



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



The use of a Multi-Stakeholder approach to develop animal welfare standards

Centre for Organizational Governance in Agriculture (COGA)

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Who we are

- ▶ Collaborative partnership of diverse stakeholders created to share information and work together on farm animal care and welfare (40+ partner organizations)
- ▶ National lead for farm animal care in Canada

What we do

- ▶ Process for Codes of Practice for the care and handling of farm animals
- ▶ Animal Care Assessment Framework (ACAF)
- ▶ Facilitate information sharing and communication

How we do it

- ▶ Consensus-based model of decision making
- ▶ Cultivating relationships, building trust, open communication and collaboration

Our Goal: real progress on farm animal welfare while maintaining the viability of Canadian animal agriculture



NFACC Partners

Farmed Animal Industry Associations

Canada Fox Breeders Association
Canada Mink Breeders Association
Canadian Bison Association
Canadian Cattlemen's Association
Canadian Federation of Agriculture
Canadian Hatching Egg Producers
Canadian Pork Council
Canadian Sheep Federation
Canadian Veal Association
Chicken Farmers of Canada
Dairy Farmers of Canada
Egg Farmers of Canada
Equine Canada
Turkey Farmers of Canada

Processors

Canadian Meat Council
Canadian Poultry & Egg Processors
Council
Dairy Processors Association of Canada



Animal Health Associations

- ▶ Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

Consumer Groups

- ▶ Retail Council of Canada
- ▶ Restaurants Canada

Animal Welfare Associations

- ▶ Canadian Federation of Humane Societies
- ▶ Coalition of Provincial SPCA (BC, SK, ON)
- ▶ World Animal Protection, Canada

Provincial Groups

- ▶ Ontario Trucking Association
- ▶ Alberta Farm Animal Care Association

Governments

- ▶ Agriculture and Agri-Food Portfolio (AAFC, CFIA)
- ▶ Provincial Agriculture Departments (FPAW)

