



NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL
CONSEIL NATIONAL POUR LES SOINS AUX ANIMAUX D'ÉLEVAGE

An Introduction to the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC)

NFACC is an organization of diverse partners that work collaboratively to:

- **Uphold a credible, science-informed approach for the development of [Codes of Practice for the care and handling of farm animals](#).** Nine new Codes have been released since 2009 (dairy cattle, beef cattle, pigs, sheep, equine, mink, farmed fox, hatching eggs, breeders, chickens and turkeys, pullets and laying hens). A new bison Code will be released in August 2017. In addition, newly updated Codes for veal cattle and rabbits will be available in 2017;
- **Uphold a standard, credible approach for the development of animal care assessment programs.** NFACC's [Animal Care Assessment Framework](#) provides a credible, nationally coordinated process for developing animal care assessment programs based on the Codes of Practice. Dairy Farmers of Canada and the National Cattle Feeders Association are both recognized by NFACC as having developed animal care assessment programs for their sectors that adhere to the Framework. The Canada Mink Breeders Association, Canada Fox Breeders Association, and Canadian Cattlemen's Association are currently developing animal care assessment programs for their sectors following NFACC's Animal Care Assessment Framework;
- **Facilitate information sharing and communication** on farm animal care and welfare amongst diverse stakeholders;

Animal agriculture, along with allied and downstream industries, are increasingly being challenged relative to how farm animals are cared for. NFACC's focus is on improving animal welfare, supply chain performance and trust among value chain partners through **rigorous pre-competitive standards development processes**.

What makes NFACC unique is the partnership between animal agriculture industry groups, animal welfare advocates, governments, scientists, veterinarians and the food industry. Associations and businesses associated with NFACC have a shared reference point for collective action, as well as access to animal welfare expertise and a built-in stakeholder network. This offers all partners a level of credibility and convenience that saves them from having to "re-invent the wheel."

NFACC's [Achievements report 2016-2017](#) outlines recent accomplishments and the progress being made on the farm animal welfare front. Visit www.nfacc.ca for many more details on NFACC's work, as well as NFACC's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/NFACCcanada>) for informative videos, including short whiteboard videos explaining the Code development process.

An opportunity to discuss NFACC's relevance to your organization is welcomed. Please talk to the person who provided you with this one-pager, or contact NFACC's General Manager, Jackie Wepruk, at nfacc@xplor.net or 403.783.4066.

