

MEAT PLANT WELFARE AUDITOR TRAINING

cattle/pigs/sheep

DATE: May 18-20, 2026

LOCATION: Sioux City, Iowa + Virtual Option



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FEES:

\$875 – Full registration includes the 3-day on-site training course, classroom materials, and site visits. Pending approval, your registration acceptance will be emailed to you by PAACO along with instructions for payment.

Note: Due to USD value fluctuations, some international discounts may be available by contacting Dakota. A limited number of discounted grad/DVM student seats are available by application and approval.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

If you are already certified, you may attend for Continuing Education (CE). Rate for CE: \$100/day or \$250 for the entire course. Contact Dakota if you would like to attend.

COURSE INFORMATION:

All participants must apply and meet PAACO's education & experience requirements.

Class size is limited and will fill quickly - register today! Class registration deadline is *May 8, 2026*.

Refunds will be made (less \$75) on a case-by-case basis.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

All participants must meet the processing plant's health & safety requirements in order to attend. More details to come.

This course will be conducted as a hybrid training. Attendees will be expected to travel to Sioux City to attend the training, unless you have been approved to join us virtually. Virtual seats will be given priority to international attendees and special circumstances. If you would like to attend virtually, please reach out to Dakota prior to registering.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

*specific times to be included in sequential agenda
all times are Central Daylight Time (CDT)*

DAY 1: MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM CDT *INTRO & AUDITING*

DAY 2: TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM CDT *SITE VISIT & AUDITING*

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM CDT *SITE VISIT & EXAM*

TRAVEL:

Hotel:

Stoney Creek Hotel Sioux City

Address: 300 3rd St., Sioux City, IA 51101

Group Name: PAACO05.26

Rate: \$99.00 + taxes / night

Phone Number: 712-234-2785

Cut off: April 18, 2026

Airport: Closest airports are Sioux Falls, SD (FSD) or Omaha, NE (OMA). The hotel is approximately 85 miles from Sioux Falls and 100 miles from Omaha.

Personal ground transportation is not provided.

TO REGISTER:

<https://animalauditor.org/Training/On-Site>

QUESTIONS:

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