



## **Online Dairy Training**

*[www.animalcaretraining.org](http://www.animalcaretraining.org)*

Validus is partnering with Animal Care Training, an online training site, to help educate English and Spanish-speaking dairy employees. The web-based audiovisual training features multimedia modules on topics such as non-ambulatory cattle, animal husbandry, animal welfare, environmental stewardship and food safety practices. Animal Care Training is managed by the Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University and is designed to provide valuable online training in various areas of animal care for employees internationally.

### ***Online Training Features***

- Employees can work through the training modules in English or Spanish at any time.
- Each module includes a quiz and the quiz must be passed with an 80% or above.
- There is no time limit or deadline to complete the modules and quizzes.
- Each package is different in length and the time to complete each module varies. The modules range from 5-20 minutes long.
- When a training package is complete, a certificate of completion is available for printing.

The training areas are relevant and affordably priced. The following training packages are available:

### ***Non-Ambulatory Cattle Management Training – Dairy (3 modules) \$25.00***

The care and handling of a non-ambulatory (downer) animal is an important issue that faces the dairy industry on a daily basis. It is important for all cattle handlers to understand the proper ways to care for these compromised animals. This package includes three different training modules which help prepare the caretaker for the decisions that must be made when dealing with a non-ambulatory animal:

- The Care and Handling of Non-Ambulatory Dairy Cattle
- Humane Euthanasia of Dairy Cattle
- Carcass Disposal

***Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance - Animal Health (19 modules) \$25.00***

The Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance - Animal Health package is meant to assist dairy producers in implementing good animal health practices on their dairy operation. Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance training equips dairy producers with the tools needed to practice quality animal care and food production.

***Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance - Comprehensive (36 modules) \$25.00***

The Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance - Comprehensive package is meant to assist dairy producers in producing quality dairy and beef products. Issues focused on include feedstuffs and nutritional management, injection site management, marketing and transportation, proper animal handling, treatment protocols, record keeping practices, and care of non-ambulatory (downer) animals.

For more information, go to [www.animalcaretraining.org](http://www.animalcaretraining.org) and click on “Training Offerings” or contact Karen Labenz, Director of Sales, at Validus: 515-278-8002 or go to [www.validuservices.com](http://www.validuservices.com).

**Why Validus?**

Validus is an ISO 9001: 2008–certified company with roots in on-farm auditing work. We have concentrated our work on farm-level programs, and have expanded our audit services to include animal welfare, environmental, on-farm security, and worker care for the major species.

Our mission is to provide on-farm audits, planning, and consulting services, ensuring that production practices meet or exceed brand expectations in the marketplace.