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**Canada's Codes
Scientifically-Informed, Practical, and
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Our Mission

CFHS: To promote the humane treatment of all animals and supports our members and other like-minded organizations that are committed to this goal.



BC SPCA: To protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in B.C.



Scientifically Informed?

- The Scientific Committees and their reports are a lynchpin to the credibility of the process
- But the Code Development Committee decides what to require or recommend



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Practical and Reflective of Societal Expectations?

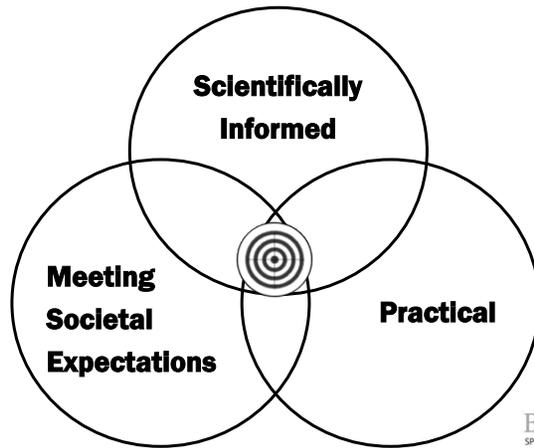
- These are often at odds
- The best measure is the public comment response:

Producers will let you know if the Code is impractical or too costly

The public will let you know if it's not meeting their expectations

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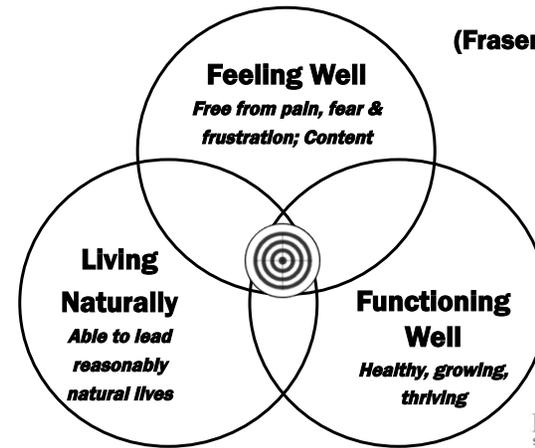
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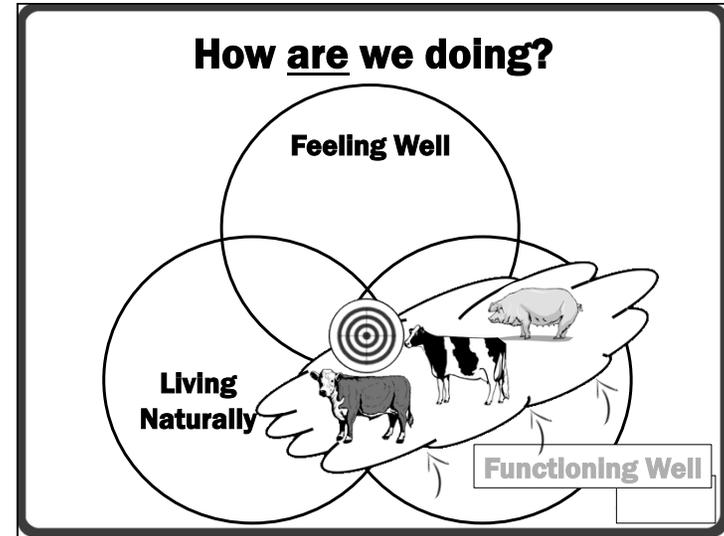
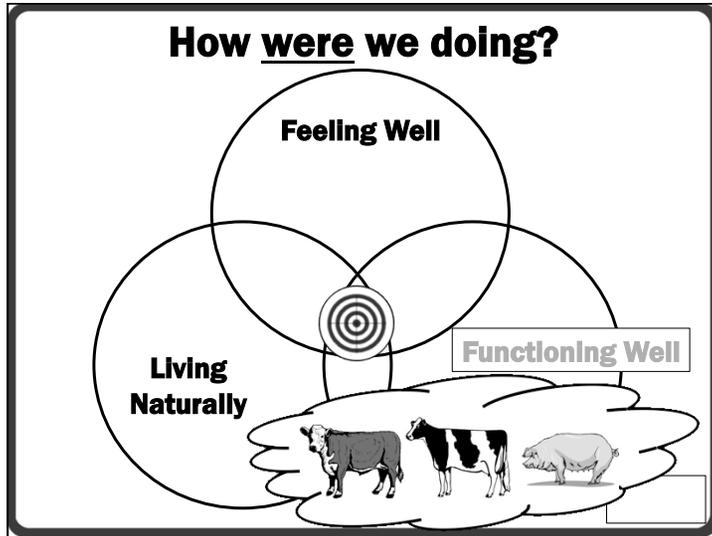
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(Fraser 1997)



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How are we doing?

Better than the original Codes!

“Thanks to the commitment of the committee members to animal welfare, this Code is among the best in the world and I am optimistic it will result in real improvements to the welfare of dairy cattle.” - BC SPCA

“The dairy code is the first code produced under the new system, and is an improved product over previous industry codes.”
- Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals

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Conclusion

- Progress has been made
- Need to demonstrate compliance to ensure public buy-in





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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE & HANDLING OF PIGS: REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON PRIORITY ISSUES

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