.1 – Calving Areas (30.17%) were the most commonly commented on.

Aside from general comments, the subsections that received the most comments per major stakeholder group are outlined below.

Dairy Producers:

1. Section 2.2.3 – Lactating and Dry Cows (65.89%)
2. Section 2.2.1 – Calves (Pre-Weaning; 57.34%)
3. Section 2.3.1 – Calving Areas (43.39%)

Animal Welfare Advocates, Concerned Citizens, Consumers, General Public:

1. Section 2.2.1 – Calves (Pre-Weaning; 43.02%)
2. Section 2.2.3 – Lactating and Dry Cows (38.06%)
3. Section 2.11 – Emergencies and Safety (25.99%)

Groups:

1. Section 2.2.1 – Calves (Pre-Weaning; 80%)
2. Section 2.2.3 – Lactating and Dry Cows (68%)
3. Section 5.5 – Calf Health (50%)

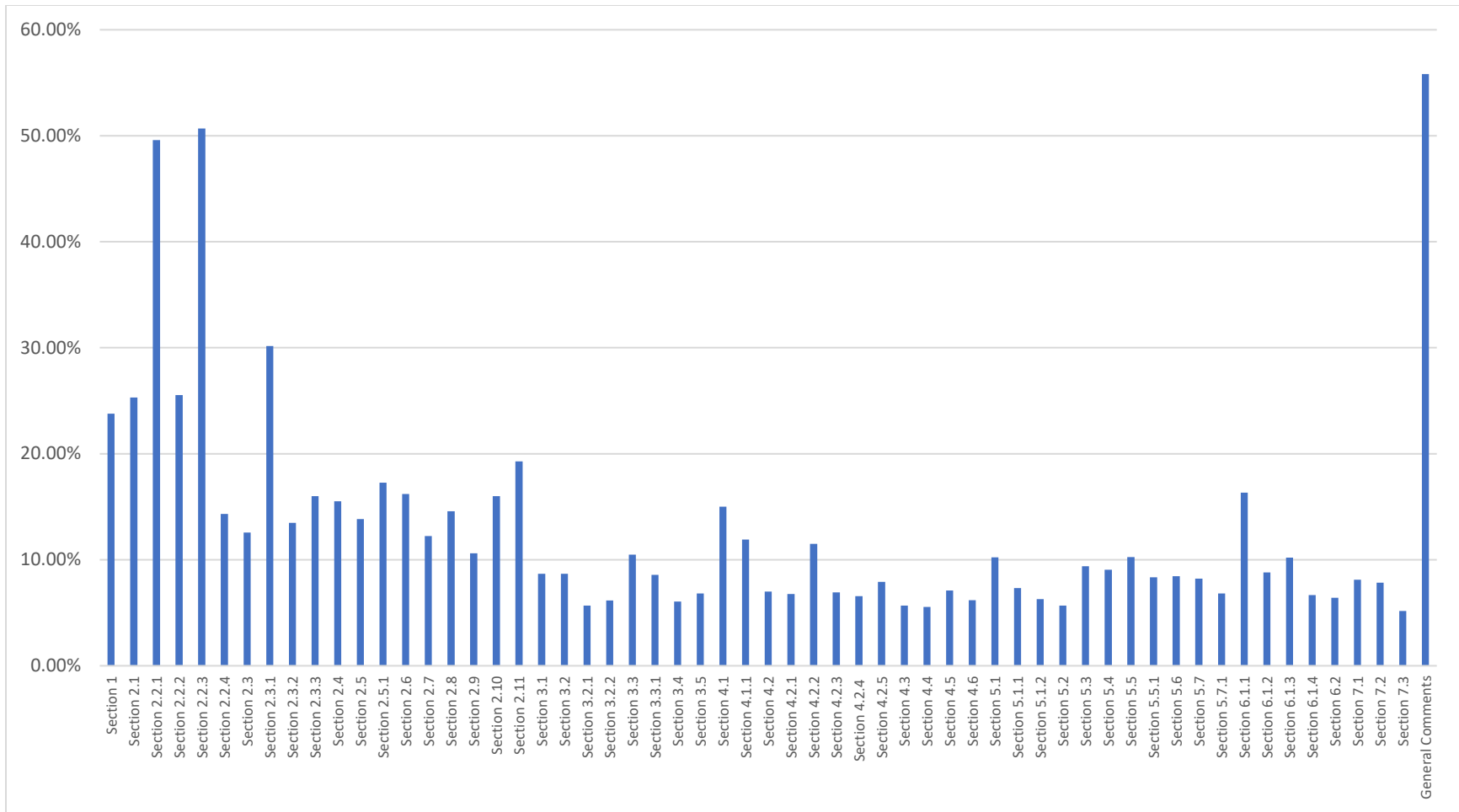


Figure 4. Frequency of comment submissions per subsection of the Dairy Code PCP

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