

Statement on Animal Welfare

Born out of a meatpacking tradition that started in the Eastern Market of Detroit, Wolverine Packing is proud of its heritage that originated as a small lamb and veal packer in 1937. We have long understood the fundamental importance of good animal welfare practices, and the link between animal health, animal welfare, food quality, and food safety.

We fully appreciate and understand the moral and ethical duties associated with the care and movement of food animal livestock. As such, we have veterinarians onsite, and employees responsible for handling animals are trained on humane and low stress handling.

Wolverine does not tolerate the mistreatment of animals, and we are committed to humane treatment for all livestock under our care. We also expect our suppliers to share the same commitment. We require our suppliers to provide, annually, a humane handling audit from a third-party independent auditing firm, certifying the facility "is in good standing."

Wolverine Packing also recognizes the importance of the US National Residue Program. We require our suppliers to ensure that animals coming from their farms for harvesting meet the FDA-approved withdrawal period for any antibiotics used. All suppliers of meat products to Wolverine operate under validated HACCP systems, which include processes to ensure products produced by those suppliers are safe, wholesome, and not adulterated by violative levels of veterinary drug residues.

As stated above, we require our suppliers to follow established industry standards for both humane animal handling and antibiotic residues. Suppliers that fail to uphold animal handling practices are subject to disqualification. Suppliers that are repeat offenders for failed antibiotic residue testing are also subject to disqualification.