



DAIRY WELFARE AUDITOR

education / training / certification **COURSE**

DATE: **October 8-10, 2019**

LOCATION: **Escalon, CA**



Professional Animal
Auditor Certification
Organization, Inc.

PAACO *The standard of excellence in animal welfare auditing*

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OVERVIEW

The on-farm Dairy Welfare Auditor Course conducted by the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) is the certification course to train potential dairy farm auditors using the Dairy Well Audit tool. PAACO is an organization of eight professional animal organizations with extensive expertise on best management practices and current science in animal agriculture.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

(Note the following are not a requirement to take the course, but are required for certification.)

- Master's, Ph.D., DVM with relevant livestock experience of 2 years within the past 5 years
- Associate or Bachelor's degree with relevant livestock experience of 3 years within the past 7 years
- High school diploma with relevant livestock experience of 5 years within the past 10 years.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

#1

Complete online training focused on familiarization with the audit tool.

#2

Participate in a 3-day education/instruction course including on-farm experience and pass the written exam.

#3

Conduct and complete no less than two dairy farm audits under the supervision of a PAACO dairy certified auditor of your choice.

#4

Upon the completion of satisfactory ratings in Step 3, an official endorsement as a PAACO "Certified Dairy Welfare Auditor" will be issued and your information included in a data base of certified auditors.

PARTICIPANT & AUDITOR QUALIFICATIONS

Class size WILL be limited, and spaces allocated with priority given to those currently performing audits.

Additionally, individuals must meet the following qualifications:

Basic individual requirements and qualifications to attend the course and be certified are:

- Read, write and walk unassisted in a dairy production environment
- Trainees must not have traveled outside the US within two weeks of October 8, 2019. If this is an issue, please contact PAACO as we may ask that they take extra precautions.
- Any clothes or shoes worn on the farm should be washed and boots disinfected before being worn on any farm
- Trainees who have traveled to known geographies where FMD (Foot and Mouth Disease) actively exist should let PAACO know, as we may ask that they take extra precautions.

COURSE MATERIALS

PAACO trainings typically use one audit instrument for training. This training is designed to instruct auditors on the use of the Dairy Well audit tool, and it will be cross referenced with relevant industry material, including the FARM Program. Each attendee should familiarize themselves with the audit instrument and guidelines prior to attending the training. Copies of the audit tool and guidelines will be provided.

All attendees must complete an online course to be prepared. This course will be a series of repeatability tests and some homework to print out and bring with to the onsite training. Registrants will be sent information regarding this prior to the course. Cost of this course is included in your registration fee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COURSE COORDINATOR:

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

LOCATION:

Instruction Site:

Almond Valley Veterinary Clinic
25650 Lone Tree Rd.
Escalon, CA 95320

Demonstration Sites:

Two different farm sites.

FEES:

\$1,300 – Full registration includes 3-day course, classroom materials, online course and lunches. Your registration acceptance will be emailed to you by PAACO along with pre-course information. *Attendees will be responsible for bringing two pairs of coveralls and boots that can be disinfected.*

LODGING:

Each attendee is responsible for their lodging. A PAACO block of rooms and group rate has been established. Book your hotel early by calling them directly and asking for the PAACO room block/rate.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Manteca City Center
179 Commerce Ave, Manteca, CA 95336
Reservations: (209) 239-5600
Rate: \$169.00 + taxes
Rate available until: October 1, 2019

AIRPORT:

Closest airports are Sacramento International Airport (SMF) or San Francisco International Airport (SFO). The hotel is located approximately 70 miles from Sacramento and 80 miles San Francisco. The hotel is approximately 15 miles to the meeting site.

TRANSPORTATION:

Personal ground transportation is not provided, but we will carpool to site visits.

COURSE DEADLINES & CANCELLATION:

Registration deadline is **September 27, 2019**. Completed registration form, payment and resume are due at time of submission.

CLASS SIZE LIMITED! ACT NOW!

Refunds will be made (less \$75) until **September 27, 2019**, unless class is full, or participant does not qualify. No refunds after **September 27, 2019**.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

specific times to be included in sequential agenda

PREREQUISITE: ONLINE TRAINING

IMPORTANT NOTE: As stated above in Step #1, attendees will need to complete the online training portion of this course prior to attending the onsite training. This prerequisite includes online quizzes to practice scoring outcome-based measures and tasks related to preparing for the audit, as well as evaluating protocols. It requires 10 to 15 hours of work and a good internet connection. Details will be sent upon registration via email approximately one month prior to the onsite training.

DAY 1 | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

12:30 PM REGISTRATION

1:00 PM - 6:30 PM INSTRUCTION

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019

5:15 AM - 6:00 PM SITE VISIT & INSTRUCTION

DAY 3 | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019

5:15 AM - 2:00 PM SITE VISIT, DISCUSSION & EXAM

After returning from farm and finishing final discussions, trainees will then have the option of individual material review or to begin testing. Test is closed book/notes. Trainees are free to leave at the completion of test. Generally trainees take about one hour plus to complete the test.



COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Cassandra Tucker, PhD

Professor - Center for Animal Welfare, University of California, Davis

Jennifer Walker, DVM, PhD, Dip. ACVPM

Veterinarian specializing in Dairy Herd Health and Welfare

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