

## ABOUT US

### What is the Animal Care Program?

Animal Care is a program within the Animal Health and Food Safety Services division of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Animal Care was formed after the passing of Proposition 12 (2018) to implement Animal Confinement regulations.

### Mission Statement:

To serve animal agriculture producers and California consumers by promoting and protecting the welfare and care of animals in agriculture in order for Californians to have access to food that is sourced from humanely and sustainably raised animals.



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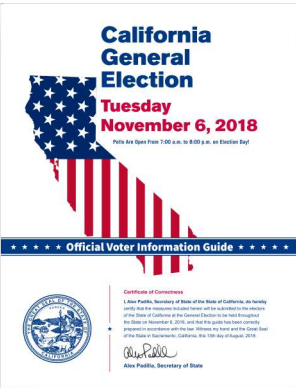
## GENERAL INFORMATION



## THE ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM



# WHAT IS PROP 12?



On November 6, 2018, California voters approved Proposition 12, the Farm Animal Confinement Initiative, amending Chapter 13.8, sections 25990 through 25994, of the Health and Safety Code (HSC), Proposition 2 (2008).

**SCAN HERE FOR HSC SECTIONS 25990-25994**



Compliance with Prop 12 includes compliance with Animal Confinement regulations (3 CCR sections 1320-1327.3). Scan the QR code to review the regulatory framework for each of type of stakeholder:

**EGG REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**



**PORK REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**



**VEAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**



# WHAT ANIMALS ARE COVERED?

## EGG-LAYING HEN

“Egg-laying hen” means any female domesticated chicken, turkey, duck, goose, or guineafowl kept for the purpose of egg production.

## BREEDING PIG

“Breeding pig” means any female pig of the porcine species kept for the purpose of commercial breeding who is six months or older or pregnant.

## VEAL CALF

“Calf raised for veal” means any calf of the bovine species kept for the purpose of producing the food product described as veal.

# ATTENTION

If you raise any of the covered animals mentioned above for the commercial sale of shell eggs, liquid eggs, whole pork meat, or whole veal meat within the State of California, you will need to be certified as a producer by January 1, 2024. This certification will be renewed annually. Additionally, you may need to register as a distributor if you meet the definition of a pork, veal or egg distributor.

For more information, please visit our guidance documents page.

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# WHAT ARE THE CONFINEMENT STANDARDS?

Under Prop 12, an enclosure cannot prevent a covered animal from being able to lie down, stand up, fully extend their limbs (extending all limbs without touching the side of an enclosure, or another animal), and turn around freely (turning in a complete circle without any impediment, including a tether, and without touching the sides or another animal) within their enclosure. Below are additional requirements for each covered animal:

## EGG-LAYING HEN

- Cage-free housing system
- Minimum of 1.5 square feet usable floorspace per hen for floor birds
- Minimum of 1.0 square feet usable floorspace per hen for birds with access to flat platforms or multitiered aviary systems
- Require enrichments of nest boxes, perches, scratch areas and dust bathing areas

## BREEDING PIG

- Minimum of 24 square feet of usable floorspace per breeding pig.

## VEAL CALF

- Minimum of 43 square feet of usable floorspace per veal calf

