2023 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: *to 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 2023 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:

- The rodent control section of a biosecurity plan no longer lists elements that an effective rodent control plan *must* include; instead, the section lists elements that an effective rodent control plan *may* include.

Pork Safety:

- The following definition of animal health products will be included in the Pork Safety section of the audit tool: "Animal health products are defined as injectable or orally administered biologicals or pharmaceuticals (i.e., antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, vaccines, and reproductive injectables)."

Records:

- Any mention of records that must be kept for 12 months or as long as the farm has been operating under current leadership if less than 1 year will now include a parenthetical notation to clarify the inclusion of new construction.

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.