



MICHAEL ANDERSON

LEAD ANIMAL WELFARE AUDITOR

PROFILE

Dynamic Dairy Welfare Specialist with extensive experience in animal husbandry and welfare management. Specializing in the development of innovative strategies to enhance dairy cattle welfare and productivity. Proven expertise in conducting on-farm assessments and implementing welfare improvement plans that align with industry best practices. Strong advocate for animal rights, with a commitment to educating stakeholders about ethical treatment and sustainable practices.

EXPERIENCE

LEAD ANIMAL WELFARE AUDITOR

Dairy Quality Assurance Program

2016 - Present

- Conducted over 100 welfare audits, producing detailed reports on compliance and improvement needs.
- Facilitated training for auditors on welfare assessment methodologies.
- Developed educational materials for farmers on welfare best practices.
- Collaborated with industry stakeholders to enhance welfare standards.
- Analyzed audit data to identify areas for program enhancement.
- Presented findings at national agricultural conferences, advocating for improved dairy practices.

ANIMAL WELFARE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Minnesota

2014 - 2016

- Assisted in research projects focused on dairy cattle behavior and welfare.
- Collected and analyzed data to support welfare improvement initiatives.
- Engaged with farmers to gather insights on welfare practices.
- Contributed to publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- Participated in outreach programs to educate the public on dairy welfare.
- Supported the development of training programs for dairy producers.

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SKILLS

- Animal Husbandry
- Data Analysis
- Training
- Research
- Stakeholder Collaboration
- Advocacy

LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish
- French

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Developed a welfare training program adopted by 200+ farms.
- Contributed to a study that increased understanding of dairy cattle stress indicators.
- Recognized for excellence in research with a university award.