

We encourage livestock, poultry and aquaculture farmers of any size operation to apply to the program. After the initial application, ISDA will verify a series of regulatory compliance checks. After this verification, the applicant must complete the following requirements:



“Certified Livestock Producers take pride in the product they are producing and are committed to safety for their farms, their animals, their families and emergency responders in their communities. For us, visiting with our local fire department was the most valuable part of the program and made all the difference in the world when we had a house fire.”

*Pearce McKinney, sheep producer
Wingate, Indiana*

Producer Promise

The producer will sign a professional promise of ethics, values, trust, respect, integrity, performance excellence and accountability.

Environment

The producer conducts a self assessment and must receive a minimum score for progressive environmental practices in areas such as nutrient management, manure handling and conservation practices.

Food Safety & Animal Wellbeing

The producer must complete a nationally recognized certification program for their respective species that addresses food safety, animal health, care and housing. Examples of such programs include F.A.R.M., Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, etc.



Biosecurity

The education section describes the criteria for developing a biosecurity plan. The producer conducts a self assessment and must obtain a minimum score to verify they have developed and implemented a biosecurity plan that meets requirements. They must meet with a veterinarian to validate the plan.

Emergency Plan

Standards to be included in an emergency plan are set forth in the education section. The producer conducts a self assessment and must obtain a minimum score. They also must create an emergency plan and a map of their operation that meet these standards. A local fire department representative reviews and validates the plan.

Community Relations

Guidelines for building good neighbor relations are included in the education section. The producer must demonstrate actions as a good neighbor through the self assessment and attainment of a minimum score.

Who is eligible?

The program is open to all producers of livestock species with any size operation. The goal of the program is to recognize producers who are willing to demonstrate their commitment to the five areas of the program and to showcase their progressive practices, ethics and values. ISDA will not certify producers who fail to meet the standards and values of this program.



"Every livestock producer should join the program to help promote the integrity of animal agriculture in Indiana. The agribusiness contacts we gain, in addition to the wealth of information on all of the various topics, are extremely valuable in making our farms safer and building relationships with others in agriculture."

*Rob Ewing, goat/sheep producer
Greensburg, Indiana*

How to apply

Please complete and return a Certified Livestock Producer application form to ISDA. The form is available on the ISDA website, www.in.gov/isda/2395.htm or by calling 317.232.8770.

How to become certified

1. Submit the confidential application form. ISDA will then verify that your farm is in good standing with the Indiana State Department of Environmental Management and the Board of Animal Health.
2. You will be invited to attend a one-day training session to hear from subject matter experts on best practices and program requirements and receive the program manual.
3. After you have completed the manual, contact ISDA to set an appointment for an on-farm review of the completed requirements.

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