G.A.P.'s Animal Welfare Standards Audit Prep Tool

Dairies Supplying Kids to Step 1 Meat Goat Operations v1.1

When Should I Use the Audit Prep Tool?

The purpose of this tool is to provide dairies supplying kids to G.A.P. Step 1 meat goat operations with a simple checklist to help identify where they may have issues with compliance to G.A.P.'s Animal Welfare Standards for Kids Sourced from Dairy Goat Operations v1.1. While this Audit Prep Tool covers many of the key requirements in our Kids Sourced from Dairy Goat Operations Standards, it does not cover every standard. Using this tool does not guarantee that you will pass an audit, but should help you prepare for one. This tool can be used if you are preparing for a new audit or if you are getting ready for a renewal audit. Being prepared for the audit helps to identify and resolve issues before the auditor visits your operation, which in turn, helps the certification process go more smoothly.

Who Should Complete It?

Since this Audit Prep Tool was designed to help you get organized for your audit, it would be most beneficial if it were completed by the person(s) responsible for managing the operation and/or an animal caretaker.

How Do I Know if My Operation Might Have Issues with Compliance?

This tool covers the core requirements through a series of yes/no questions. If you tick the shaded green boxes, then there is a good chance that you are in compliance with the Standard. In certain circumstances, a specific standard may not apply to your system, in which case you will also have the option to tick the 'NA' box. If you tick any non-shaded boxes, or are uncertain about any of the questions, we recommend reviewing our resources in the Meat Goat area of the G.A.P. website or checking in with your certifier for additional help before scheduling the audit.

Where Can I Get More Help?

You can find additional information, including additional resources and templates, on the Meat Goat area of the G.A.P. website. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your certifier or the Farm Animal Welfare team (standards@globalanimalpartnership.org) at G.A.P.

Requirements

		Yes	No	NA
Kids Sourced from Dairy Operations				
D1.1	**Daily Herd Management**			
D1.1.1	Do you see all of your goats at least once a day?	O	O	
	Do you keep records of any issues noticed during these observations?	O	O	
D1.2	**Medication**			
D1.2.1	If kids are treated with antibiotics, ionophores, beta agonists, growth hormones, and/or sulpha drugs, are they sold to non-G.A.P. markets?	O	O	
D1.3	**Treatment**			
D1.3.1	If you find a sick or injured kid, do you treat it within 12 hours?	O	O	
D1.5	**Kid Management**			
D1.5.1	Do you make sure that all kids get colostrum within 6 hours after birth?	O	O	
D1.5.2	Do you make sure that all kids are fed milk, milk replacer, or are grafted onto a doe?	O	O	
D1.5.3	If a kid is not reared on a doe, is the kid:			
D1.5.5	a. Given milk or milk replacer twice a day	O	O	O
D1.5.6	b. Given its own nipple, if fed via self-feeder	O	O	O
	c. Given water by the time it's a day old	O	O	O
D1.5.4	Does milk replacer contain mammalian, avian, or fish by-products? (check feed labels)	O	O	O
	Does any other feed you give to kids (including supplements) contain mammalian, avian, or fish by-products? (check feed labels)	O	O	O
D1.6	**Body Condition**			
D1.6.1	Do all of your dairy goats have a body condition score* of at least 2? *BCS; *see Appendix I in the Standards for Kids Sourced from Dairy Goat Operations*	O	O	
D1.6.2	Are any emaciated goats (BCS less than 2) given additional care?	O	O	O
D1.7	**Euthanasia**			
D1.7.1	Are the people who perform euthanasia trained?	O	O	
D1.7.4	Does the person euthanizing goats remain with them until they are sure the goat is dead?	O	O	
D1.7.5	When you find a goat that needs to be euthanized, is it euthanized within 24 hours?	O	O	
D1.7.6	Do you euthanized goats using:			
	a. Firearm shot to the head	O	O	O
	b. Penetrating or non-penetrating captive bolt (followed by exsanguination or pithing)	O	O	O
	c. Anesthetic overdose	O	O	O
	d. Blunt force trauma	O	O	
	e. Other	O	O	
D1.7.8	Do you keep a record of all goats that are euthanized?	O	O	
	Do your records include the reason why euthanasia was needed?	O	O	
D1.7.9	Once you've euthanized a goat, do you take it out of the pen right away?	O	O	
D1.8	**Transport of Kids from Dairy Farms**			
D1.8.1	Do you make sure that your G.A.P. kids are placed on a Step-rated meat goat operation within 72 hours of birth?	O	O	
	Do you keep a record of the age of kids when they are placed?	O	O	

		Yes	No	NA
D1.8.2	Do you wait until kids are least 24 hours old before you transport them?	O	O	
D1.8.3	Do you transport kids directly from your operation to the Step-Rated meat goat operation?	O	O	
	Do you use a collection point?	O	O	
D1.8.4	Does transport take longer than 1.5 hours?	O	O	
D1.8.5	If you transport kids in crates, can they:			
	a. Stand up	O	O	O
	b. Lie down	O	O	O
	c. Turn around	O	O	O
D1.8.7	Do you give kids absorbent bedding during transport?	O	O	
D1.8.8	Do you keep a transport record for each shipment of kids?	O	O	
	Does the transport record travel with each shipment?	O	O	
	Does the record include:			
	a. The number of kids transported	O	O	
	b. Date of transport	O	O	
	c. Certificate number	O	O	
	d. Certificate expiry date	O	O	