CERTIFICATION PROCESS

One Health Certified™ is a public certification program open to all producers.

**STEP 1: READ STANDARDS & PREPARE FOR AUDITS**

One Health Certified™ guidelines are verified via the USDA Process Verified Program (PVP) and offers applicants a unique way to market their products using clearly defined and transparent process points. A detailed Quality Manual explains how One Health Certified™ requirements are met.

Companies that meet these requirements and achieve certification can label their products with a simple logo that shows that responsible animal care practices have been followed and verified to achieve optimal health outcomes for animals, consumers, and the planet.

To begin the process, please read the specific standard requirements for the animal protein you want to certify in. Create a Quality Manual for your company that follows the protein specific standards, and then contact USDA-AMS at QAD.BusinessOps@ams.usda.gov to schedule your audits.

**STEP 2: COMPLETE USDA-AMS DESK & ON-SITE AUDITS**

Desk Audit: Once required documentation is submitted, AMS auditors conduct a desk audit to ensure all program requirements are met as in the Quality Manual. The application is submitted to a Program Review Committee, which goes over all process points and approves the application.

On-Site Audit: This process can last from a day to a week depending on the number and scope of process points along with the size and complexity of the operation. AMS auditors conduct an on-site audit of all operation phases that impact process verified points.

**STEP 3: COMPLETE PROCESS TO USE BRANDED LOGOS**

After successfully completing and passing audits, check your email inbox for a message from our administration (programcoordinator@onehealthcertified.org). This message will request information needed to generate an invoice for permission to use One Health Certified™ branded logos on products. Once the invoice is paid, you may use branded program logos for one year.