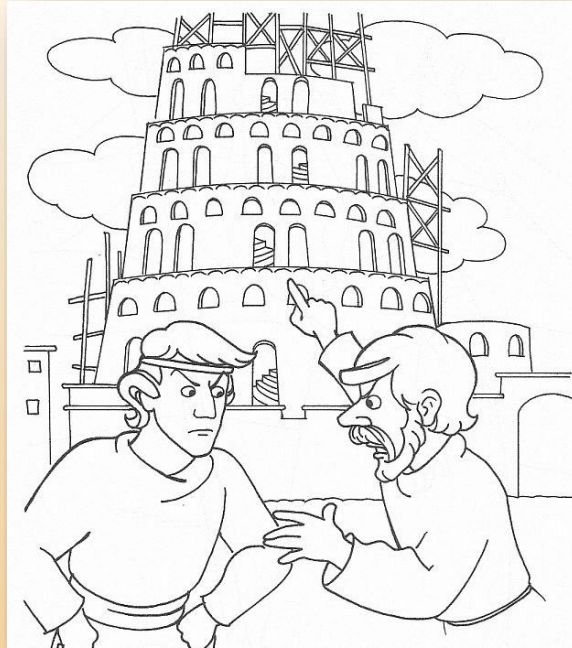
Other

Canada's research community

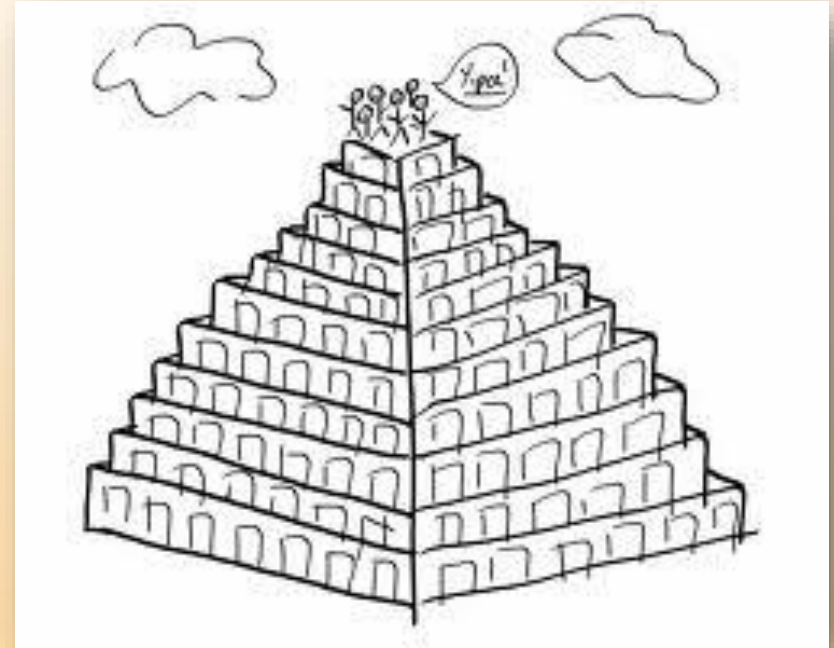
Associate Members

- ▶ Loblaw
- ▶ Sobeys
- ▶ Tim Hortons
- ▶ Manitoba Pork Council
- ▶ Saputo
- ▶ Burnbrae Farms
- ▶ McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd
- ▶ A & W Food Services of Canada Inc
- ▶ Elanco Animal Health, Canada
- ▶ Boehringer Ingelheim, Canada
- ▶ Maple Leaf
- ▶ Cargill Canada
- ▶ Aramark Canada
- ▶ Farm Credit Canada
- ▶ White Spot Restaurants
- ▶ NSF International
- ▶ Farm and Food Care Ontario
- ▶ Agropur
- ▶ Cara

Challenges: the animal welfare Tower of Babel



vs



Why Diversity Leads to Better Decisions

The science –
pros and cons

Comfortable/relaxed
vs awkward/tense

Power of
Anticipation

The pain of
working
harder

The gain of
creativity/innovation

Confidence
in decisions



Even if we can't agree on everything...

OVERBOARD



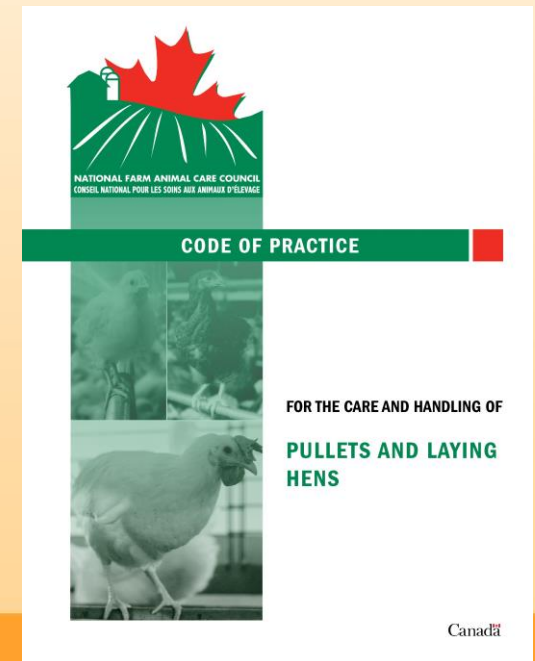
Canada's Codes of Practice

The Codes of Practice - guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals

