

# Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Council



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*The Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Council was set up to allow representative groups with a variety of perspectives on animal welfare, meet and exchange views, seek consensus on various issues and developments relevant to the care of farm animals and generate advice to the Minister.*

*The Council meets regularly and welcomes submissions from interested groups.*



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The Council has adopted the best farm animal husbandry practices and welfare standards which take account of the five basic needs:

- 1** Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition
- 2** Freedom from discomfort
- 3** Freedom from pain, injury and disease
- 4** Freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour
- 5** Freedom from fear and distress

The main booklets which accompanies these guidelines cover the following areas which the Council have developed with the intention of encouraging farmers to adopt and maintain the highest standards of husbandry.

- Good stockmanship
- Health – Husbandry/Hygiene
- General management considerations
- Housing/Facilities

In maintaining these guidelines farmers can demonstrate Irelands prominence in the practice of farm animal welfare standards.

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