



LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT STATEMENT ON ANIMAL WELFARE

Caring Responsibly for Canadian Chickens

At Chicken Farmers of Canada (CFC), animal care is guided by science and national standards. Farmers across the country are required to follow independently-audited practices for the care and handling of chickens under the *Raised by a Canadian Farmer* Animal Care Program. This leadership statement, approved by its Board of Directors, reflects CFC's ongoing commitment to animal care. Animal welfare is a shared responsibility among all CFC's stakeholders, not one carried solely by farmers.

The *Raised by a Canadian Farmer* Animal Care Program, developed with industry representatives, veterinarians, researchers, animal welfare organizations, and government, sets mandatory, auditable requirements for every commercial chicken farmer in Canada. The program is developed through the National Farm Animal Care Council Animal Care Assessment Framework and is based on the current [Code of Practice pertaining to broiler chickens](#).

Nationally, part of CFC's role is to support, verify, and continuously assess animal welfare outcomes across the chicken sector. We do this by:

- Using science and independent verification as the foundation for all components of the animal care program.
- Monitoring compliance through regular on-farm audits and supporting corrective actions where needed.
- Investing in research and innovation to advance practical welfare outcomes.
- Collaborating with farmers, veterinarians, animal welfare experts, researchers, and regulators to strengthen standards and practices.
- Reporting on animal care progress and outcomes in our annual communications.

Our commitment is to maintain credible, evidence-based systems that ensure chickens raised for meat in Canada are cared for responsibly and in accordance with national standards. Through partnership, accountability, and continuous improvement, CFC strives to build and maintain public trust in how Canadian chickens are raised.

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