



PAACO Webinar Key Takeaways: What's New with Audit Tools?

Learn about updates to animal welfare audits from industry leaders.

NAMI – North American Meat Institute – Dr. Tiffany Lee, Director, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs *Meat Plant Standards & Auditing Update*

Major change: addition of FQA document. Minor changes will be included annually with major changes being updated by NAMI Animal Welfare Committee with assistance from Dr. Grandin annually.

Minor changes:

- Clarified definition of security stun vs. double-knock.
- Clarification on auditing the bleed rail.
- Moved audit point for gondola loading to effective stunning criteria.
- Clarified point of entry for captive bolt in sheep.
- Emphasized electric prod use, whether the prod was energized or not.
- Pig audit minor edits; accurate placement, effective stunning and hot wandering.

For more information please visit: <https://www.meatinstitute.org/>

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FARM – Farmers Assuring Responsible Management – Beverly Hampton Phifer, Stakeholder Relations Manager *Dairy Standards & Auditing Update*

- USDA grant focused on biosecurity.
- All program cycle extended for additional 6 months. Current cycle will remain in place through June 30,2024
- Version 4 Priorities
 - No routine tail docking
 - Veterinarian review
 - Non-ambulatory practices & protocol
 - Euthanasia practices & protocol
 - Animal observations benchmark
 - Fitness of transport protocol and more
- Version 4 Corrective Action Updates
 - Immediate, resolution within 48 hours.
 - Mandatory Corrective, resolution within 9 months
 - Continuous Improvement, resolution within 3 years
- Updated Evaluator resources and pocket guide available.

For more information please visit: <https://nationaldairyfarm.com/dairy-farm-standards/animal-care/>

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***New Tool* NCBA – National Cattlemen’s Beef Association** - Josh White, Producer Education & Sustainability
Beef Feedyard Standards & Auditing Update

- Rooted in BQA Feedyard assessment – auditors will be BQA certified.
- Designed to be industrywide audit to be used as baseline for industry implementation.
- Facilitated between Feedyard and “audit owner.”
- NCBA membership funded tool but NCBA will not conduct audits.
- Based on business-to-business relationship.
- BQA team is updating Feedyard Assessment.

For more information please visit: <https://www.ncba.org/feedyardaudit.aspx>

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NCFA - National Cattle Feeders’ Association – Dr. Joyce Van Donkersgoed, Animal Care Program Manager
Beef Feedlot Standards & Auditing Update

- Commitment to Animal Care
 - Feedlot must complete a BQA certification training program specific to feedlots within last 3 yrs.
- Nutrition & Feed Management – feedlot must have written feeding program as required by CFIA.
- Clarification to Feeding Records, documented as per CFIA Feed Regulations.
- Animal Health Management – added that feedlot has documented biosecurity procedures and feedlot visitor log.
- Animal Health Management – feedlot has a **broken needle protocol, shipping protocol and shipping records.**
- Animal Health Management – addition of **abortion protocol & plan to manage calving heifers, antimicrobial stewardship protocol and cattle health product management protocol & records.**
- On-farm Humane Stunning/Euthanasia – feedlot must have **record listing personnel trained & approved to euthanize** animals and feedlot **disposes of carcasses** as per provincial regulations.
- Clarified sample size of pens to assess to align with standards.
- Audit scoring added that a numerical score of 10.
- Audit competency – auditors must complete NCBA’s Feedlot BQA or VBP+ training program within the last 3 years and auditors must annually complete NCFA’s eLearn training program for PAACO certified Canadian Animal Care Assessment Program.

For more information please visit: <https://nationalcattlefeeders.ca/>

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CPC - Canadian Pork Council – Audrey Cameron, Director On-Farm Programs
PigCARE Program Update

- PigCARE Critical points – Feed & Water Management System, Care of Sick & Injured Pigs, Handling Practices and Euthanasia.
- Pig CARE Good Production Practices
- Documentation Review – all SOPs must be kept on-farm at all times.
- National Databases for Producer and Validators
- Addition of Enrichment Factsheets

For more information please visit: <https://www.cpc-ccp.com/canadian-pork-excellence>

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NPB – National Pork Board – Stephanie Wisdom, Director of Animal Welfare
On-Farm Swine Standards & Auditing Updates – Common Swine Industry Audit

- Databases were created, audit scoring as reference for updates and scratches data collection.
- Animal Handling – at least two point on contact.
- Confirm insensibility/death to AASV guidelines – Q5.
- Scratches criteria and questions – Q21 & Q22.
- New training tools coming soon.
 - CSIA Producer Training
 - Swine Welfare Auditor Repeatability
 - Swine Welfare Auditor Pocket Guide

For more information please visit: <https://porkcheckoff.org/certification-tools/>

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NCC – National Chicken Council – Dr. Karen Christensen, Sr. Director Animal Welfare, Tyson Foods, Inc.
Poultry Standards & Auditing Update

2019 Breeder Audit update – omit Section C and all associated points.

2019 Broiler and Breeder Audit updates:

- D2, Verifying mill meeting GMP's – simply verify mill is registered with FDA and/or has documented GMP's for feed production.
- D3, Biosecurity program will need to be written program must be designed, established, & implemented to minimize any negative impacts on bird welfare & protect flock health.
- D4, Changes to Health Care & Monitoring, flocks must be inspected at least twice daily, and all mortality must be removed at least once daily.
- D4, Removal of wording timely manner.
- E, Catching – removal of working timely manner.
- E, Catching – number of trailers evaluated for handling defined. A min. of 5 & max. of 10 cages.
- E, Catching – defined how many trailers to evaluate for birds in single layer. A min. of 5 & max. of 10.
- F, Processing – Clarify that 500 birds on each shackling & stun/slaughter line.
- F, Processing – Paw scoring will be scored at plant, but score will be applied to Growout Section.

2020 Broiler Audit updates:

- Addition to Hatchery audit, embryonated eggs that are removed should appropriately euthanized during the same shift in which they are removed from system.
- Definition of "Qualified Auditor."

For more information please visit: <https://www.nationalchickencouncil.org/policy/animal-welfare/>
