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

TIMELINE FOR CODES OF PRACTICE BEING DEVELOPED/UPDATED 2018-2023

STEPS OF THE CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS	NEW CODE	CODES BEING UPDATED		
	FARMED SALMONIDS	GOATS	DAIRY CATTLE	TRANSPORT
1 The Code development process is initiated when the national lead for a farm animal industry expresses to NFACC its commitment to update a Code. The next step is to secure funding and other resources. Top-of-mind Code priorities are collected through a preliminary survey.				
2 A Code Development Committee (CDC) 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, with findings provided to assist CDC deliberations. The report takes at least a year to complete.	RELEASED NOV 2021			
4 The CDC deliberates on the content of the draft Code. Working together, committee members identify evidence-based 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 CDC carefully considers all of the input and viewpoints gathered during the public comment period and agrees on the final version of the Code. The CDC summarizes the feedback received from both the public comment period and the preliminary survey (see step one), noting how the CDC considered this feedback.				
7 The revised Code is submitted to NFACC and published, and industry begins the process of outreach and implementation.				
Completed / Estimated Completion Date	November 2021	Spring 2022	Winter 2022	Spring 2023

Visit www.nfacc.ca/code-development-process for more details on the Code development process

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Length of arrow correlates with the step that each committee is currently working on. The entire process takes at least two years to complete.