2022 UPDATES TO THE COMMON SWINE INDUSTRY AUDIT

The U.S. pork industry has successfully implemented the Common Swine Industry Audit since its introduction in October 2014. Every year, the Common Swine Industry Audit Task Force reviews helpful feedback from producers, packers, auditors, and customers to clarify and revise portions of the audit. As before, the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization (PAACO) has certified the new edition of the audit, which is now available to the public.

The Common Swine Industry Audit serves as a single, common audit platform for the pork industry. The overarching goal of the common audit process remains the same in the revised edition: t*o provide consumers greater assurance of the care taken by farmers and pork processors to improve animal well-being and food safety.* The audit tool builds on the existing Pork Quality Assurance® Plus (PQA Plus®) program and is an integral component of the continuous improvement process. The standards within the Common Swine Industry Audit include 27 key aspects of swine care and pre-harvest pork safety through all phases of production. The four areas reviewed during an audit are records, animals, facilities and caretakers. These principles have not changed with the 2022 version of the Common Swine Industry Audit.

The changes to the Common Swine Industry Audit for 2022 include updates and clarifications to the audit standard. No audit questions have changed. Updates to the audit standard include:

Biosecurity:

- Language was added in the audit instructions section to recommend at least 5 nights downtime (no contact with swine or other livestock species) in the United States after traveling internationally.

Training:

- The Canadian Quality Assurance | Animal Care Assessment (CQA|ACA) will be phased out and replaced with PigSAFE|PigCARE. PigSAFE|PigCARE now replace CQA as acceptable certifications for residents of Canada in place of PQA Plus® certification as caretaker training.

Animal Handling:

- The actions "Deliberate slamming of gates on animals" and "Malicious driving of ambulatory animals on top of one another either manually or with direct contact with motorized equipment (this excludes loading a non-ambulatory animal for transport)" were added to the Willful Acts of Abuse list. This aligns the Common Swine Industry Audit's list of Willful Acts of Abuse to PQA Plus® Version 5.0, Transport Quality Assurance® (TQA®) Version 7, and the North American Meat Institute (NAMI) Animal Handling Guidelines.

Visit *www.porkcheckoff.org/csia* for access to all of the current Common Swine Industry Audit materials. In addition to the English and Spanish versions of the audit documents, producers will find resources and training materials to help prepare for an audit. For questions related to the Common Swine Industry Audit, please call the National Pork Board Service Center at 1-800-456-7675.