



A Dedication to Do Right

How Tyson Foods, Inc. is striving to lead the charge for animal welfare



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We serve as stewards of the animals, land and environment entrusted to us. Our mission is to “deliver on our purpose to raise the world’s expectations for how much good food can do by continuously improving the welfare of the animals entrusted to our care.” Additionally, our vision is “to be the world leader in animal welfare through compassionate care based in sound science.”

Tyson Foods Animal Welfare Statement



Tyson Foods takes animal welfare seriously. Our customers and consumers expect the meat they buy to be produced responsibly — that’s why in 2012, Tyson Foods launched the *FarmCheck*® program.

A unique partnership between Tyson Foods and more than 9,000 independent farmers and ranchers across the United States, the *FarmCheck* program welfare initiatives were born out of a responsibility to continually champion our core values.

Guiding Principles

The foundation of the entire *FarmCheck* program is rooted in our four guiding principles for Animal Welfare.



PERFORMING INDEPENDENT SITE CHECKS

Statistically valid sampling methods are used to facilitate random site selection by Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) trained third-party auditors.



THOROUGH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

With guidance from the advisory panel, Tyson’s Office of Animal Welfare reviews existing research while funding and promoting additional research for continued improvements in animal raising methods.



AN EXTERNAL ADVISORY PANEL

A panel of experts in the fields of farm animal behavior, health, production and ethics determines research priorities and reviews the audit programs.



DEDICATED STAFF

We’ve put together a special team of leaders who partner with the external advisory panel to oversee audit programs, research efforts and interaction. Together, they develop and implement innovative animal welfare initiatives and practices.

Integrity & Accountability . Always.

Results Summary of Third-Party Audits

Third-party auditors check for proper animal conditions, human-animal interaction and worker training. Close attention is also paid to areas such as site self-checks, facility repairs and incorporating best management practices defined by Pork Quality Assurance and Beef Quality Assurance programs. When areas for improvement are identified, a corrective action plan is established and implemented.

Since the inception of the *FarmCheck* on-farm verification audits in 2014, we have seen our audit scores improve by 7% in swine and 26% in cattle respectively.



The Tyson Fresh Meats Team implements auditing programs for all beef and pork farms and ranches. Working with independent third-party verification companies, the *FarmCheck* program ensures that each farm is evaluated on:

- Animal Welfare Training
- Internal Site Assessments
- Daily Observations
- Animal & Facility Observations
- Animal Care & Handling Practices
- Timely & Humane Euthanasia



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Third-party auditors visit either physically or through Remote Video Auditing (RVA) the farms, feedyards and livestock markets that supply Tyson Fresh Meats with animals. This ensures farm employees use best practices for animal handling.



To learn more about Tyson Foods' commitment to animal welfare, reach out to your Field Sales Consultant, Telephone Sales Representative, or visit us at [FarmCheck.com](https://www.farmcheck.com)

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*Percentages represent the average number of animal welfare audits that were found to be acceptable against their representative framework.

