















TIMELINE FOR CODES OF PRACTICE BEING AMENDED OR UPDATED

2023-2028

STEPS OF THE CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- 1 The Code development process is initiated when the national lead for a farm animal industry expresses to NFACC its commitment to develop a Code. The next step is to secure funding and other resources. For updated Codes, top-of-mind priorities are collected through a preliminary survey.
- 2 A Code Committee is established, which includes representatives from a broad range of stakeholders – all working together in collaboration and toward consensus.
- 3 A Scientific Committee is assembled to conduct a literature review of priority welfare issues to be covered by a Code. These reports are peer reviewed prior to publication and provide valuable information to Code Committee members throughout their deliberations.
- 4 The Code Committee deliberates on the content of the draft Code. Working together, committee members identify evidence-informed solutions that address farm animal care concerns, meet market needs, and are implementable by farmers.
- 5 The next step is the launch of a 60-day public comment period. This serves a critical role in supporting robust Codes of Practice with everyone encouraged to take part and provide input. The Scientific Committee's report is typically released publicly at this time (if not sooner).
- 6 The Code Committee considers all of the input and viewpoints gathered during the public comment period and agrees on the final version of the Code. The committee also summarizes the feedback received from both the public comment period and the preliminary survey (see step one), noting how the Code Committee considered this feedback.
- 7 The revised Code is submitted to NFACC and published. Industry begins the process of outreach and implementation.

Estimated Completion Date

AMENDMENT	CODES BEING UPDATED										
											
											
						Pullets & Laying Hens	Beef Cattle	Equine	Sheep	Pigs	Poultry
						July 2025	Dec. 2026	Jan. 2027	March 2027	Sep. 2027	Sep. 2027

Length of arrow correlates with the step that each committee is currently working on. For new or updated Codes, the process takes at least two years to complete. Code amendments generally take a year or less to complete.

Visit NFACC's website for more details on the [Code development process](#). Details specific to Code amendments are available [here](#).