



IACUC Policy 900 : Agricultural Animals Policy

1. Definitions of Key Terms Specific to this Policy

**Agricultural animals:** are defined as farm animals are housed in the agricultural zone of Thammasat University or registered farm outside of Thammasat University.

2. Policy, Procedures and Guidelines:

A. The IACUC use the “Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching” for establishing appropriate standards for use of agricultural animals in agricultural research and teaching.

B. The IACUC must determine that the specific registered farm is committed to providing a high standard of animal welfare and use the Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching for the reference.

C. The IACUC is responsible for overseeing the program for the care and use of agricultural animals in research and teaching. Specifically, the IACUC is responsible for the review, approval and oversight of (1) protocols involving animals in agricultural research and teaching, (2) standard operating procedures for routine care and husbandry, and (3) the facilities where animals are housed and research is taking place.

D. Attending Veterinarian is responsible for consulting on the development of all protocols and reviewing them to ensure the appropriateness of the care and use of the animals in the proposed projects.

F. The University is responsible for providing the resources for maintaining the animals in accordance with established standards for health and welfare whether or not they are involved in specific research and teaching protocols.

G. Occupational Health Program training is made available for managers and employees of collaborator farms on which researchers utilize animals.

H. It is the PI’s responsibility to ensuring appropriate monitoring of animals specific to their protocol. Farm workers associated with the research animals need to be added to specific protocols, and to be trained on the principles of agricultural research animal care and use.