Poultry Welfare Auditor Course

education / training / certification

November 8-10, 2016
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Presented by:
Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization
and the Poultry Industry Council
COURSE GOAL
To train potential poultry welfare auditors using as a basis the welfare criteria and standards generally found and accepted in industry audits for broilers, turkeys and egg layers.

OVERVIEW
The Poultry Welfare Auditor Course conducted by the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) is the certification course for broiler, layer and turkey auditors. PAACO is an organization of seven professional animal organizations with extensive expertise on best management practices and current science in animal agriculture. The organization’s purpose is to promote the humane treatment of animals through education and certification of animal auditors as well as the review and/or certification of animal audit instruments, assessments and programs. The current organizations are:

- The Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS)
- The American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS)
- The American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV)
- The American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP)
- The American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP)
- The American Dairy Science Association (ADSA)
- The Poultry Science Association (PSA)

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION PROCESS / STEPS

#1
Participate in a 3-day education and instruction course including production site experience.

#2
Be tested at the end of the 3-day course and pass an examination. Successfully completing the course and test results in moving to a shadow phase of training.

#3
Conduct and complete two shadowed audits in a broiler, table egg or turkey production setting under the supervision of a PAACO poultry certified auditor of your choice within 12 months of the course.

#4
Upon the completion of satisfactory ratings by the certified auditor(s) in Step 3, an official endorsement as a PAACO “Certified Poultry Welfare Auditor” will be issued and your information included in a data base of certified auditors.

CONTACT PULTRY INDUSTRY COUNCIL FOR REGISTRATION / PROGRAM INFO
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

LOCATION:
Instruction Site:
Delta Guelph
50 Stone Road West, Guelph ON, N1G 0A9
Telephone: 1-519-780-3700

Audit Demonstration Sites:
Multiple hatcheries, farms and processing plants will be used for on-site audit demonstrations. Specific location information will be provided to trainees at a later date. Upon registration, trainees will rank their preference to be placed into either the broiler, layer or turkey group. Each trainee will only be placed into one species group.

COURSE MATERIALS:
This training is designed to affect the quality of auditing by individuals who perform poultry industry welfare audits. Training will address and educate on factors contained in welfare audits utilized in the broiler, layer and turkey industries.

FEES:
Three Day Course: $1240.00 CAD
Full registration includes 3-day course, two lunches, classroom materials, travel to production sites and biosecurity supplies. Your registration acceptance will be e-mailed to you by PIC along with pre-course information.

Continuing Education for PAACO Certified Auditors: $260.00 CAD
Certified PAACO poultry auditors can enroll for the first and/or second day of the training to contribute to their continuing education credit requirements

Registration Deadline: October 14, 2016

LODGING:
Each attendee is responsible for their lodging. Please read carefully!
A block of rooms has been reserved for the PAACO course at the Delta Guelph for the nights of November 7, 8, 9 at a rate of $125.00 plus HST.
Telephone: 1-519-780-3700-4644 OR 1-800-916-4330. Book your hotel early by calling them directly and asking for the PIC PAACO room block/rate or visit the PACCO page on PIC’s website for the link to the Delta’s on-line booking.
The deadline for reservations is Oct 11th, 2016

AIRPORT:
Toronto Pearson (YYZ) is Canada’s largest and busiest airport, located 70 km east of the city of Guelph. The Region of Waterloo International Airport (YKF) located 20 km west of the city of Guelph.

TRANSPORTATION:
Group transportation to audit demonstration sites will be provided and is included in the course fee. However, transportation to the Delta Hotel in Guelph for classroom instruction is the responsibility of each participant. Airport shuttle services may be available from the hotel, contact the Delta Guelph directly for details.

PARTICIPANT & AUDITOR QUALIFICATIONS:
PAACO reserves the right to limit class size and registrations to qualified individuals. Therefore, prompt registrations are encouraged and honoured on a first come, first served basis.

Basic individual requirements and qualifications to attend the course and be certified are:
• Read, write and walk unassisted in a poultry production and processing plant environment
• Trainees must not have had contact with poultry, water fowl or pet birds for 72 hours prior to 5pm Nov 5th

Education and experience:
(Note: individuals who do not meet the requirements below are still eligible to participate in the course, but will not qualify for certification.)
~ B.Sc. or higher with relevant livestock experience of 3 years within the past 5 years
~ Associate degree with relevant livestock experience of 5 years within the past 7 years
~ High school diploma with relevant livestock experience of 10 years within the past 15 years.

A resume must accompany each trainee’s registration to demonstrate their education and experience.

COURSE DEADLINE & CANCELLATION:
Registration deadline is Oct 14, 2016.
Completed registration, payment and resume are due at time of submission. Registration will be done online. Class size is limited, and registrations will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Refunds can be made (less a $75 cancellation fee) until Oct 14, 2016. If a participant fails to qualify for certification, no cancellation fee will be charged. No refunds will be granted after Oct 14, 2016.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COURSE COORDINATOR:
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POULTRY WELFARE AUDITOR

Tuesday, Nov 8, 2016

Location: Delta Hotel, 50 Stone Rd West, Guelph, ON

Auditing instruction is based on Canadian auditing programs whenever possible. In instances where Canadian content is not available or cannot be used, American content will be used for instructional purposes.

The Poultry 201 sessions will provide trainees with an understanding of the structure of the Canadian poultry industry, as well as standard production methods and practices. For trainees who may possess extensive knowledge and experience, this session can reinforce optimal management practices.

7:30 AM Registration
8:10 AM Introduction / Welcome – Collette Kaster, PAACO & Laura Bowers, PIC
8:30 AM Poultry 201 Program
   Familiarizing trainees with common practices in the Canadian poultry industry:
   - Introduction to Poultry Industry
   - Code of Practice Update
   - Broiler Breeders
   - Hatcheries
   - Broilers
   - Turkeys
   - Layers
   - Transport

3:30 PM Auditing Welfare Criteria Instruction
   Hatchery Auditing - Broilers, Turkeys and Layers

5:00 PM End of Day 1 classroom session.
   *Some groups may do on-site audit demonstrations this evening to satisfy biosecurity requirements.

Wednesday, Nov 9, 2016

8:00 AM Auditing Welfare Criteria (continues)
   On-Farm Auditing (receiving to marketing)
   Broilers, Turkeys, Layers & Broiler Breeders

1:00 PM Transportation Auditing (grower pickup to plant delivery) Broiler, Turkey & Layer

1:45 PM Processing Auditing (receiving at plant to slaughter) Broiler, Turkey & Layer

Thursday, Nov 10, 2016

On-site audit demonstrations for all groups will continue this morning.

Hatchery/On-farm Production/Slaughter Auditing Program

Trainees will be placed into either the Broiler, Layer or Turkey species group.

On-site audit demonstrations will occur at a hatchery and/or a farm and/or a processing plant for each group. Specific schedule information for each group’s site visits will be provided at a later date.*

Once these site visits are completed, trainees will return to the Delta Guelph hotel to write the PAACO exam. Arrival times will vary depending on specific group schedules.

Exam

1:00 PM Estimated Start time

The PAACO exam will be closed book. Trainees may leave after the completion of their test. Generally, trainees use 1-2 hours to complete the test.