

February 11, 2015, Urbandale, IA- Validus is excited to announce the hiring of Dr. Amanda Tank of Hayfield, MN and Angela Honeywell of West Point, IN.

Dr. Amanda Tank, DVM, has joined Validus to work on special projects and brings years of animal health experience to our team.

Dr. Tank was most recently employed as a corporate manager of animal welfare and handling for Hormel Foods based out of Austin, MN. She helped establish and maintain an animal handling program for all company owned facilities as well as assisted with research and development projects that involved animal welfare advancements. She has also worked at numerous veterinary clinics across Minnesota as an associate veterinarian and also as a college instructor.

Dr. Tank received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine in St. Paul, MN. She received her Master's in Public Health from the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health in Minneapolis, MN.

She has received various honors and awards throughout her career including Honorary Alumni Speaker, Student Representative for University of MN- College of Veterinary Medicine, and an American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Award. She has had papers published in the *Journal or Veterinary Medical Education* and other professional publications.

Angela Honeywell joins Validus as an Animal Welfare Specialist. Her responsibilities include conducting on-farm animal welfare audits for multiple species including poultry, swine and dairy.

Honeywell's most recent employment was with Cargill Meat Solutions in Lafayette, IN. She was the Pork Supply Team Manager and worked closely with producers to identify their needs and develop long-term relationships. She has also previously worked for Purdue University as a Food Processing Extension Manager, Tippecanoe County Health Department as a Food Inspector/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and Indiana Packers Corporation as a Quality Assurance Manager/HACCP Coordinator.

Ms. Honeywell attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science with a Food Science Option. While at Oklahoma State she was a member of the OSU Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Team.

Validus is pleased to welcome both of these outstanding women to our team!