Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF)
Validated/Qualified (VQ) Herd Standards

1. Establishing a VQ Herd
   a. Submit a completed VQ Herd application/inventory sheet to:
      ODAFF Animal Industry Services
      2800 N Lincoln Blvd
      Oklahoma City, OK 73105
   b. Herd owners shall have a minimum of 4 adult sows to be eligible for the VQ Herd program.
   c. All swine 6 months of age or older must be tested negative to official brucellosis and pseudorabies
      tests within 30 days prior to or following submission of the VQ Herd application/inventory sheet.
      Please Note: It is recommended that the initial herd test be completed during January, April,
      July, or October (the normal quarterly testing schedule). If this test is completed during different
      months, the herd shall continue quarterly testing by the normal schedule.
   d. Each adult animal shall be permanently and individually identified by both ear notch and electronic
      840 tag prior to or at the time of testing.
   e. A minimum of 90% of the swine in the herd must have been on the premises and a part of the herd
      for at least 90 days prior to the complete herd test or have entered directly from a VQ Herd.
   f. VQ Herds shall maintain a buffer zone between it and any non-VQ swine.
   g. Swine maintained outside the primary herd premises will not be considered part of the VQ Herd.
   h. The VQ Herd Status will be issued after the first quarterly testing following the whole herd test. VQ
      Herd Status shall not be issued upon completion of the initial whole herd test only.

2. Maintaining a VQ Herd
   a. All swine 6 months of age or older shall be subjected to official brucellosis and pseudorabies tests at
      least once each year. This must be accomplished by testing 25% of swine 6 months of age or older
      every quarter.
      i. Quarterly testing months are January, April, July, and October of every year (for the example
         of January, samples shall be taken between January 1 and January 31).
      ii. No swine shall be tested twice in one testing year to comply with the 25% requirement
         (Exception: If a VQ Herd ever consists of less than 4 test eligible swine, 1 or more animals
         shall be repeat tested during the same testing year with no quarterly tests skipped).
      iii. All swine 6 months of age or older that have not been previously tested in the first 3 quarters
         shall be tested in the October quarterly test (even if this exceeds 25% of the herd).
   b. Exhibition animals shall be permanently and individually identified by both ear notch and electronic
      840 tag prior to exhibition.
   c. Submit a completed VQ Herd renewal application/inventory sheet (supplied by ODAFF near the end
      of the year) prior to completion of the January quarterly test.
   d. If quarterly tests are missed, late, incomplete, inaccurate, or do not meet VQ standards, the VQ Herd
      status may be suspended or revoked.
      i. History of noncompliance by the owner may result in prevention of the herd’s participation in the
         program.

3. VQ Herd Additions
   a. Swine may be added to a VQ Herd through natural increase. These natural additions will need to be
      tested as a regular part of the herd once they reach 6 months of age.
   b. Swine may be added to a VQ Herd directly from another VQ Herd without isolation. These additions
      shall be tested during the next quarterly test regardless of age.
      i. If there is interim contact with other swine, the additions must be isolated from the VQ Herd until
         the swine have been tested negative 30 to 60 days after arrival.
   c. Additions to a VQ Herd from a herd of unknown status shall be tested negative not more than 30 days
      prior to movement and be isolated from the VQ Herd until tested negative again 30 to 60 days after
      arrival.
   d. Swine returning to the VQ Herd after being exhibited or having contact with other swine shall be
      isolated from the VQ Herd until tested negative 30 to 60 days after returning.
Validated/Qualified Herd Application and Inventory Sheet

Owner's Name: _________________________________________ V/Q Herd Number: ______________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________

Primary Phone Number: ____________________________ Secondary Phone Number: ___________________

Email Address: ________________________________________ Date of Inventory: ______________

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Owner Statement: "I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the rules and regulations regarding the establishment and maintenance of a validated/qualified herd enclosed with this application. I certify that the inventory information above is to the best of my knowledge true, accurate, and complete."

Owner Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________