

Validus 3rd Party Audit



Annual Audits to Evaluate and Recertify



Best Management Practices

- Veterinarian relationships
- Animal welfare policies
- Animal health records
- Standard Operating Procedures:
- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Non-Ambulatory animal care
- ✓ Euthanasia procedures
- ✓ Transportation and fitness for transport
- ✓ Daily observation of animals on-site
- ✓ Newborn handling and care
- ✓ Calf care
- ✓ Vaccination (Preventative Care)
- ✓ Disease, pain and injury management
- ✓ Protection from predators
- ✓ Protection from extreme weather
- ✓ Milking routine
- ✓ Parturition and delivery process
- ✓ Preventative hoof trimming
- ✓ Surgery techniques
- ✓ Pest control
- ✓ Dehorning

Animals

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

- Body Condition
- Hygiene
- Locomotion
- Leg lesions
- Udder Health
- Mortality records
- Euthanasia vs. natural death

BASIC CARE

- Comfortable facilities
- Space per animal
- Areas to lie down
- General maintenance & cleanliness
- Animal handling
- Availability of fresh feed and water



Employees

WORKER CARE AUDIT

- Onboarding
- Benefits
- Salary
- Safety training
- Cow care training
- Worker evaluations

EMPLOYEE ANIMAL CARE

- Observations while working
- Interviews to confirm training and SOP's





Path to Validus Certification