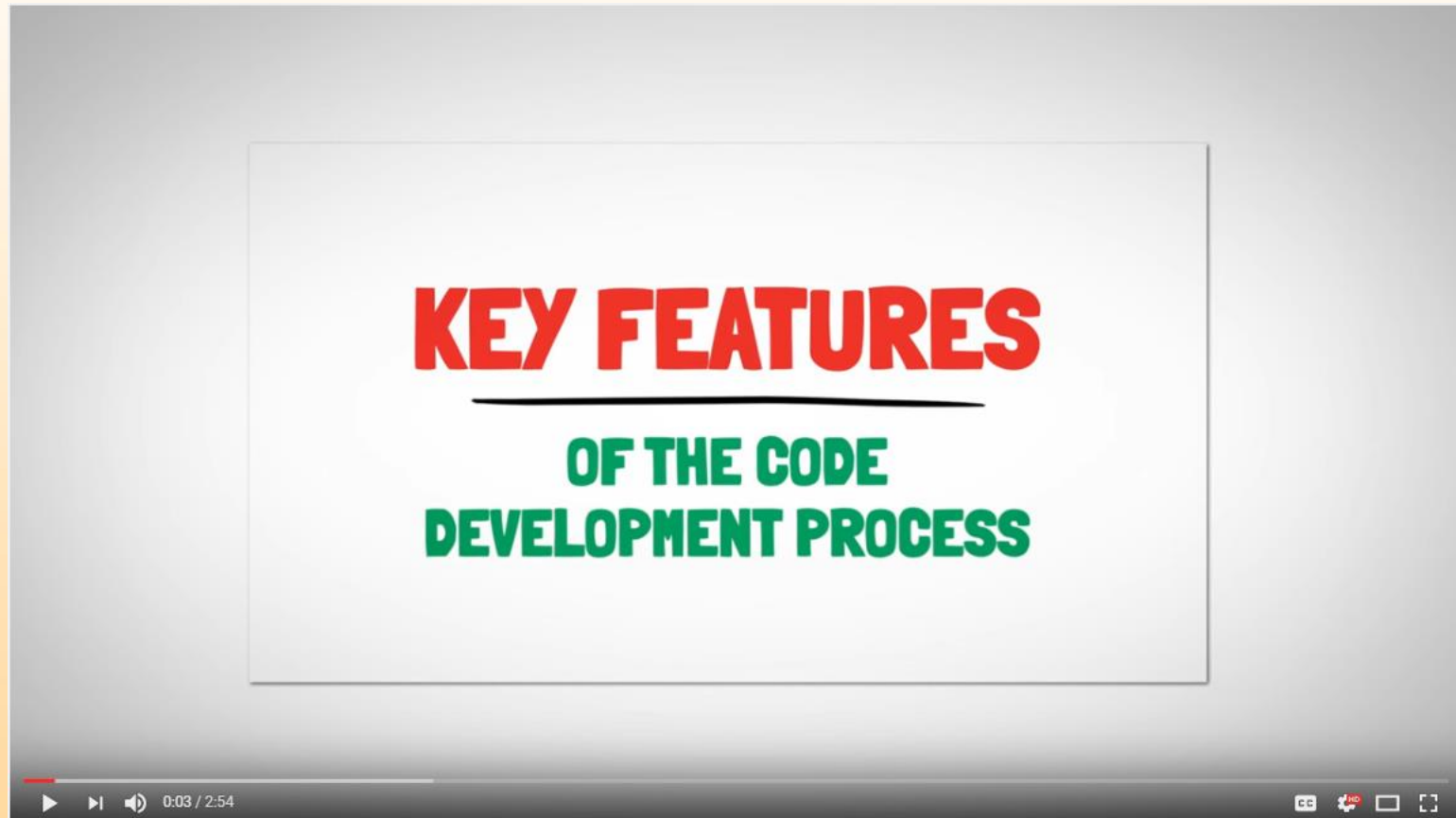
- ▶ Our national understanding of farm animal care requirements and recommended practices
- ▶ Scientifically informed, practical, and reflect societal expectations for responsible farm animal care

The Codes of Practice serve as

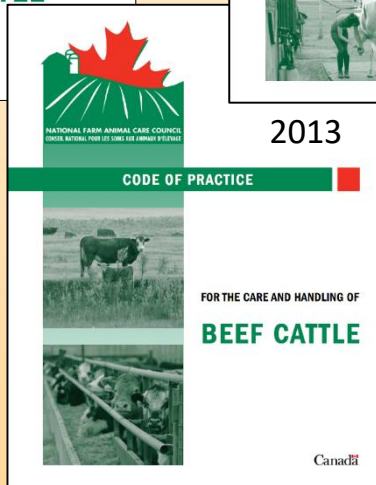
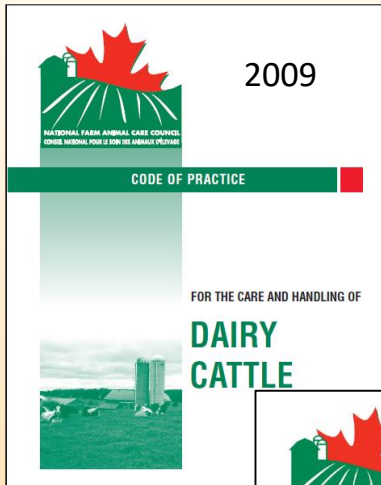
- ▶ Extension tools
- ▶ Foundation for animal care assessment programs
- ▶ Reference materials for regulations



