

Arizona Department of Agriculture

Animal Services Division

Livestock Services



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Mission

To support and promote Arizona agriculture in a way that encourages farming, ranching, and agribusiness, protects the well-being of people, plants, animals and the environment while safeguarding commerce, consumers, and natural resources

Livestock Services Program

The Animal Services Division (ASD) employs 22 Livestock Services field staff throughout the state of Arizona. Of this amount, 8 are full-time AZPOST certified officers, 6 are full-time inspectors, and 8 are part-time deputies. They are supervised by the Livestock Services Program Manager.

The field staff are required to inspect livestock (except equine) for health, marks, and brands before they are slaughtered, sold, purchased, driven, transported, shipped, or conveyed. They also respond to stray and ownership dispute calls. In addition to these duties, the officers investigate theft, welfare, and neglect cases.

In Arizona, "livestock" includes cattle, equine (horses, mules, burros, asses), sheep, goats, and swine, except feral pigs.

Self-Inspection

ASD's self-inspection program allows branded range cattle, unbranded dairy and feedlot cattle, sheep, goats, and swine to move to auction, inspected slaughterhouse, feedlot, arena, and pasture-to-pasture within own ranch using a self-inspection certificate. These certificates cannot be used for changes of ownership in range cattle, removal of range cattle from the state, or cattle custom slaughter because field staff must inspect these occurrences.

Inspection Fee Structure

Field Staff Inspections

\$10/call + \$0.25/head for cattle or \$0.05/head for sheep

We can't charge for goats, pigs, or custom slaughter. Horses are exempt.

Self-Inspection Certificates

- \$25 for a 25-page feedlot book
- \$20 for a 20-page dairy book
- \$10 for a 10-page non-range, range, sheep, goat, or swine book

Livestock Entry Requirements

Equine – health certificate, including a negative equine infectious anemia (Coggins) test within the last 12 months

Goats & Sheep – health certificate (no bluetongue or scrapie, negative Brucella Ovis for rams 6+ months), entry permit number, premise ID

Swine – health certificate (no pseudo-rabies vaccine or fed raw garbage), entry permit number, premise ID

Dairy cattle – health certificate (negative TB for 2+ months, negative brucellosis for 18+ months), entry permit number, individual ID, Official Calfhood Vaccinate

Beef Cattle – health certificate, entry permit number, individual ID, other specifications depending on age and sex

Arizona Livestock Statistics (Source: USDA NASS January 2016)

257,000 feedlot cattle
195,000 dairy cows
177,000 horses (2005, Deloitte Consulting)
180,000 range beef cows
132,000 hogs (December 2015)
145,000 sheep and lambs
35,000 Angora goats
27,000 meat goats

ASD's Other Programs

Meat and Poultry Inspection – State meat inspection personnel general plant and equipment sanitation, processing sanitation, good manufacturing practices during production, ante mortem and post mortem inspection at slaughter, multi-ingredient formulation, the use of approved labeling, and laboratory sampling programs.

Rick Mann – Program Manager
Casey Jones – Program Supervisor

Dairy Inspection – This program is responsible for the statewide inspection of all dairy farms, processors and dairy wholesalers; inspects dairy products produced by the industry; and administers and enforces rules regarding the building and operating of a dairy farm.

Roland Mader – Program Administrator
Jeff Black – Program Manager

Egg Inspection – This program is responsible for the inspection of all shell eggs and egg products sold in the state.

Roland Mader – Program Administrator
Eric DeVera/Fred Marquez – Program Managers

State Veterinarian's Office – This program protects livestock, poultry, and aquaculture industries directly, and the public indirectly, through the prevention, early detection, containment, and eradication of economically important disease, in many case, are transmissible to people. In addition, welfare of farm animals is ensured by assisting Livestock Services in the investigation and prosecution of livestock cruelty cases. The department also plays a role in livestock related emergencies.

Dr. Peter Mundschenk – State Veterinarian
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