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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.
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.
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.
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.
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.