



AAALAC POSITION STATEMENTS

Selecting the Appropriate Standard(s) for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals

AAALAC International recognizes that the biomedical or agricultural research, testing or teaching objectives as well as the health and welfare of the animals will dictate when application of the recommendations of the *Ag Guide*, *ILAR Guide*, or ETS 123 is most appropriate. For animals in an agricultural setting, AAALAC International takes the position that, in accredited programs, the housing and care for farm animals should meet the standards that prevail on a high-quality, well-managed farm. The collective professional judgment of the responsible oversight body (i.e., IACUC, Ethics Committee), principal investigator and veterinarian should determine which standard(s) applies best with regard to the care and welfare of agricultural animals, based on a performance approach in the context of the requirements of the study and the species used.* The rationale for making this determination should be documented.

**For institutions that also hold a U.S. Public Health Service Assurance, see additional information regarding this topic at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/faqs.htm#g7>.*