

POULTRY WELFARE AND HUMANE TRANSPORT

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POULTRY WELFARE

- POULTRY IS A COMPLEX GROUP OF INTERRELATED INDUSTRIES THAT HAVE ANIMAL WELFARE CONSIDERATIONS
 - BROILER CHICKENS
 - BROILER BREEDERS
 - TURKEYS
 - LAYING HENS
 - SLAUGHTER PLANTS
 - TRANSPORTERS



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POULTRY WELFARE

- IN A NUTSHELL, THE POULTRY INDUSTRY IS UNDERGOING A SYSTEMIC REINVENTION
- ABOUT 5-7 YEARS AGO THE INDUSTRIES MADE COMMITMENTS TO ANIMAL WELFARE AND JOINED THE NFACC CODE OF PRACTICE PROCESS
- SLAUGHTER PLANTS HAVE COMMITTED TO REVOLUTIONIZE THEIR ANIMAL HANDLING PROCESSES
- TRANSPORTATION HAS BEEN REVOLUTIONIZED



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BROILERS, TURKEYS AND BROILER BREEDERS

- CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF HATCHING EGGS, BREEDERS, CHICKEN AND TURKEYS – 2016
- ABF, NAE, ORGANIC AND SLOW GROWTH SECTORS HAVE EXPLODED
 - REQUIRES MORE INTENSE MANAGEMENT AND LESS TOLERANCE FOR MISTAKES
- IN BARN HATCHING



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LAYING HENS

- CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF PULLETS AND LAYING HENS – 2017
 - PHASES OUT CONVENTIONAL LAYING HEN CAGES
 - RESULTS IN COMMITMENT TO REBUILD OR RETOOL 95+% OF THE BARNs IN CANADA
 - REPLACES THEM WITH FURNISHED CAGES OR CAGE-FREE PRODUCTION
- IN-OVO SEX DETERMINATION
 - PROGRESSING, ACCURACY INCREASING, GETTING “CLOSE”
- END OF CYCLE EUTHANASIA
 - CO₂ GAS USED IN BARNs
 - BECOMING MORE WIDESPREAD AND STANDARDIZED



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SLAUGHTER PLANTS

- MAJOR SLAUGHTER PLANTS HAVE MADE COMMITMENTS TO CHANGE TO CO₂ STUNNING
 - ENDS HANDLING OF CONSCIOUS BIRDS
 - REQUIRES MASSIVE RENOVATIONS AND EQUIPMENT INVESTMENTS TO PLANTS

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TRANSPORT

- TRANSPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK IN CANADA IS SOME OF THE MOST CHALLENGING IN THE WORLD
 - LONG DISTANCES
 - EXTREME TEMPERATURES
 - ROUGH ROADS IN PLACES



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POULTRY TRANSPORTATION

- HAVE COMMITTED TO THE NFACC CODE OF PRACTICE PROCESS
- BUT.....
 - HAVE ALREADY RENOVATED MUCH OF THE FLEET WITH MODULAR LOADING
 - MUCH IMPROVED WELFARE UPON LOADING AND UNLOADING
 - HAS REQUIRED CHANGES TO MANY OF THE BROILER BARNs
- AND.....
 - CFIA HAS JUST IMPLEMENTED NEW TRANSPORT REGULATIONS THAT ARE BEING RESPONDED TO



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POULTRY TRANSPORTATION

- THE POULTRY AND HATCHERY SUB-COMMITTEES ARE JUST GETTING STARTED
 - HAVE SET THE TABLE OF CONTENTS
- REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, GOVERNMENT, VET MED AND HUMANE ORGANIZATIONS
 - VETS HAVE A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE OF UNDERSTANDING ETHOLOGY SCIENCE, AND THE PRACTICALITIES OF FARM AND TRANSPORT
 - HELP FINDING THE “SWEET SPOT” BETWEEN ATTAINABLE GAINS AND UNATTAINABLE GOALS
 - CONSTANT AND SUSTAINED IMPROVEMENT