Launch of the Booklet on a **Code of Practice for the Welfare of Broiler Chickens at the Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Council (**FAWAC) Wednesday 17th September 2008

**Booklet** - **Code of Practice for the Welfare of Broiler Chickens (i.e. chickens kept for meat production)**

* Complements earlier publications from FAWAC.
* Has been produced to encourage and assist all those involved in the broiler industry to encourage them to adopt the highest standards of husbandry
* In establishing rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production, a balance should be kept between the various aspects to be taken into account as regards broiler welfare, health, economic and social considerations and the environmental impacts.

## **Education Sub-Group of FAWAC**

* Particular thanks to members of the Education Sub-Group of FAWAC and its chairperson Mr Sean O’Laoide for its work in compiling the broiler chicken guidelines.
* Guideline Booklets published to date include:

Animal Welfare Guidelines for Horses, Ponies and Donkeys

Animal Welfare Guidelines for Beef Farmers

Animal Welfare Guidelines for Sheep Farmers

Animal Welfare Guidelines for Dairy Farmers

Best Practice for the Welfare of Animals during Transport

## Conclusion

Wish FAWAC success in its future endeavours and particularly with its next publication, which is on pig welfare.

Acknowledge the immense contribution made by Professor Patrick Fottrell, Chairman of FAWAC, for his continuing dedication to raising awareness of and advancing issues relating to respecting the welfare of animals.