As consumers become more educated about the food they eat, retailers are responding to this demand for transparency by requiring suppliers to follow specific animal welfare guidelines. Humane handling practices are critical to the health and wellness of animals at every step from birth to slaughter.

YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER

NSF International provides a full suite of animal welfare services to support your business. For more than 70 years, we’ve been working with companies to protect their brand and ensure integrity through consulting, training, second- and third-party auditing and certification.

As a global leader in food safety and quality, NSF International supports thousands of companies around the world to ensure animal welfare standards are being met through the entire supply chain from farm-to-fork. Our experts can bring consistency to your farm, transportation or slaughter facility by working with you to develop and implement an animal welfare program that fits your company's mission statement and goals.

AUDITING & CERTIFICATION

NSF International provides second- and third-party auditing and certification and supply chain assurance auditing for many animal welfare standards. We serve all industry sectors including beef, bison, goat, sheep, swine, dairy, poultry and layer (egg). Our auditors’ education, training, industry experience and auditing expertise encompasses the entire livestock and poultry supply chains. Many are also experienced in GFSI certification audits as well as specialized areas including sustainability, so we can combine your food safety, animal welfare and sustainability audits, reducing interruption to your business and auditing costs. NSF provides auditing against a wide range of industry and corporate animal welfare standards:

Industry Standards and Audits

- NCC: National Chicken Council
- NTF: National Turkey Federation
- NAMI: North American Meat Institute
- Chicken Farmers of Canada
- Turkey Farmers of Canada
- Cattle BSE and Specified Risk Material (SRM) Beef E. coli 0157:H7 Addendum Audit
- American Humane Certified Audits

NSF Standards and Audits

- Raised Without Antibiotics
- Global Traceable Down
- Responsible Wool
- Animal Welfare for Religious Slaughter: Red Meat Module
- Animal Welfare Readiness Audits
- Label Claim Verification for Animal Production
- Traceability and Chain of Custody Verification
ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICES

CONSULTING

NSF International’s farm-to-fork consulting experts have the extensive knowledge to guide animal production companies in preparing gap analyses, and designing, developing and implementing programs, and complying with and enhancing their animal welfare policies and practices. Our full-service team approach draws on the best technical resources to provide effective solutions to your unique problems.

Our experienced consultants have worked with the beef, dairy, bison, poultry, layer, swine and sheep industries to develop and implement tailored solutions that meet your animal welfare needs and address the concerns of your customers and consumers.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Targeted, relevant and timely education is essential to compliance, positive culture change and successful audits. This is why NSF International has pushed to make our training center one of the most respected in North America. We have been recognized twice by the Safe Quality Food Institute as Training Center of Year in 2012 and 2010.

Our expert trainers work with companies to design custom online and on-site training programs that address your company’s unique challenges and knowledge gaps. With decades of industry experience, our team has the knowledge and skills to train your team, from plant floor staff to senior executives. Benefits of on-site training:

- Curriculum and exercises focused on your products and processes
- Dedicated training time with a subject matter expert
- Training schedules that meet your needs

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Use of NSF consulting services or attending NSF training sessions does not provide an advantage, nor is it linked in any way to the granting of certification.