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SWINE WELFARE AUDITOR COURSE

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DATE: **October 23-24, 2019**

LOCATION: **Brookings, SD**

SPONSOR:



Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization, Inc.

COOPERATORS:



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY



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OVERVIEW

The On Farm Swine Welfare Auditor Course conducted by the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) is the certification course to train potential swine farm auditors using the National Pork Board (NPB) Common Swine Industry Audit (CISA). 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 Participate in Swine 201 online course and a 2-day education and instruction course including production site 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 Conduct and complete no less than two swine audits under the supervision of a PAACO swine certified auditor of your choice within 12 months of the course.

#4 Upon the completion of satisfactory ratings by the certified auditors in Step 3, an official endorsement as a PAACO "Certified Swine Welfare Auditor" will be issued and your information included in a public database of certified auditors.

PARTICIPANT & AUDITOR QUALIFICATIONS

PAACO reserves the right to limit class size and registrations to qualified individuals. Therefore, prompt reservations are encouraged and honored on a first come, first served basis. Companies may be limited on number of participant registrations in one training.

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

- Read, write and walk unassisted in a pork production environment
- US trainees must not have had contact with swine for 72 hours prior to start of training.

COURSE MATERIALS

This training is designed to instruct auditors on the use of the Common Swine Industry Audit. Each attendee should familiarize themselves with the audit instrument and guidelines. Copies of both will be provided at training.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COURSE COORDINATOR:

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

LOCATION:

Instruction Site:

SDSU Swine Education & Research Facility
South Dakota State University
Brookings, South Dakota 57007

Demonstration Sites:

University farm and grow finish cooperator

FEES:

\$975 – Full registration includes 2-day course, classroom materials, Swine 201 and bio-security uniform. Your registration acceptance will be emailed to you by PAACO along with pre-course information.

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 Brookings, SD
3020 LeFevre Drive, Brookings, SD 57006
Reservations: 605-692-9061

Link: PAACO - Swine Training

Rate: \$109.95 +taxes (includes breakfast)

AIRPORT:

Closest airports are Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD) or Watertown Regional Airport (ATY). The hotels do not have free shuttle service and are located about 60 miles or 1 hour from the airport.

TRANSPORTATION:

Personal ground transportation is not provided.

COURSE DEADLINES & CANCELLATION:

Registration deadline is October 11, 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 October 11, 2019, unless class is full or participant does not

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

specific times to be included in sequential agenda

PREREQUISITE: SWINE 201

IMPORTANT NOTE: Swine 201 is online and will be required as a Prerequisite. This will provide an understanding of industry and production structure as well as background of modern production methods and welfare programs. You must take the online training and pass the quizzes to attend onsite training. This training is included in the registration fee.

DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019

7:30 AM REGISTRATION

7:30 PM - 6:00 PM INSTRUCTION & SOW SITE VISIT

DAY 2 | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM WEAN TO FINISH SITE VISIT,
FINAL DISCUSSION & EXAM

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



COURSE INSTRUCTORS

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