



Livestock and Animal Welfare

EFFICIENCY, QUALITY AND TRUST IN SUPPLY CHAINS



Livestock production is under ever-increasing scrutiny, particularly concerning the health and welfare of animals, the safety and traceability of the food we consume and the long-term sustainability of our farming methods. Build trust and transparency in your supply chains with SGS Livestock and Animal Welfare programs.

As global livestock production continues to increase, there is a greater focus on ensuring that production is sustainable and prioritizes animal health and welfare while ensuring safe, traceable food.

Our livestock and animal welfare services provide access to the experience needed to improve efficiencies, drive science-based animal welfare practices and promote supply chain confidence.

With a global network of trusted experts, we work with you to achieve recognized standards or find a customized solution for your supply chain, supporting the development of agriculture, animal welfare and food safety best practices.

We have an extensive range of certification, verification, inspection and training services, including farm assurance schemes, welfare programs and performance monitoring, meat labeling and carcass classification solutions, animal feed certification, sampling and analysis.

With experience in all aspects of livestock production, including dairy, beef and lamb, pork, poultry and eggs, SGS is active in over 40 schemes directly related to livestock farming, covering full supply chains from farm to fork. Our experience in delivering livestock programs supports you in achieving your sustainable aspirations through the consideration of environmental factors, welfare influences and food safety practices.

GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS

We offer a comprehensive range of recognized services that cover welfare schemes and farm assurance certification, including:

- Quality & Safety (QS), a German quality assurance scheme, benchmarked to GlobalG.A.P. and delivered throughout the world. It covers primary production from farm to fork, with a robust animal welfare component for livestock production
- Beter Leven from the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals, which promotes higher welfare and organic production from farm to fork, covering multiple species across many EU countries
- Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) by the SAI platform, which monitors sustainable practices on farms, incorporating measurable outcomes that drive improvements in key areas

DAIRY

Forecast for significant growth, the dairy sector is one in which we have a particular specialism. Dairy products are an important nutrition source for feeding the world's increasing population. Focused on welfare, efficiency and environmental protection, we work with some of the largest dairy producers to verify practices on farms and the delivery of sector-specific assurance schemes. These include:

- Integrale Kwaliteitszorg Melk (IKM), a Belgian dairy quality assurance scheme, addressing welfare, food safety, traceability and quality
- QM-Milch (quality management milk), a German dairy assurance scheme that looks at regulatory compliance and good practice, with traceability and food safety elements. We offer QM-Milch, QM+ and QM++ schemes
- Pasture-fed dairy programs, including Pro Weideland and Stichting Weidegang in Germany and the Netherlands but also Leche Pastoreo in Spain, which verify scheme rules surrounding pasture time, stocking density and other welfare-related considerations

BEEF AND LAMB

Another key growth area, beef and lamb are an important source of protein, especially in middle- to low-income countries. We work with many global meat producers, monitoring food safety and animal welfare in meat production. With farm-to-fork capabilities, our core services include:

- North American Meat Institute (NAMI) Foundation inspections, monitoring meat production for regulatory compliance
- Uruguay Natural Meat Program, monitoring lifetime traceability, welfare and pasture-fed claims in the Uruguayan beef supply chain
- Codiplan PLUS/Belbeef standard, covering the Belgian beef supply chain, including breeders, feed suppliers, cattle transporters, abattoirs and cutting plants. It includes higher welfare standards and legal compliance
- Belgian-controlled Veal and KDK, which cover the veal industry in Belgium and Germany respectively, including inspection and sampling measures

In addition, we provide cattle performance monitoring and carcass classification for one million head of cattle each year.

PORK

One of the most consumed meats, pork is widely produced, especially in China, the Americas, Europe, Vietnam and the Philippines.

With the threats posed to the industry by African swine fever, we understand the sector's challenges and have services to address animal welfare, biosecurity, traceability and food safety. These include:

- BePork, a farm-to-fork quality standard in Belgium, covering production, including feed manufacturers, farmers, transporters, slaughterhouses, cutting plants and processors. This program focuses on animal welfare and health, and sustainability
- Kalayaan One Biosecurity Program developed by SGS in the Philippines, this program looks at animal health and welfare in conjunction with stringent biosecurity requirements. It helps farmers to recover and restart after disease outbreaks and to prevent disease ingress through animal health and environmental factors

POULTRY AND EGGS

Poultry is the fastest-growing area in the agricultural sector and is a vital part of the world's food supply. From capacity-building projects to verification and certification programs, our portfolio includes:

- Belplume, a quality assurance scheme for broiler production
- Egg Standards of Australia (ESA), an egg quality assurance scheme for Australia

- Verein Für Kontrollierte Alternative Tierhaltungsformen (KAT), a German egg production standard that includes regulatory compliance, animal welfare and traceability

TRAINING

Our Animal Welfare in the Red Meat Sector Training Course updates industry professionals on the latest animal welfare advancements.

This two-day course immerses the learner in areas, such as red meat animal physiology, husbandry and handling techniques. It also covers recognition of health, fitness to travel, animal welfare performance indicators, humane slaughter techniques and regulatory requirements. Using a variety of teaching methods, it engages the learner in interactive discussions and monitors learning uptake.

OTHER AREAS

With a diverse spectrum of experience, our experts can devise dynamic solutions that best suit your supply chain. Our activities reach into areas like horse protection and rabbit production, alongside non-food programs for the textile and tourism industries.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Innovation is at the heart of the way we do business and we embrace new technologies that deliver knowledge, insights, transparency and efficiencies to help you manage quality, safety and profitability.




Why SGS?

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