

Conagra Brands, Inc. Animal Welfare Position Statement



Pork Standards

Conagra Brands, Inc. (“Conagra”) is committed to providing safe, affordable, high quality, and sustainable food in addition to reliable humane treatment of animals. In efforts to make improvements in our fresh pork supply chain, we will strive to source 100% pork¹ derived from open-pen gestation systems by 2026. An open pen gestation system means that sows are kept in gestation crates for no more than 4-6 weeks of each pregnancy and are then moved to a pen with sufficient space to move freely. We plan to fully reach this goal within 3 fiscal years. We are aiming to source at least 30% open-pen pork by the end of fiscal year 2024 and 60% by the end of the fiscal year 2025.

These benchmarks are subject to availability of supply and provide a guide for us as we move forward toward our goal. We will provide updates to our stakeholders on our progress via our annual Citizenship Report.

We seek suppliers who are focused on improving animal welfare practices within our fresh pork supply chain. We will only accept fresh pork from farms that raise animals under the standards of the National Pork Board’s (NPB’s) [Pork Quality Assurance \(PQA\) Plus Program](#) and who are willing to undergo regular evaluations to ensure compliance with these standards. The swine industry’s certification and training programs, including PQA Plus version 5.0, PQA Plus Site Assessment version 5.0, Transport Quality Assurance (TQA) version 8, and the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, are [certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) as in compliance with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Animal Welfare Management/General Requirements and Guidance for Organizations in the Food Supply Chain. This designation indicates that these programs are aligned with the principles of the World Organization of Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code promoting the welfare of farm animals across the supply chain. We also align with the National Pork Board (NPB) and National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) [We Care initiative](#). The 6 ethical principles include food safety, animal well-being, public health, environment, our people, and community.

We value our relationship with our US pork producers, industry associations, and academic resources that are committed to utilizing science-based best practices in quality, safety, and animal welfare. The PQA certification standard is recognized to be compliant with ISO Technical Specification 34700, Animal Welfare Management.

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¹ Our efforts are focused on trim and fresh pork that is directly sourced, meaning purchased by us for use as an ingredient for products manufactured in our facilities, excluding private label and foodservice products.