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NEW NFACC CONVERSATIONS PODCAST EPISODE RELEASED

[Episode five](#) of the NFACC Conversations podcast is now available. This episode, “A Seat at the Code Committee Table: Insights from the Sheep Code Update,” will take a closer look at the current sheep Code update, as well as unpack the impact and value of Canada’s Codes of Practice.

In this episode, we are joined by Fred Baker and Dr. Charlotte Winder. Fred is an Ontario sheep producer and represents the Canadian Sheep Federation as Chair of the Sheep Code Committee. Charlotte is a veterinarian, researcher, and faculty member at the Ontario Veterinary College, Department of Veterinary Medicine. She is the Chair of the sheep Code Scientific Committee and as such is also a sheep Code Committee member.

The episode was hosted and produced by ACER Consulting.

Episode five, as well as past episodes, are available on NFACC’s website [here](#) or through Podbean, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify.

INPUT MATTERS - EVERY CODE INVITES CANADIANS TO SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVES

A crucial part of the Code process is the [Public Comment Period](#); a sixty-day opportunity for anyone and everyone to review the work that has been done thus far by a Code Committee and offer their comments on the draft content.

Two of the most important questions asked about the Public Comment Period are: Is my viewpoint heard? And do I have an influence?

The answer is an emphatic “Yes”!

Comments are encouraged from anyone who wishes to add their voice to the discussion and have their viewpoints considered in the Code development process. This supports a robust process and helps Codes achieve an effective balance that reflects multi-stakeholder interests and priorities for advancing farm animal welfare.

A collection of frequently asked questions regarding the Public Comment Period can be found [here](#).

Get involved with the NFACC process by participating in the sheep Code Public comment period.
The draft sheep Code was released for public comment on August 10th and is now accessible [here](#).

Everyone involved in the NFACC process comes with the simple goal of helping Canada continually improve animal welfare. **What are your viewpoints that can support that goal?**

THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE CODES

Good decisions start with good science. Every Code begins with asking the right questions—and reviewing the best available science.

Explore the most recent peer-reviewed Scientific Committee reports on priority welfare issues that support Code updates:

- [Sheep Scientific Committee Report](#) - **JUST RELEASED!**
- [Beef Cattle Scientific Committee Report](#) – released April 2026
- [Equine Scientific Committee Report](#) – released January 2026

CURIOUS ABOUT NFACC ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP?

Is your organization curious about being an NFACC member? The National Farm Animal Care Council is a forum where all believe in progressive and achievable advances in animal welfare, coming together, and deliberating upon how to support the welfare of animals used in agriculture. Learn about the benefits of membership [here](#).

Find out more about associate membership at: [NFACC membership](#).

ANIMAL HEALTH CANADA FORUM – CHECK OUT THE AGENDA!

[Forum 2026](#) is bringing together the conversations shaping the future of animal health and welfare in Canada. Across two days, animal health and welfare leaders, experts and changemakers will tackle some of the most consequential and rapidly evolving issues facing our sector — from rising animal welfare expectations and biosecurity threats to cybersecurity, misinformation and public trust.

An exciting agenda is ready for viewing [here](#) - now it's time to make sure that you're in the room! [Register now](#).

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