



Maintaining the pork industry tradition of responsible animal care through applying scientifically sound animal care guidelines

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Introduction

Each pork producer’s professional judgement, experience, and training are the key factors in providing animal care. Proper animal care is dependent on the successful interaction between the producer, the producer’s management skills, the physical environment, and the pigs.

U.S. Pork Producer Code of Practice

Producers take pride in providing proper care for the swine on their farms. They consider management and husbandry practices for good swine care to include the following:

- Providing facilities to protect and shelter pigs from weather extremes while protecting air and water quality in the natural environment
- Providing well-kept facilities to allow safe, humane, and efficient movement of pigs
- Providing personnel with training to properly care for and handle each stage of production for which they are responsible with zero tolerance for mistreatment of swine in their care
- Providing access to good quality water and nutritionally balanced diets appropriate for each class of swine
- Observing pigs to make sure basic needs for food and water are being met and to detect illness or injury
- Developing herd health programs with veterinary advice
- Providing prompt veterinary medical care when required
- Using humane methods to euthanize sick or injured swine not responding or not likely to respond to care and treatment in a timely manner
- Maintaining appropriate biosecurity to protect the health of the herd
- Providing transportation that avoids undue stress caused by overcrowding, excess time in transit, or improper handling during loading and unloading

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