



CHICKEN FARMERS OF CANADA ANIMAL CARE & ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS

Canadian consumers have high expectations of their farmers, from the assurance of a steady supply to ensuring excellence and best practices in food safety. As their awareness grows, so do their expectations for high standards in animal care.

Canadian chicken farmers are proud to deliver on these expectations, with every flock they raise. Chicken Farmers of Canada's Animal Care and On-Farm Food Safety programs are concrete, accountable means of demonstrating the pride and commitment of farmers in raising the quality chicken Canadians can trust.

» **OUR PROGRAMS OFFER A NATIONAL SET OF STANDARDS TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY FROM COAST TO COAST.**

- One program, one set of requirements for all Canadian chicken farmers
- CFC is responsible for development and oversight whereas provincial boards are responsible for the auditing and certification services
- Animal Care: Based on the Code of Practice
- Food Safety: HACCP-based and technically recognized by federal and provincial governments

» **OUR PROGRAMS ARE AUDITABLE, ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY FROM EVERY FARM.**

- 97% of farmers are certified on the Animal Care program
- 100% of farmers are certified on the Food Safety program
- Includes third party audits

» **OUR PROGRAMS ARE MANDATORY, ENSURING PARTICIPATION AND COMPLIANCE FROM ALL FARMERS.**

- Animal Care Program is mandatory in 10 provinces
- Food Safety is mandatory in 10 provinces

» **THE PROGRAMS HAVE STRICT ENFORCEMENT MEASURES TO OFFER ADDITIONAL ASSURANCE.**

- Provincial boards use monetary penalties, a reduction in allocation or license suspension as measures of enforcement

» **WE ENSURE THAT THE WHOLE INDUSTRY IS INFORMED AND INVOLVED.**

- Removal of certification is communicated to hatcheries and processors

» **WE ENSURE THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED BY STAKEHOLDERS, FROM GATE TO PLATE.**

- Animal Care: National organizations (CVMA, RC, CFG, CPEPC, CRFA) have provided support
- Food Safety: CFC is the first commodity in Canada to receive full FPT recognition, demonstrating CFC's leadership on food safety

» **WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT. WE EVOLVE AS WE LEARN.**

- Updates and improvements are integral to the process
- Program material and procedures are reviewed yearly and updates made when required

