



CONSIDERING THE CODES

WHAT ARE THE CODES OF PRACTICE?

The Codes of Practice are nationally developed guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals. They are designed to promote sound management practices for housing, care, transportation, and other husbandry practices. The development of each Code takes into consideration the best available research and stakeholder input.

WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS?

Requirements may be regulatory or industry imposed and outline acceptable and unacceptable practices and fundamental obligations relating to the care of animals. Requirements represent a consensus position that these measures, at minimum, are to be implemented by all persons responsible for farm animal care. Those who fail to implement Requirements may be compelled by industry associations to undertake corrective measures or risk a loss of market options. Requirements also may be enforceable under federal and provincial regulation.

WHAT ARE RECOMMENDATIONS?

Recommendations may complement a Code's Requirements, promote producer education and can encourage the adoption of practices for continuous improvement in animal welfare outcomes. Recommended practices are those which are generally expected to enhance animal welfare outcomes, but failure to implement them does not imply that acceptable standards of care are not met.



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