

# GLOBAL ANIMAL WELLNESS STANDARDS



## OVERVIEW

Many companies with global supply chains need to work through a patchwork of local and regional approaches to demonstrate their commitment to animal wellness. To help companies manage their risk through a common, globally applicable approach, NSF's global animal wellness standards were created.

NSF's **innovative** and **comprehensive** suite of animal wellness solutions for audit and certification services, built upon a **world-class integrity program, customer-focused approach**, and **technical & operational** excellence, deliver confidence and brand protection with a local understanding and global reach throughout the global protein supply chain.

## WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS?

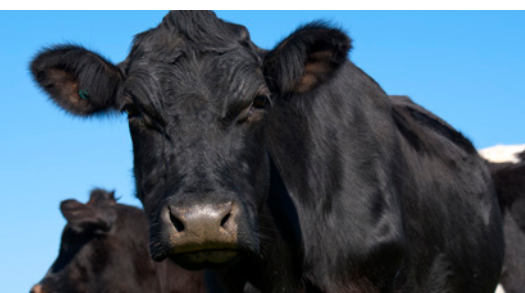
NSF's global animal wellness standards are designed to:

- > **Address every step in the life cycle of all key species**
- > **Be outcome-based**
- > **Address management systems**

The value is that no matter where a company needs to source animals/animal products, compliance with the standards is an assurance that there is a strong, consistent animal wellness system in place.

## WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

Instead of just defining minimum compliance and paperwork requirements, the new standards strive to evaluate, improve practice and promote positive engagement with the animal wellness process. With animal wellness becoming an increasing focus in the industry as well as for consumers, a company's animal wellness culture and program will be crucial to success. The global animal wellness standards provide a solution for global companies looking for a consistent approach to animal wellness.



## WHAT WILL THEY APPLY TO?

The standards address animal health and welfare, feed and water, housing, husbandry and management practices for:

- > **Beef cattle**
- > **Dairy cattle**
- > **Pigs**
- > **Small ruminants (goats, sheep)**
- > **Meat poultry**
- > **Egg-laying poultry**

The standards are designed to address the full life cycle of all key species.

NSF's global animal wellness standards cover the entire protein supply chain and will apply to:

- > **Hatchery (for poultry species)**
- > **On-farm production and product collection**
- > **Catching/loading for transport**
- > **Transport**
- > **Livestock and poultry assembly or collection points**
- > **Slaughter**

## WHO ARE THEY FOR?

NSF's global animal wellness standards cover the entire protein supply chain and apply to:

- > Organizations with global supply chains
- > Operations/producers looking to standardize their animal wellness practices which will ultimately help improve consistency of product
- > Organizations seeking a credible animal wellness certification to support their brand

## ADDITIONAL INFO

Three tiers of certification are available as an opportunity to bring suppliers on board at the baseline, but to encourage growth and development to ultimately achieve certification.

Tiers include:

- > **Baseline**
- > **Assurance**
- > **Certification**

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