



NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL
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What's Great About Being a Part of the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC)?

Being a member of the NFACC is about shaping the way farm animals are cared for in Canada. Here are some of the top reasons to be a member:

Building Trust and Reputation

Being linked with NFACC shows you care about farm animal welfare. It helps your organization stand out as a leader in responsible farm animal care, boosting trust with partners and with the public.

A Credible and Consistent Approach

The credibility of NFACC and its processes are something that all members can collectively lean upon.

- There is value in being able to lean on the Codes – “here’s what we stand for and expect.” They’re a kind of insurance policy against knee-jerk reactions to difficult situations.
- The consistent manner with which Codes are developed/updated helps everyone to build a common understanding of how standards are developed and to know what to expect from the process, adding credibility and legitimacy to every Code developed through NFACC.
- NFACC Codes and the assessment programs based upon them offer a “shorthand” for understanding the farm animal welfare landscape and what can be expected/asked of suppliers, clients, farmers. Everyone is building Codes and assessment programs utilizing the same process.

Connecting with Others

When you join NFACC, you become part of a collaborative effort that brings together all kinds of people, including farmers, veterinarians, processors, retailers, government, and animal welfare groups. It’s a great place to share ideas, learn from others, and engage in innovative processes. The opportunity for cross-learning between different sectors facing similar challenges is incomparable.

- For all members NFACC meetings are a unique twice-a-year opportunity to engage and network in the advancement of farm animal welfare.

Having a Say in Standards Development Processes

Members get a real voice when it comes to updating and advancing the process by which national Codes of Practice for farm animal care are developed - making a difference across animal-based industries.



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Working Together for Better Care

Joining NFACC means you're committed to continual improvement on animal welfare. By working as a team, members help manage change over time, moving standards and practices forward, making things better for animals, farmers, and everyone involved.

Getting Useful Info and Tools

The level of transparency and access to materials is organizationally unique:

- Regardless of membership category, all NFACC members, including associate members are invited to all meetings and have access to NFACC meeting materials, minutes, presentations, session summaries, etc.
- NFACC meetings are like mini workshops/conferences where all members are provided with quality presentations, panel discussions, and breakout sessions.

Learning and Growing

Through NFACC meetings members have the chance to go deeper in their understanding of animal welfare and of how different groups frame what farm animal welfare means to them. We move from asking “who is right” to “what does animal welfare look like if we are all right?” NFACC does not shy away from the hard, more philosophical, discussions. These exchanges are critical underpinnings for consensus on more practical/tangible topics.

Summing Up

NFACC membership is packed with benefits—from connecting and learning to having a say and building trust. All these perks empower members to make a real difference in animal welfare and agriculture overall.