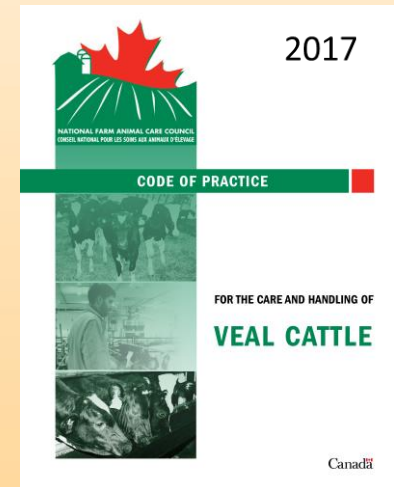
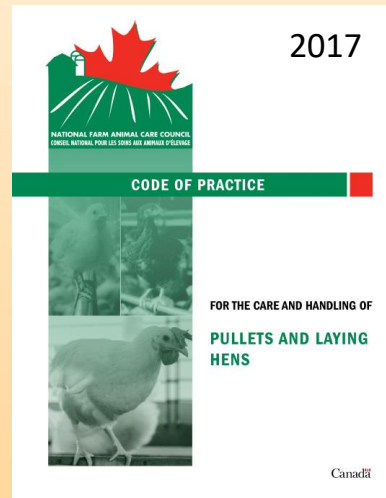
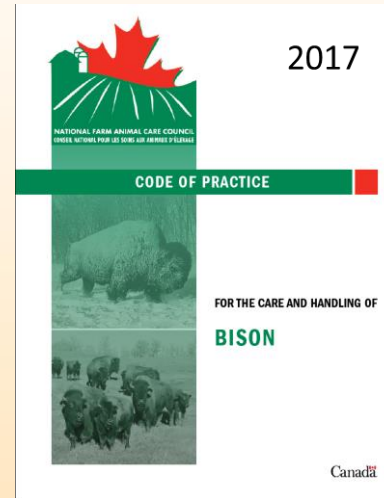
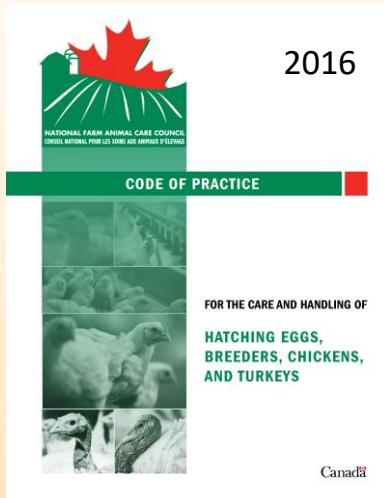
Canada's Codes of Practice



Completed Codes of Practice since 2009



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What's next...

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CODE OF PRACTICE

FOR THE CARE AND
HANDLING OF

Rabbits

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Animal Care Assessment Framework (ACAF)

Codes of Practice are a vital foundation, but alone are not enough...

ACAF

A nationally coordinated approach to the development and implementation of animal care assessment programs

- ▶ Demonstrate that Codes are being followed
- ▶ Enhance credibility of programs
- ▶ Enhance consistency of program development
- ▶ Enhance ability to communicate on animal care assessment in Canada



Animal Care Assessment Framework (ACAF)

Programs Recognized as following the ACAF

- ▶ Dairy Farmers of Canada
 - ▶ On farm roll out through pro Action initiative (www.dairyfarmers.ca/proaction/why-proaction)
- ▶ National Cattle Feeders Association

