

Animal Care Assessment Framework

Implementing Codes of Practice: Canada's Framework for Developing Animal Care Assessment Programs

The [Codes of Practice](#) are vital, but alone are not enough – a mechanism is needed to demonstrate that Codes are being followed in order to build confidence throughout the value chain.

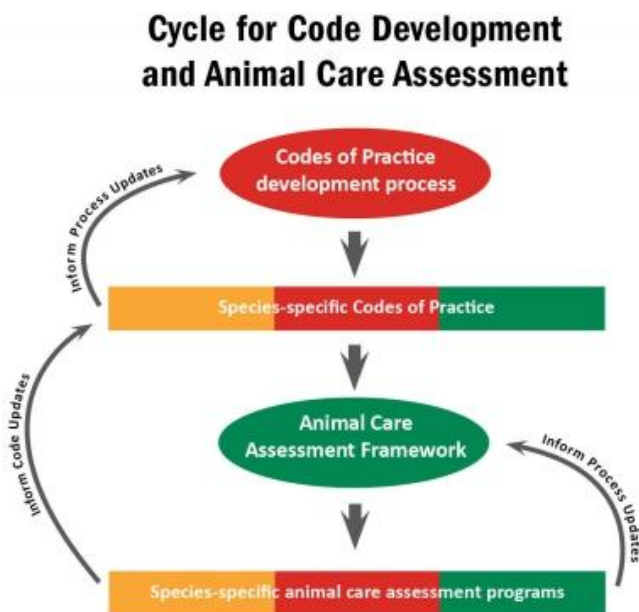
The [Animal Care Assessment Framework](#) provides a credible process to follow when developing an animal care assessment program.

- Listen to Framework coordinator [Caroline Ramsay speak at the NFACC conference](#) - Oct 2013

Key goals

- Enhance the transparency, legitimacy and credibility of assessment programs developed according to the framework
- Ensure consistency of communications along the value chain
- Further develop Canada's own cooperative approach to farm animal care, an approach that can be communicated nationally and internationally, and that builds upon existing initiatives
- Assist commodity groups in developing or revising an animal care program by providing an informed framework and useful resources

The framework should also ensure that animal care assessment programs provide benefits to both farmers and the animals under their care.



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Project Timeline

- 2005** NFACC initiates discussions on the value of an Animal Care Assessment Model (ACAM)
- 2008** NFACC partners agree to proceed with the development of an ACAM
- 2009** Initial draft ACAM developed
- 2011** Steering committee organized to finalize ACAM
First ACAM stakeholders workshop ([summary](#))
[Dairy Farmers of Canada test pilot the draft ACAM](#) with the development of their animal care assessment program
- 2012** Draft dairy animal care assessment program developed
- 2012-13** On-farm pilot of dairy animal care assessment program ([summary](#))
- 2013** ACAM renamed to Animal Care Assessment Framework
Second stakeholders workshop ([summary](#))
- 2014** [Animal Care Assessment Framework](#) is finalized

Steering Committee

The committee provides guidance and support in revising and finalizing the framework. Committee members:

- Thérèse Beaulieu, Dairy Farmers of Canada
- Sherry Casey, Loblaw Companies Limited
- Jorge Correa, Canadian Meat Council
- Anne Marie de Passillé, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Jennifer Gardner, Chicken Farmers of Canada
- Pierre Lampron, Dairy Farmers of Canada (as of October 2012)
- Penny Lawlis, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ryder Lee, Canadian Cattlemen's Association
- David Murray, Dairy Farmers of Canada (as of October 2012)
- Ed Pajor, University of Calgary
- Catherine Scovil, Canadian Pork Council
- Geoff Urton, BC SPCA / Canadian Federation of Humane Societies
- Tina Widowski, University of Guelph
- Jennifer Woods, J. Woods Livestock Services

Past members

- Pauline Duivenvoorden, Dairy Farmers of Canada (2011-2012)
- Bianca Kitts, Chicken Farmers of Canada (2011-2012)
- Bruno Letendre, Dairy Farmers of Canada (2011-2012)
- David Smith, Sobeys Inc. (2011-2013)