



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



**Market Relevant Codes and Communication
Leadership***

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NFAHW Council Recommendation of NFACC

That the National Farm Animal Care Council facilitate a process to assist commodity organizations in establishing communication among researchers, research users and research funders in order:

- ▶ To promote collaboration and strategic guidance;
- ▶ To reduce some of the sources of inefficiency in the funding process;
- ▶ To establish a mechanism of engaging and assisting the smaller commodities;
- ▶ To identify long-term research needs and opportunities including cross-commodity issues;
- ▶ To communicate the importance of farm animal welfare research, to governments, commodity organizations and other research funders;
- ▶ To promote understanding of mechanisms for funding farm animal welfare research in Canada; and
- ▶ To influence the priorities of agricultural policy frameworks.

The Beef Cattle Research Council, the Canadian Poultry Research Council, and the NSERC Industrial Research Chair focused on the welfare of dairy cattle, provide existing examples of how agencies have cooperated in the funding of research.



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NFACC response

- ▶ Accept recommendation
- ▶ Initial thoughts on next steps:
 - ▶ ID a strategy for research priorities identified through Code of Practice development process
 - ▶ Annual roundtable

Renée Bergeron, NFACC's researcher representative, willing to assist with moving this forward.