Programs under development/update

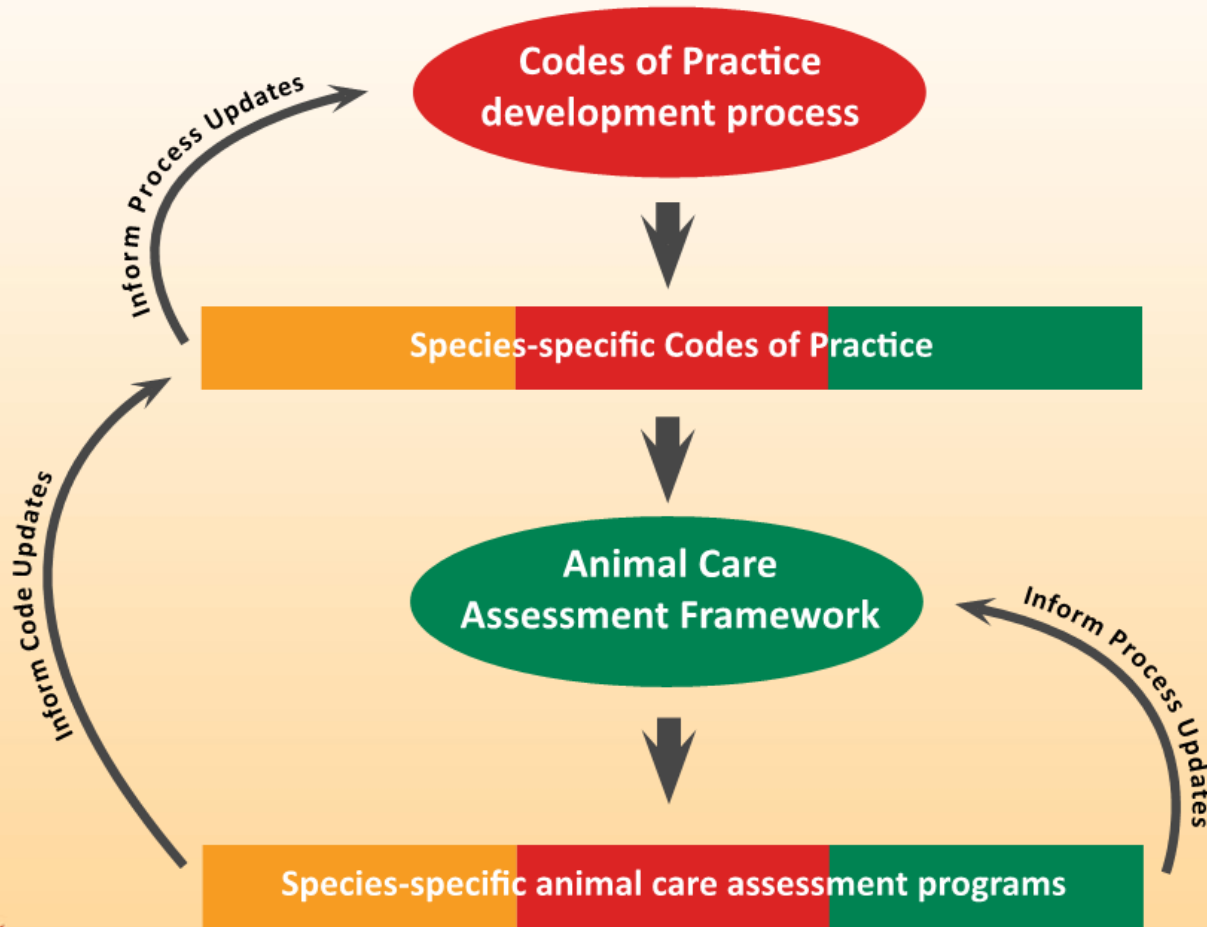
- ▶ Canadian Cattlemen's Association
- ▶ Canada Mink Breeders Association
- ▶ Canada Fox Breeders Association
- ▶ Chicken Farmers of Canada
- ▶ Turkey Farmers of Canada update
- ▶ Egg Farmers of Canada update

Programs developed/implemented prior to NFACC

- Canadian Pork Council (currently being updated to new Code)
- Chicken Farmers of Canada (to be updated using ACAF)
- Egg Farmers of Canada (to be updated using ACAF)
- Turkey Farmers of Canada (to be updated using ACAF)



Cycle for Code Development and Animal Care Assessment





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