



## INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

### Instructions for investigators using agricultural animals

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The USDA regulates projects involving agricultural animals if these animals are to be utilized in biomedical research.<sup>1</sup>

OLAW states that “the *Guide* applies to agricultural animals used in biomedical research, including those maintained in typical farm settings.”<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, PI’s planning studies utilizing agricultural animals need to submit an Animal Use Protocol for IACUC review if these studies are BIOMEDICAL in nature. Typically, projects investigating animal nutrition or management practices do not require a protocol.<sup>3</sup> Please contact the current IACUC Chair or the Attending Veterinarian if you have questions about the oversight of your project.<sup>4</sup>

Regardless of IACUC oversight, please contact the USA Attorney for any additional requirements (e.g. liability waivers).

<sup>1</sup> USDA Policy 17: Regulation of Agricultural Animals (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/animal-products/animal-policy-regulatory-issues/>)

<sup>2</sup> OLAW Position Statement 6: Agricultural Animals ([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/positionstatement\\_guide.htm#agricultural](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/positionstatement_guide.htm#agricultural))

<sup>3</sup> The Animal Welfare Act ([http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_welfare/downloads/awr/awr.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/awr/awr.pdf))

<sup>4</sup> USA Animal Welfare Policy ([https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/research/compliance/animalcare/resources/animal\\_welfare\\_policy\\_statement.07.08.21.pdf.pdf](https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/research/compliance/animalcare/resources/animal_welfare_policy_statement.07.08.21.pdf.pdf))