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Good Production Practice #8

Assuring Quality Care for Animals
Food Animal Quality Assurance
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- Safety is everyone's responsibility including exhibitors, family members, friends, and so on.

- If any one person does not take a personal responsibility for working in and maintaining a safe work area, that person puts himself/herself and others at risk.

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CAUTION FARM ANIMALS

Emergency Action Plan

All caretakers must be familiar with emergency procedures for the operation.

- Farm Emergency Information Sheet listing who to call, what to say and what steps to follow in case of an emergency.
- Address of facility.
- People at the farm trained in first aid.
- Location of first aid kits, fire extinguishers and alarms.
- Evacuation plan for each building.
- Emergency farm map.
- Emergency contact information outside building for caretakers and neighbors to use if they notice something is wrong.

    Owner number, veterinarian number, power and electric company, emergency 911, etc.

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Personal Protective Equipment

- Designed to protect you from loud noises, dust, chemicals and other substances that can harm your health.
- Wear equipment the entire time you're working on a task.
- Keep PPE clean and in good shape and check for damage each time you wear it.

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Are YOU protected?

Personal Hygiene

- Wash hands before and after working in barn and with animals.
- Wear waterproof and puncture resistant gloves when caring for sick animals or assisting with procedures.
- Wear facial protection whenever exposed to splashes or sprays.
- Clean all injured areas with soap and water immediately.
- Establish designated areas for eating and drinking.

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Other Ways to Promote Health and Safety

Needle Sticks and Cuts
- Dispose of all sharps in designated puncture-proof sharps containers.
- Report all accidental injections and cuts to an adult immediately.

Safe Animal Handling
- Understand typical animal behavior by reviewing GPP 9.

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