

Sustainability Self Inventory

The purpose of this inventory is to help companies:

- Assess where they stand with regard to sustainability practices
- Determine what they might do
- Benchmark themselves over time

The AMI web site www.SustainableMeatIndustry.org offers additional resources to help companies implement practices that may apply and that they would like to pursue.

Due to the variability in companies, their workforces, the products they produce and the suitability of the practices on this self-inventory to those companies, this audit is for internal use only and is not intended to be used as an external audit.

Water Use Practices

***Need more practices for water use. Questions on survey are very limited in this area.**

- **Water reuse system in place to recycle water**

- My company currently engages in this practice
- My company is on target to implement this practice in the next six months.
- This practice does not apply or is not suited to my operation.
- This practice is something I should consider

- **Use water conservation devices throughout plant (i.e. dripless faucets, water efficient toilets).**

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- **Water Conservation Program and team in place**

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- **Water use metered to account for use daily.**

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- **Daily report developed and distributed to detail water use trend data and convert water usage to an appropriate cost figure.**

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- **Determining the needed water pressure and regulating pressure to the facility as a whole, as well as specific water intensive equipment, will reduce overuse when pressure is higher than necessary.**

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- **Dry clean up emphasized when possible to prevent wasted water**

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- **High pressure washdown pumps sized and maintained to deliver adequate, not excessive pressure.**

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- **Hose stations and nozzles maintained to provide adequate access and pressure for washdown areas.**

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- **Nozzles for product cooling/spraying maintained at appropriate flow rate –**

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- **Recycling of Cooling Water**

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- **Reuse of Cooling Water**

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- **Leak reporting and repair program**

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Plant and Transportation Energy Use

- **Use renewable fuels for heating and cooling plant**

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- **Use energy-efficient light-bulbs throughout plant**

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- **Time lights to go off when no activity is detected**

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- **Use fuel-efficient or alternative fuel fleet vehicles**

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- **Use long-haul truck routing planning for efficiency**

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- **Use strategic consolidation program**

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- **Plan for efficient warehousing**

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- **Use bio-diesel and/or other alternative fuels**

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- **Have auxiliary power units on refrigerated units to avoid engine idling**

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- **Use efficient tires**

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- **Use diesel particulate filters**

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- **Improved aerodynamics**

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- **Have automatic tire inflation systems to maximize fuel efficiency**

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- **Have speed governors**

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Recycling/Waste Reduction

- **Recycle paper**

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- **Recycle Plastics**

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- **Recycle glass**

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- **Recycle metals**

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- **Recycle pallets**

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- **Recycle packing materials**

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- **Recycle tires**

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- **Recycle oil**

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- **Recycle fluorescent light bulbs**

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- **Recycle mercury thermometers**

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- **Recycle tritium signs**

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- **Do you have an “environmentally preferred” procurement process?**

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Caring for Employees

- **Participate in AMI Worker Safety Awards Program**

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- **Participate in OSHA’s VPP Program**

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- **Follow AMI’s “Voluntary Ergonomic Guidelines for Meat Packers”**

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- **Host worker safety training for all new employees**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Provide on-site physical therapy**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Provide adjustable work stations to ensure comfort and prevent injuries**

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- **Run in-house safety committee**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Offer child care assistance**

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- **Offer health insurance**

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- **Offer ESL tutoring**

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- **Provide chaplain services**

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- **Provide citizenship assistance**

My company currently engages in this practice

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- **Provide free or reduced meals to employees**

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- **Offer discounted meat to employees**

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- **Provide performance awards**

My company currently engages in this practice

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- **Offer Profit-Sharing Program**

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- **Offer Retirement Benefits/Pension/401k**

My company currently engages in this practice

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- **Have fitness center on site or subsidize off-site fitness center**

My company currently engages in this practice

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- **Offer work at home programs**

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- **Offer wellness programs and/or health risk appraisals**

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- **Offer cessation programs**

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Caring for Animals

- **Follow AMI's Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines and Audit Guide**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Use AMI's animal handling audit internally on a weekly basis**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Conduct in-house training program all new employees who work in live animal handling, stunning and sticking.**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Send employees to AMI Animal Care & Handling Conference annually**

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- **Run in-house animal welfare committee**

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- **Have third-party animal welfare audit at least annually**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Use cameras as part of animal welfare monitoring program**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Have heat mitigation programs in place for livestock (fans, misting systems)**

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Caring for Our Customers: Ensuring Safe and Nutritious Foods

- **Provide training in food safety GMPs**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Provide HACCP training**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Seek equipment designed according to AMI's Sanitary Equipment Design Principles.**

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- **Use AMI Sanitary Facility Design Principles for all renovations and future construction.**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Run a toll-free number to respond to consumer concerns**

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- **We should say something related to allergens....**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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Caring for the Community

- **Donate surplus food to food banks**

- My company currently engages in this practice
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- **Tutor local children**

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- **Purchase FFA or 4-H livestock**

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- **Engage in community environmental clean-up projects (like stream clean-ups, clearing brush)**

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- **Sponsor sports teams**

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- **Work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters or similar organizations**

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- **Donate food for local events like festivals, charity runs**

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- **Sponsor Teams for Charity Runs/Walks**

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___ This practice does not apply or is not suited to my operation.

___ This practice is something I should consider

- **Host Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts to assist with merit badges**

___ My company currently engages in this practice

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___ This practice is something I should consider

Optional:

Companies may score themselves to benchmark internal progress over time.

___ My company currently engages in this practice – **3 points for each yes**

___ My company is on target to implement this practice in the next six months – **2 points for each yes**

___ This practice does not apply or is not suited to my operation

___ This practice is something I should consider – **0 points for reach**

_____ total point score

_____ total points possible (each question that applies X 3)

_____ Percent score (total score divided by possible score)