



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

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#### **MARKET RELEVANT CODES AND COMMUNICATION LEADERSHIP PROJECT\* UPDATE**

As this project gets closer to completion it is worth reflecting upon the accomplishments achieved and the continual progress being made on farm animal welfare in Canada.

Four Codes have been released so far through this project - Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys; Pullets and Laying Hens; Bison; and Veal Cattle.

The **veal cattle Code** was released on November 27. It is now available at [www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/veal-cattle](http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/veal-cattle). Progressive new standards are now in place for veal production in Canada.

The Code of practice for the care and handling of **Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys** was completed in June 2016. Since that time Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC), Turkey Farmers of Canada (TFC), Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP), and the Canadian Hatcheries Federation (CHF) are each working toward updating their animal care assessment programs to verify adherence to their Code. CFC, TFC & CHF will be using NFACC's Animal Care Assessment Framework (ACAF) to guide their work. More information on the ACAF can be found at [www.nfacc.ca/animal-care-assessment](http://www.nfacc.ca/animal-care-assessment).

Egg Farmers of Canada (EFC) is also updating its animal care assessment program to verify adherence to the new Code for **Pullets and Laying Hens**, released in March 2017. Similarly, EFC is also utilizing NFACC's ACAF to guide their program's update.

**Rabbits** – a new Code of Practice will be released on February 15, 2018. This is the first ever Code of Practice for rabbits in Canada. ***Congratulations to the Code Development Committee for their hard work and commitment in getting this Code completed!***

#### **REPORT AVAILABLE ON REGULATORY AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY**

A high level overview of regulatory requirements, and operational background and considerations relative to the scope of the Transportation Code of Practice is available at [www.nfacc.ca/transportation-code-of-practice-update](http://www.nfacc.ca/transportation-code-of-practice-update). The report is comprehensive in its scope and provides additional resource links from which readers can gain additional information. The report will provide a common background and context for the Transportation Code Development Committee(s), once it is formed.

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## ISAE CONGRESS IS COMING TO CANADA

The International Congress of the International Society for Applied Ethology will be held from July 30 to August 3, 2018 at The University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI, Canada.

The International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE) is the leading scientific society for the study of the behaviour and welfare of confined or domesticated animals. The Congress provides an international forum for the presentation and discussion of advances in applied animal behaviour science and animal welfare.

The main theme of the conference is 'Ethology for health and welfare'.

For further information see [www.isae2018.com](http://www.isae2018.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit [www.nfacc.ca](http://www.nfacc.ca) for more information and links to the following events:

- **Canadian Federation of Humane Societies National Animal Welfare Conference**  
April 21-24, 2018, Calgary, Alberta  
<http://conference.cfhs.ca>
- **International Association for Applied Ethology Congress**  
July 3 – August 3, 2018, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island  
[www.isae2018.com](http://www.isae2018.com)

If you have an animal welfare event that you would like us to feature, please email Ina ([ina@nfacc.ca](mailto:ina@nfacc.ca)).

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