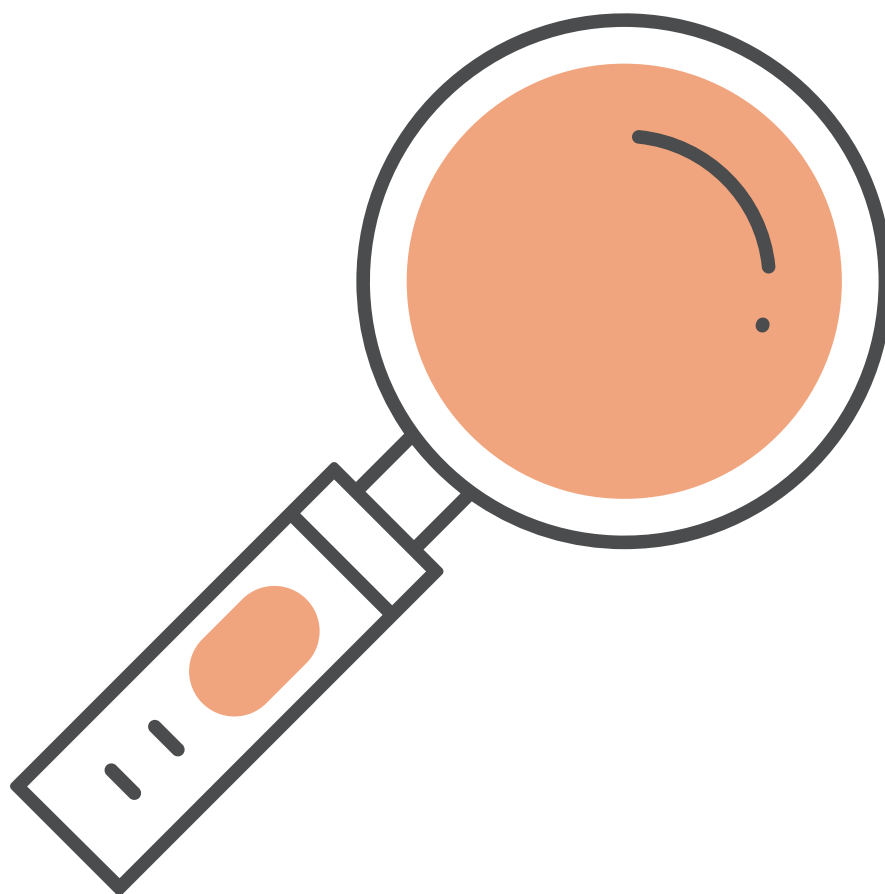


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Animal welfare considerations

- Access to pasture
- Colostrum management
- Cow-calf separation
- Frequency and quantity of milk feeds
- Individual housing of calves
- Painful husbandry procedures such as disbudding and castration



If you have specific questions or challenges arising from your supply chain analysis, get in touch with [RSPCA Australia](#).

Product range

Beef/veal: fresh, processed, pasture-raised, grain-fed, grain-finished, offal

By-products: pet food, pet treats, rennet, pharmaceuticals, gelatine, leather

Step one

Where is veal or by-product used in your business?

- Are you using veal on site?
- Are you buying in products that contain veal?

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What veal, beef or by-product is used in your business?

- Is the veal or beef used on site fresh or processed?

Step two

For each type of veal or beef used in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the veal or beef certified by a third party?
If so, which certification program.
- Is the veal or beef from non-replacement dairy calves?
- Is the method of production labelled?
- Is your supplier also the producer? If not, how many suppliers/processors are involved in the chain back to the producer?
- Is the veal or beef produced in Australia?
- What husbandry practices are carried out and how?
- What is the method of transport and killing/slaughter?

For each product containing veal or beef in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the veal or beef certified by a third party?
If so, which certification program.
- Can the veal or beef ingredient be traced back to the producer?
- Is the veal or beef used in the product from Australia?
- What is the method of production for the veal or beef?
- What type of veal or beef product is used? i.e. does it come from non-replacement dairy calves

Step three

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of non-replacement dairy calves used for veal or beef in your supply chain
- The percentage of certified veal or beef in your business supply chain
- The proportion of Australian veal or beef and any imported product
- A list of all producers supplying your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, transport and slaughter methods

Step four

Review your organisation's current supply chain to identify the animal welfare issues using the information collected from the first three steps.

Step five

Implement plan within your organisation to address the identified issues. See RSPCA Australia's 'How to develop an animal welfare policy' for more information.