



NFACC Information Update: January 2017

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MARKET RELEVANT CODES AND COMMUNICATION LEADERSHIP PROJECT* UPDATE

Pick your public comment period...

Bison – the public comment period for the bison Code began on November 21st and runs until January 19, 2017. Access the draft Code and the public comment period system, and have your say at www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/bison.

Veal Cattle – the public comment period for the veal cattle Code began on December 12th and runs until February 14th, 2017. Access the draft Code and the public comment period system, and have your say at www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/veal-cattle.

Rabbits – the public comment period for the rabbit Code will commence on January 30th and run until March 31st.

Final preparations are being made and on January 30th you will be able to access the draft Code and public comment period system at www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/rabbits. A press release will announce the beginning of the public comment period.

The peer-reviewed rabbit Scientific Committee's report is finished and is being prepared for publication. It will be released publicly when the draft Code is released for its public comment period.

PRIORITY WELFARE TOPIC AREAS FOR A TRANSPORTATION SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

The National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) aims to initiate an update to the 2001 transportation Code of Practice in 2018. However, first steps toward this objective are being undertaken now.

The Scientific Committee has been established (see www.nfacc.ca/code-development-process#steps). The Scientific Committee develops a report synthesizing the results of research relating to key animal welfare issues for the Code being developed – in this case, transportation.

Input was sought via a survey as to the priority animal welfare issues during the transport process that should be covered by the Scientific Committee report.

Visit www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/transportation to see the final list of priority welfare issues and the members of Scientific Committee.

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DRAFT STANDARDS FOR OPTIMIZING ANIMAL WELFARE OUTCOMES DURING SLAUGHTER WITHOUT STUNNING AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Federal/Provincial Animal Welfare Group* has developed draft Standards to protect animal and bird welfare during slaughter without stunning. The intent of the draft Standards is to clarify acceptable practices in situations where stunning is not used prior to slaughter.

A link to the invitation to participate in the consultation is available at:
www.nfacc.ca/resources/swos/CCVO_letter_pcp_25NOV2016.pdf

The consultation runs from November 28, 2016 – January 27, 2017.

**This working group comprises key organizations, including the CFIA, and is responsible for delivering animal care programs at the federal, provincial and territorial levels.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit www.nfacc.ca for more information and links to the following events:

- **Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) Association Livestock Care Conference**
March 21-22, Leduc, Alberta
www.afac.ab.ca/2017

If you have an animal welfare event that you would like us to feature, please email Ina (ina@nfacc.ca).

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