

**TAMU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
Protocol Review Checklist – USDA Regulated or Not**

The following is provided as general guidance to identifying if a species and/or activity is USDA regulated as described by federal regulation: [USDA Animal Care: Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations](#)

Species/Activities that are NOT USDA Regulated
Amphibians
Avian/Bird bred in captivity and used for research, teaching, testing or experimentation
Farm animal [%] - used for research or agricultural teaching for animal science/husbandry (most commonly COALS, AgriLife Research/Extension)
Fish
Mice (laboratory, Mus)
Rats (laboratory, Rattus)
Reptiles
Warm-blooded animal - clinical trial, research, or teaching, with vet/client relationship (client owned animal)
Warm-blooded animal - study occurring internationally
Wild warm-blooded animal - study occurring in US or territories [#] ; not materially altered [§] ; vermin removal (no research, teaching, testing or experimentation)
USDA Regulated Species/Activities
Canine, domestic
Exotic warm-blooded animal, exclusive of birds bred in captivity
Farm animal [%] (mammals only) - used for biomedical ^{&} research (most commonly HSC, VMBS)
Feline, domestic
Ferrets
Gerbils
Guinea Pigs
Hamsters
Mice (Laboratory, other than Mus; e.g.: Peromyscus)
Rabbits
Rats (Laboratory, other than Rattus; e.g.: Cotton Rat)
Warm blooded animal - used for teaching vet or vet tech students, no vet/client relationship (most commonly VMBS)
Wild warm-blooded animal - study occurring in US or territories [#] ; materially altered [§]

Footnotes:

[%]Livestock (cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, horses) or poultry used for improving animal nutrition, breeding, management, or production efficiency, or for improving quality of food/fiber. Horses/llamas used for work or pack animals. Rabbits, mink, chinchilla and ratites when used solely for meat, fur, feathers or skin.

[&]Biomedical = 1] of or relating to biomedicine; 2] of, relating to, or involving biological, medical, and physical science

[#]US or territories = State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or any other territory or possession of the United States.

[§]Materially altered = unable to live normal life or return to normal life (interruption in reproduction, removal of free-living wild animal from natural habitat and housed in lab or other space, impact on ambulation/flight/swimming); major surgery; IC blood collection; catheter blood collection; surgical implantation of devices; pain/distress above minimal or slight [D-E category]; animal experiences trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort as a result of handling; death that is not humane.

