

NFACC CODE DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

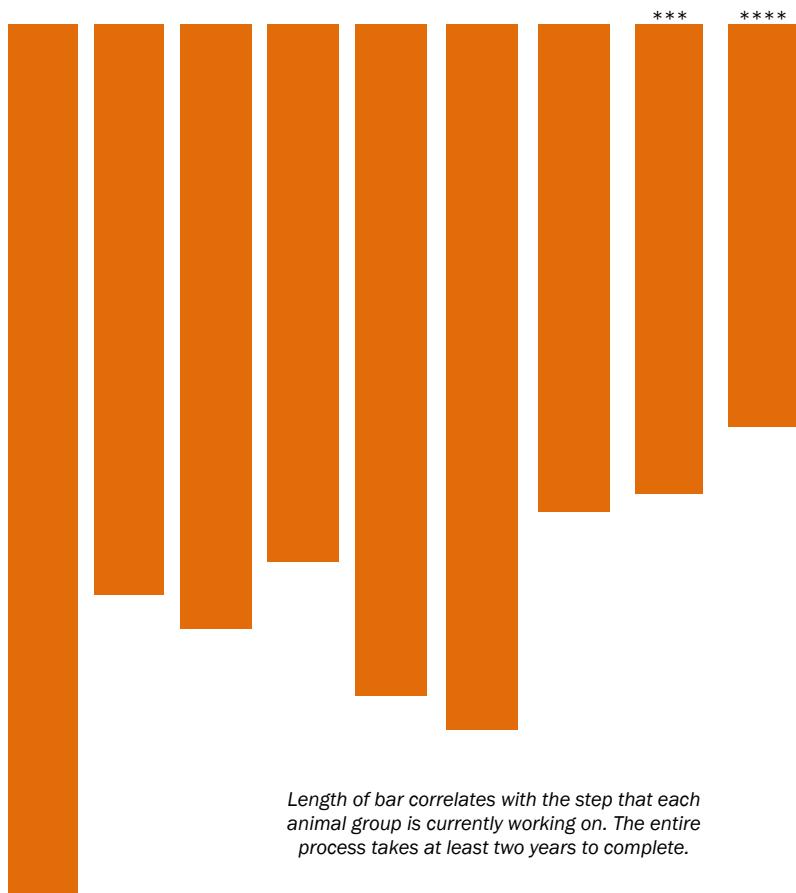


CODES OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF FARM ANIMALS

PROCESS

- ▶ Industry group / specialized industry group identifies need for Code revision
- 1 ▶ Industry group / specialized industry group initiates the process with NFACC
 - ▶ Announcement made for the revision of a Code on NFACC's website
 - ▶ Industry group / specialized industry group selects members for the CDC* per NFACC process guidelines
- 2 ▶ National veterinary and research associations make recommendations to NFACC for members of SC**
 - ▶ CDC deliberates on priority welfare issues
 - ▶ SC deliberates on priority welfare issues
 - ▶ Committees combine, compare and finalize the priority welfare issues list
- 3 ▶ The CDC prepares the Code (consulting with constituents as required)
 - ▶ The SC reviews the scientific literature for each priority welfare issue and develops a report
- 4 ▶ SC report goes to the CDC - the committee ensures all the priority welfare issues have been addressed
 - ▶ SC report goes for peer review and is finalized
 - ▶ CDC uses the SC report to develop requirements and recommendations around priority welfare issues
- 5 ▶ Draft Code is submitted to NFACC
 - ▶ NFACC publishes SC report
 - ▶ NFACC makes Code available for 60-day public comment period
- 6 ▶ Following the public comment period the CDC considers feedback and revises draft as needed
- 7 ▶ CDC submits final Code to NFACC
 - ▶ NFACC publishes and prints the revised Code
 - ▶ Industry begins efforts to ensure implementation of Codes

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

Completed / Estimated Completion Date Mar/09 Apr/13 Jun/13 Sept/13 Apr/13 Mar/13 Jul/13 TBD TBD

Codes should be reviewed regularly (e.g., every five years), and revised as needed to ensure they are current with government policy/regulation, industry practices and scientific research.

* CDC - Code Development Committee
 ** SC - Scientists' Committee
 *** Poultry - Chickens, turkeys and breeders. At this point the bar only relates to SC activity, the CDC will be in place Jan 2013.
 **** Layers - At this point the bar only relates to SC activity.