PURPOSE: To provide the highest quality of care to various livestock animals held for show, teaching, research studies or slaughter.

I. ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING

A. Animals on approved ACUC protocols can be housed at the Meat Lab facility for periods of time to facilitate teaching, research and demonstration objectives. For this purpose, livestock pens are available and animals may be kept in pens in the main body of the arena.

B. Horses, cattle, sheep, goats and pigs may be housed at this facility. Animals may originate from the herds and flocks at the New Deal farm, be purchased from vendors or on loan from livestock producers.

C. Typically, animals are housed for one to five days. However, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs or horses can be housed at the Meat Lab for up to three weeks. The TTU mascot may be housed permanently at this facility.

D. During the time at the facility, animals will have ad libitum access to water. Animals will be hand-fed at least once a day. The ration will be similar to the rations approved at the New Deal farm and will meet or exceed nutrient requirements for that species.

E. Pens will be cleaned at least once per day while animals are in the facility. Cleaning involves picking up soiled bedding or hosing the solid concrete-floored pens. After animals leave, a disinfectant will be used to clean the facility prior to new animals arriving.

F. The pen floor space area and water availability are to be provided for each species and will meet or exceed the space requirements in the Ag Guide (2010).

G. Animals will be observed at least once per day. A daily sign-in sheet will be initialed by the animal caretakers. Animal health or treatment records will be kept at the facility.

H. All animal activities must be approved on a specific teaching or research protocol.
II. HEALTH CARE

Everyone with access to the animal facility is responsible for informing the Clinical Veterinarian when an animal becomes ill or a change in behavior is noted. Seriously ill animals should be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to the veterinarian. When an investigator, technician, or animal care personnel requires veterinary assistance, they should:

A. Complete the “Animal Observation Report” in the Notebook. Indicate the date, pen location, animal number/ ID, and problem observed, and ensure that the name (or initials) of the person making the report is recorded.

B. Contact the Clinical Veterinarian or the ACS Facility Manager at:

1. Dr. Tiffanie Brooks, University Veterinarian, Animal Care Services.  
   806-834-8588 Office  
   806-239-2120 Cell Phone

2. Carla Grisham, Manager, Animal Care Services.  
   806-834-3437 Office  
   254-913-5156 Cell Phone

3. Ryan Rathmann, Faculty, Animal & Food Sciences  
   742-2805 ext. 233  
   789-6725 cellular phone

C. Provide all the above information to the individual contacted above, who will give advice and authorization for the action(s) that should be taken.