



Validus 3rd Party Audit



Annual Audits to Evaluate and Recertify



MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Veterinarian Relationships
- Animal Welfare Policies
- Animal Health Records
- Standard Operating Procedures:
 - ✓ Nutrition
 - ✓ Non-Ambulatory Animal Care
 - ✓ Euthanasia Procedures
 - ✓ Transportation & Fitness for Transport
 - ✓ Daily Observation of Animals On-Site
 - ✓ Newborn Handling & Care
 - ✓ Calf Care
 - ✓ Vaccination (Preventative Care)
- ✓ Disease, Pain, & Injury Management
- ✓ Protection from Predators
- ✓ Protection from Extreme Weather
- ✓ Milking Routine
- ✓ Parturition & Delivery Process
- ✓ Preventative Hoof Trimming
- ✓ Pest Control
- ✓ Disbudding

ANIMALS

MEASUREABLE OUTCOMES

- Body Condition
- Hygiene
- Locomotion
- Leg Lesions
- Udder Health
- Mortality Records

BASIC CARE

- Comfortable Facilities
- Space per Animal
- Areas to Lie Down
- General Maintenance & Cleanliness
- Animal Handling
- Availability of Fresh Feed & Water
- Shaded Areas



EMPLOYEES

WORKER CARE AUDIT

- Onboarding
- Benefits
- Salary
- Safety Training
- Cow Care Training
- Worker Evaluations

EMPLOYEE ANIMAL CARE

- Observations While Working
- Interviews to Confirm Training & SOPs
- Completed by Dedicated Worker Care Auditors



ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

- Environmental Management of Facilities
- Emergency Action Planning
- Response & Prevention
- Erosion Prevention
- Manure Management
- Training

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Observations While Working
- Interviews to Confirm Training & SOPs



ON-FARM SECURITY

ON-FARM SECURITY AUDIT

- Animal Traceability & Record Keeping
- Facility Management
- Feed Quality Management
- Animal Management
- Disease Prevention

BIOSECURITY ANIMAL CARE

- Observations While Working
- Interviews to Confirm Training & SOPs





Path to Validus Certification

