



R&D Snapshot

APIQ[✓][®] transitions to third party auditing

Background: APIQ[✓][®] is the Australian Pork industry's voluntary on-farm Quality Assurance Program. Approximately 91 per cent of all Australian sows are APIQ[✓][®] certified. After extensive reviews and a trial of third party auditing (TPA) over the past 18 months, the APL Board has approved adoption of TPA, effective 1 January 2018.

Take home messages:

- AUS-MEAT Ltd has been engaged by APL as the Third Party Audit organisation.
- From 1 January 2018, AUS-MEAT Ltd will assign an auditor to an audit, receive audit reports and recommend certification to APIQ Management (APIQM).
- Existing APIQ[✓][®] Auditors can continue to conduct APIQ[✓][®] audits through to 31 December 2017 and will work with producers through to 28 February 2018 to close Corrective Action Requests (CARs) where required.
- AUS-MEAT Ltd starts with 12 APIQ[✓][®] trained auditors who are experienced auditors with some livestock knowledge.
- The assigned AUS-MEAT auditor will contact the producer to schedule the audit and the producer will pay AUS-MEAT directly.
- Audit costs have been set and are available on the APIQ[✓][®] website www.apiq.com.au.
- APIQ[✓][®] continues to be owned by industry and managed by APIQM on behalf of producers.
- The APIQ[✓][®] Certification Policies will continue to govern the program and APIQ[✓][®] Standards and Policies continue to be decided through industry consultation.
- The APIQ[✓][®] Panel will continue to review issues, concerns and Critical CARs with APIQM.

Any producer with questions is invited to visit the APIQ[✓][®] website www.apiq.com.au or contact APIQM on 1800 789 099 or apiq@australianpork.com.au.

