



Title: Agriculture Animal Procurement

Policy Number: 025

Policy Intent: The intent of this policy is to ensure that agriculture animals housed in TTU Facilities are included on an approved IACUC protocol, and that animal health is maximized.

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1. Background

- A. Sources of animals housed at the New Deal Research Farm (NDRF) and Texas Tech Equestrian Center (TTEC) can vary. Any animals obtained from within the TTU teaching and maintenance herds are of known health status, while the health status of animals obtained from outside vendors may be less well known. Health status of vendor animals may change quickly, so, rather than compiling a list of approved livestock vendors, Animal Care Services (ACS) veterinarians will verify the health status of the animals at the time of each order either by visual examination if local or Certificate Veterinary Inspection (CVI).

2. Policy

- A. Procurement of livestock for research and teaching is the responsibility of the Principle Investigator, The Animal Care Services veterinarians shall be notified if an investigator intends to purchase animals from an outside source, so that the health status of the animals can be verified and additional vaccinations and testing performed, if needed. Additionally, ACS staff will be notified a minimum of 3 days prior to animals arriving at TTU facilities. Animals purchased from sources of unknown health status (e.g. sale barns) will not be admitted until a quarantine observation period, required testing and vaccinations are completed, in consultation with the researcher, designed around the dictates of the research being performed.
- B. Before animals may be housed at the NDRF or TTEC, animals must meet appropriate health standards, including all applicable federal and state requirements, before entering the animal housing units. Additionally, an approved IACUC protocol and ACS veterinary approved animal source documentation must be on file in the individual Herd Unit office.

3. Procedures

- A. IACUC protocol submitted, approved, and on file in the Herd Unit office.
- B. P.I. determines if animals are available from within the NDRF.
- C. If NDRF animals are unavailable the P.I. will check with outside vendors and then notifies an ACS veterinarian of their intent to lease or purchase.
- D. ACS veterinarian will contact the vendor or vendor's veterinarian and verify health status of animals.
- E. Vendor or veterinarian will supply health papers (CVI) for incoming animals and/or health history stating vaccination history, castration status, deworming history and appropriate surveillance testing results.
- F. Prior to arrival, an ACS Veterinarian will examine the appropriate documentation and health status of the animals before entry is permitted.



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- G. Upon arrival, the PI or research group will fill out the large animal receiving record that will be kept with the protocol records.
- H. Animals arriving from sources of unknown health status will not be allowed to enter the designated Herd Unit until an appropriate quarantine period, as described above, is observed and appropriate testing and vaccinations are given.
- I. A receiving/processing schedule will be described in an approved Animal Use Protocol, prior animal's arrival, in which detailed list of medications, vaccinations, and management procedures will be described. The period length for such schedule will be determined on an individual basis, respecting the research/teaching objectives and animals' well-being.
- J. A period of physiological, psychological and nutritional adaptation will be provided before research or teaching begins, based on the description provided in the approved IACUC protocol.



Large Animal Receiving Record					
PROTOCOL #:		PI:		VENDOR/SOURCE:	
SEX:	AGE/WT:	SPECIES:		BREED:	
# RECEIVED:	ARRIVAL DATE:			RECEIVED BY:	
GENERAL VISUAL HEALTH OBSERVATIONS:					

Note any individual animal description and treatments below

Date	ID	Abnormality Observed	Treatment	Initials

If any clinical problems noted contact ACS:				
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