

MEAT PLANT WELFARE AUDITOR Education/Training/Certification COURSE



DATES:

October 17, 2011
Crete, Nebraska
(swine)

October 18, 2011
Grand Island, Nebraska
(cattle)



SPONSORS:

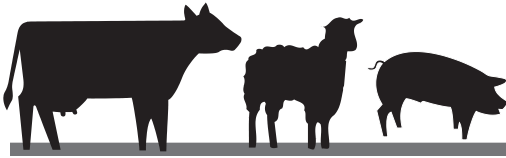


COOPERATING PACKERS:
Farmland Foods
JBS Swift



COURSE GOAL:

To train potential meat (beef, pork and lamb) plant welfare auditors using the PAACO accredited and American Meat Institute Foundation's "2010 Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines and Audit Guide."



PROCESS & INSTRUCTORS

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

#1

Participate in a 2-day education/instruction course including in-plant experience.

#2

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

#3

The trainee would conduct and complete no less than three swine, cattle or sheep plant audits under the supervision of a PAACO meat plant certified auditor of their choice.

#4

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

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Temple Grandin, PhD

President, Grandin Livestock Handling Systems
Dr. Grandin will instruct in the classroom and train in plant areas of auditing welfare.

Glee Goodner, BS

Corporate manager of Animal Welfare and Handling, Hormel Foods
Mr. Goodner will be responsible for the classroom and plant instruction and training.

Collette Kaster, MS

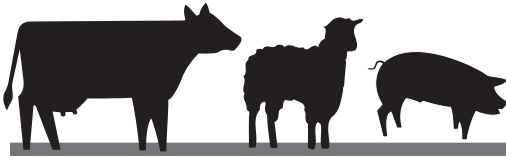
Vice President, Quality Technical Services, Farmland Foods
Ms. Kaster will serve as a classroom instructor and trainer on welfare and auditor issues.

Ann McDonald, MS

Manager, Animal Welfare and Process Verified Production, Farmland Foods
Ms. McDonald will serve as a classroom instructor and trainer on welfare criteria in the yards and plant.

RELATED PROGRAM

The American Meat Institute has their annual Handling Conference scheduled for October 19-20 in Kansas City. This conference would be a good opportunity to attend after this training and plan your travel accordingly. Go to: www.animalhandling.org for more information.



OVERVIEW & SCHEDULE

OVERVIEW

This Meat Plant Welfare Auditor Course conducted by the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) is the initial certification course for cattle, swine and sheep plant auditors. PAACO is an organization of five animal professional organizations with extensive expertise on best management practices and current science in meat 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 founding and 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)

SCHEDULE

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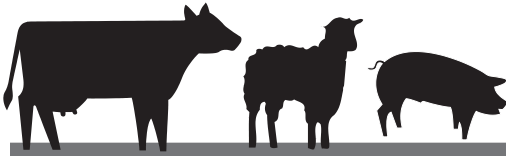
Swine Plant

- 6:45 AM** Meet in Hotel Lobby
Car pool to Farmland Plant
- 7:00 AM** **Classroom Instruction- Farmland Foods, Crete**
Introductions/schedule – Simpson
Who is PAACO – Simpson
AMI Guidelines – Instructors
- 11:30 AM** Lunch Sponsor: Farmland
- 12:30 PM** **Concurrent, Rotational Instruction**
(40-minute periods)
- A. Receiving/yards – McDonald
 - B. Stunning – Grandin
 - C. Sensibility – Kaster
 - D. Transportation – Goodner
- 4:00 PM** **Classroom Instruction – (Farmland)**
Q&A plus discussion on swine segment
Focused instruction
Electric stunning – Grandin
Problem Based Solution
Discussion – Grandin
Auditor ethics, protocol, procedures and process – Goodner
- 5:30 PM** Recess
(travel to Grand Island; dinner on own)

October 18, 2011

Cattle Plant

- 8:00 AM** Arrive at JBS Swift plant, Grand Island
- 8:15 AM** JBS Swift check in & orientation
- 8:30 AM** **Concurrent & rotational instruction**
(30-minute periods)
- A. Receiving/yards – McDonald
 - B. Stunning – Grandin
 - C. Sensibility – Goodner
 - D. Transportation -- Kaster
- 11:00 AM** **Classroom Instruction**
Beef audit review & discussion
Simpson & all instructors
Audit Scenarios – All Instructors
Q&A plus discussion
Study for test
Lunch Sponsor: JBS Swift
Examination
- (On average, trainees have taken about 1+ hour to complete the test. Trainees are free to leave at completion of their testing.
Adjourn time estimate: 1:30 PM)



REGISTRATION & CONTACT

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

LOCATION:

The course is conducted at the two plant sites.

- Farmland Foods
2223 County Rd. I
Crete, NE
- JBS Swift
555 S. Stuhr Rd.
Grand Island, NE

PRE-COURSE MATERIALS:

Registrants should go to <http://animalhandling.org/guidelinesauditing.htm> and click on "download the guidelines." This information should be thoroughly studied and brought with you to the course.

FEES:

\$795 – full registration includes 2-day course, materials, and two lunches.

LODGING:

Each attendee is responsible for their lodging. Discounted room blocks are reserved (deadline Oct 1, 2011) and can be secured by contacting:

For Oct 16th: Super 8 Motel
1880 West 12th Street
Crete, NE 68333
Phone: 402.826.3600
Block Rate: Simpson/PAACO,
\$61.20+ taxes

For Oct 17th: Holiday Inn – Midtown
2503 South Locust Street
Grand Island, NE 68801
Phone: 308.384.1330
Block/Rate: PAACO, \$65+ taxes

AIRPORT:

Omaha or Lincoln are the most convenient and competitive air service locations. Approximate distances: Omaha/Crete – 90 mi.; Crete/Grand Island – 100 mi.; Grand Island/Omaha – 160 mi. Lincoln is about 60 mi. closer.

TRANSPORTATION:

Group transportation will not be provided. Participants are encouraged to drive or rent cars for transportation needs.

PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS:

PAACO reserves the right to limit class size to 20 qualified individuals. Basic individual requirements for qualification to attend the course are:

- Read, write and walk unassisted in a plant environment.
- High school diploma and livestock and/or packing plant experience must be evident/described in a personal resume/cv submitted at the time of registration; company/employer animal welfare responsibility also acceptable.

Your registration acceptance will be e-mailed to you by PAACO along with pre-course information. Individual plant confidentiality agreements must be signed prior to entering the plants.

Education & experience:

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

- B.S. or higher with livestock experience of 3 years within the past 5 years
- Associate degree with livestock experience of 5 years within the past 7 years
- High school diploma with livestock experience of 10 years within the past 15 years

COURSE DEADLINES AND CANCELLATION:

Registration deadline is September 30, 2011. Complete payment, required materials and information are due at this time.

Refunds will be made (less \$50.00) until **September 30, 2011** unless class is full or participant does not qualify. No refunds after **September 30, 2011**.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE REGISTRATION FORM

For More Information Contact Course Coordinator:

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