



NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL
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**National Farm Animal Care Conference -
Advancing Animal Care and Addressing Market
Expectations**

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National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC)

What is NFACC?

- ▶ National lead for farm animal care in Canada
- ▶ Collaborative partnership of diverse stakeholders created to share information and work together on farm animal care and welfare
- ▶ Consensus-based model of decision making

"If government or other logical players do not create [animal welfare] policy, then someone else will. The question is not whether change will occur, but how it will be managed."

– Dr. David Fraser, University of British Columbia



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
- ▶ 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

Animal Health Associations

- ▶ Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

Consumer Groups

- ▶ Canadian Restaurant & Food Services Association

Animal Welfare Associations

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

Provincial Groups

- ▶ Ontario Trucking Association
- ▶ Provincial Farm Animal Care Councils (OFAC, FACS, AFAC, BCFACC)

Governments

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

Other

- ▶ Canada's research community



Addressing Domestic and International Market Expectations Relative to Farm Animal Welfare

Our focus

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

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

– Margaret Meade

