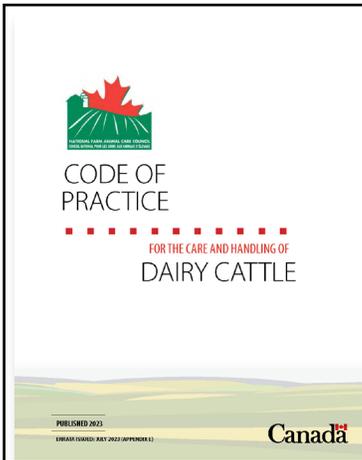


An Introduction to the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC)

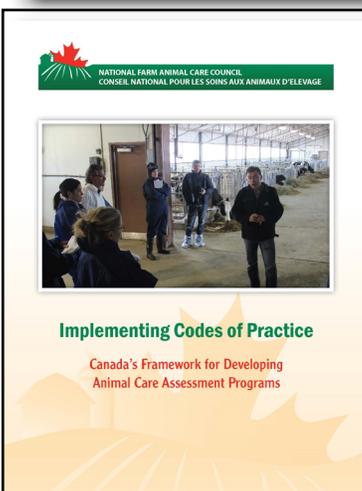


NFACC is a **uniquely Canadian organization of diverse partners** that serves as the **national lead for farm animal care and welfare** in Canada. We include almost all species of farmed animals, harnessing our collective knowledge and experience.

Animal agriculture, along with allied and downstream industries, are increasingly being challenged regarding how farm animals are cared for. Collectively they have recognized the need for, and the value of, an independent organization that can **build trust through frameworks for rigorous, pre-competitive approaches to address farm animal welfare**.

That is where NFACC comes in. NFACC works collaboratively with its members to:

- **Uphold a credible, multi-stakeholder, science-informed approach** for the development of [Codes of Practice for the care and handling of farm animals](#). There are fourteen Codes of Practice covering virtually every type of major farmed animal.
- **Uphold a standard, credible approach for the development of animal care assessment programs**. [NFACC's Animal Care Assessment Framework](#) provides a nationally coordinated process for developing animal care assessment programs, providing assurance that national Codes of Practice are being followed.
- **Facilitate information sharing and communication** on farm animal care and welfare amongst diverse stakeholders.



By bringing together animal agriculture industry groups, animal welfare advocates, government representatives, scientists, veterinarians, and the food industry, NFACC **unifies its diverse membership around a shared reference point for collective action**. Alongside **access to animal welfare expertise** and a **built-in stakeholder network**, NFACC partners are able to work credibly and efficiently towards solutions that support **sound business decisions** and **policies related to farm animal welfare**, without having to “re-invent the wheel.” This process is based on a foundation of **trust, communication and respect**, with **all members committed to working together to advance animal welfare**.

NFACC's recent [Achievements Report](#) outlines 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](#) for informative videos.

An opportunity to discuss NFACC's relevance to your organization is welcomed. Please contact NFACC's Division Director, Jackie Wepruk, at jrwepruk@animalhealth-canada.ca.

