

# ANIMAL WELFARE SPECIALIST / AUDITOR

A professional working as an animal welfare specialist or auditor typically perform animal handling/welfare audits and food safety audits on farms, animal production facilities, and animal processing facilities.

## WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Perform audits at assigned facilities, assuring consistency and accuracy in all audit reports
- Ensure company and/or legal standards are maintained in terms of animal handling/welfare, euthanasia, and food safety
- Support farms and production facilities in the development and implementation of corrective actions identified in internal or external audits and provide follow-up to ensure completion
- Properly report and record animal welfare misconduct
- Collect information regarding sources of high stress in animals
- Provide training as requested/needed regarding animal welfare practices
- Ensure that livestock truck drivers are adhering to animal welfare policies
- Lead and implement programs, protocols, or policies to drive improvement in animal well-being or recommend changes to existing standards
- Participate in animal care investigations as designated
- Schedule and conduct travel inspections
- Possess a working knowledge of livestock handling tools
- Monitor animal research news and animal rights extremism risk activity in assigned region



## WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Bachelor's or Master's degree in animal science, animal welfare, or related field; additional licensure or certification such as the PAACO certification

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, animal science, biology, anatomy, Spanish, mathematics

## TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Government agencies, animal production companies, food and restaurant companies, animal processing facilities, or animal welfare organizations

## FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Animal Agriculture Alliance
- Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization

## AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$51,000