

We at JBS are shocked and disturbed by the video recently filmed by Mercy for Animals at a hog farm, and we are taking action with our hog-producer community to ensure that treatment that is inconsistent with National Pork Board standards is addressed immediately.

JBS is dedicated to responsible animal agriculture and does not condone or tolerate animal cruelty. In our commitment to continuous improvement in all our practices, we insist on high standards for our hog suppliers, and we require them to participate in the National Pork Board's Pork Quality Assurance Plus program (PQA Plus), a system of standards, education and training aimed at assuring animal well-being in addition to food safety.

At JBS, we consult with top university animal welfare experts and will continue to work with them to verify that appropriate practices and procedures are in place. We will require that all purchases be contingent on our suppliers' ability to verify that their animal handling practices are responsible and humane, and we will not purchase animals originating from the facility in this video until we have third-party verification of their compliance with requirements for proper animal handling.

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