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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FARMERS' MARKET INFORMATION

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CERTIFIED FARMERS' ATTENTION! MARKET VENDORS

This brochure is for California Farmers' Market vendors selling their shell eggs*, whole pork meat* and whole veal meat* from animals on their farms*.

California's Prop 12 (2018) and Animal Confinement Regulations* apply to you and your business operation.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO AS A FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR?

1.) REGISTER WITH CDFA'S ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM

Distributors* are required to be registered with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Registration is renewed every twelve months.

2.) OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE*

Egg, Pork and Veal Producers* and Distributors* are required to have a valid Certificate of Compliance by January 1, 2024.

Words marked with an asterisk (*) are defined in the Key Terms document found by scanning the QR code.

DID YOU KNOW?

FIVE HEN SPECIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE COVERED ANIMAL REGULATIONS FOR EGGS. SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE WHAT EGG PRODUCTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE REGULATIONS.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What animals are covered under Prop 12 (2018)?
- Egg-Laying Hens*
- Breeding Pigs*
- Calves* for Veal

Is there a minimum flock or herd size of covered animals at a farm to fall under regulatory requirements?
- No, Prop 12 (2018) applies to all covered animals, regardless of flock or herd size.

As a Prop 12 (2018) certified producer, do I need to display my Certificate of Compliance at a Farmers' Market?
- No, the best practice is to keep a copy of your Certificate of Compliance available upon request.

As an egg or pork producer, do I still need to complete all other required registrations and inspections for California and/or USDA?
- Yes, the Certificate of Compliance is an additional requirement to sell Covered Product*.

Is there a fee to register as a distributor with CDFA?
- No, there is no fee to register as a distributor. The registration is required to be renewed every twelve months.

How much does certification cost?
- Distributor and/or producer certification cost is determined between the certifying agent and the distributor* and/or producer.

OTHER RESOURCES

DISTRIBUTOR REGISTRATION FORM

LIST OF CERTIFYING AGENTS