



NFACC Information Update: February 2022

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RECORD HIGH PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT DAIRY CATTLE CODE OF PRACTICE

Thank you to everyone who offered helpful feedback on the draft dairy cattle Code of Practice. 5,884 respondents completed a submission on the draft Code, making this the most commented on Code of Practice in NFACC's history. Additionally, 50 organizational submissions (e.g., on behalf of an association, ministry, council) were received. In total, this Code received about 45,470 actual comments.

The majority of responses came from Quebec (48.7%), with British Columbia (19.5%), and Ontario (12.6%) rounding out the top three residences of respondents. Dairy farmers in particular made their voices heard. 40% of respondents identified as dairy farmers, with 31% identifying as concerned citizens/animal welfare advocates, and 27% identifying as consumers. Of the seven chapters, housing received the most comments especially the sections on lactating and dry cow housing, calf housing, and calving areas.

A series of meetings have already been scheduled in March through June so the Code Committee can begin reviewing and discussing the feedback.

Previous progress reports on the update to the dairy cattle Code are available [here](#).

For information on the steps of the Code development process and progress of the Codes being updated follow this [link](#).

NEW NFACC CONVERSATIONS PODCAST LAUNCHED

Everyone has a podcast and now NFACC does too! The NFACC Conversations podcast will explore topics on farm animal welfare, particularly as they relate to the work of NFACC. A key objective is to expand the dialogue to a broader array of people who are interested in farm animal welfare and NFACC.

The NFACC Conversations podcast is being launched with an episode on the transportation Code of Practice, which is currently being updated. It takes an inside look at the first transportation Code committee meeting, featuring a facilitated discussion amongst the transportation representatives on the committee, led by Dr. Jeffrey Spooner.

To subscribe to the NFACC Conversations podcast or to listen to the first episode, click [here](#). You can also access episodes from NFACC's website [here](#).

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NFACC IN THE NEWS

For media coverage featuring NFACC in the news click [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Using sensors and AI to measure dairy cattle emotions**
March 4, Online
[Registration](#)
 - **Why companion animal welfare scientists should think like sociologists – CCSAW Seminar Series**
March 30, Online
[Registration](#)
 - **Humane Canada's Summit for Animals**
May 3-27, Hybrid
[Registration](#)
 - **2022 Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium**
May 18-19, Syracuse, New York
[Registration](#)
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If you have an animal welfare event that you would like us to feature, please email Liz at liz@nfacc.ca.

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