



The National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) provides a forum for communication and collaboration among all partners in Canadian animal agriculture, focusing on responsible farm animal care.

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NFACC Partners

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Portfolio (AAFC, CFIA)
- Canada Fox Breeders Association
- Canada Mink Breeders Association
- Canadian Bison Association
- Canadian Cattlemen's Association
- Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- Canadian Federation of Humane Societies
- Canadian Hatching Egg Producers
- Canadian Meat Council
- Canadian Pork Council
- Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council
- Canadian Sheep Federation
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- Chicken Farmers of Canada
- Coalition of Provincial SPCAs (BC, SK, ON)
- Dairy Farmers of Canada
- Egg Farmers of Canada
- Equine Canada
- Ontario Trucking Association, Livestock Transporters' Division
- Provincial Ministries of Agriculture
- Provincial Farm Animal Councils (FFCO, FACS, AFAC, BCFACC)
- Retail Council of Canada
- Turkey Farmers of Canada

Associate Members

- Loblaw's Companies Limited
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ADVANCING FARM ANIMAL CARE THROUGH MARKET RELEVANT CODES

On July 31, 2014 Parliamentary Secretary Pierre Lemieux, on behalf of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, announced an investment of over \$2 million for a project that will allow Canadian animal agriculture to continue to address the increasing public interest and concern regarding farm animal welfare. The investment was made through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's AgriMarketing Program, a five-year, \$341-million initiative under Growing Forward 2.

The AAFC press release is available at: www.news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=872159

The joint NFACC/CAHC press release is available at: www.nfacc.ca/news?articleid=227

UPDATE ON NEW PROJECT: MARKET RELEVANT CODES AND COMMUNICATION LEADERSHIP

A contribution agreement has been signed between AAFC and the CAHC. The project, *Market Relevant Codes and Communication Leadership*, is officially underway and includes four approved activities:

1. **Finish two Codes of Practice** (chicken/turkey/hatching/egg and layer) that were initiated under Agri-Flexibility funding (AFI0015). Drafts of both Codes should be ready for public comment in 2015 and are scheduled to be completed in 2016.
2. **Print and circulate copies of the pig Code.** The pig Code was finalized and made electronically available in March 2014. However, hard copies of the Code were not made available due to the close of the AFI0015 project. This current project will tie up that final loose end by printing and circulating hard copies of the pig Code to stakeholder groups.
3. **Initiate and finish the development/update of three additional Codes of Practice for the care and handling of farm animals.** To date the veal, bison and rabbit industries have each stepped forward indicating a desire to update their Codes. An update to the transport Code has been raised, but there are considerations needed before embarking on this significant undertaking. NFACC will determine the three Codes to be updated under this project at its next meeting in the Fall.
4. **Communication Leadership** with the aim of increasing the network/information sharing capacity that will promote Canada's national animal welfare Code development system and the Codes developed through it.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - 2015 CFHS NATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

The call for abstracts for the **2015 CFHS National Animal Welfare Conference** is now open. The conference will be held in the spring of 2015 in British Columbia (exact dates and location to be announced shortly). Presentations and abstracts from the 2014 conference can be viewed at: <http://cfhs.ca/info/abstracts>.

For more information: http://cfhs.ca/info/national_animal_welfare_conference_1/

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **WAFL2014 - 6th International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level** – September 3-5, 2014, <https://colloque.inra.fr/wafl2014>
- **Animal Welfare Symposium 2014: Humane Endings - In Search of Best Practices for Euthanasia, Humane Slaughter and the Depopulation of Animals** - November 3-5, 2014, www.avma.org/Events/Symposiums/Pages/2014-Humane-Endings-Symposium.aspx?utm_source=smartbrief&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=smartbrief-assoc-news