Animal Production Prgram Responses to the AIC recommendation 2012/2014

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Comment/Remarks

Currently, several guidelines on laboratory animal facilities are followed and these include: 1. Access to the animal facility is controlled and regulated, 2. The ventilation system for the facility is designed to prevent the exhaust from this area cannot enter any part of the building, 3. The facility is designed to facilitate sanitation procedures, 4. Waste and feces are disposed on daily basis in closed bags, 5. All invasive procedures are conducted at a separate procedure room at Alammariya farm (located 20 km from the department), and 6. Biosafety guidelines are consulted in all cases where animals are infected with pathogens.

Moreover, establishment of a new facility to meet the international standards is under process. All animal facilities will be moved there permanently.

Achievements 2014/2015

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King Saud University located a budget for establishing a new well designed Livestock farm at Alammaria area for student training, research and production. All animal facilities will be moved their permanently. The Animal Production Departments' staff member identified their needs considering the combination of the state of the art technologies with proven production practices to meet the international standards.

Four well-known companies submitted their offers to establish the new farm considering our needs. The departments' recommendation was provided. The selected company will start very soon and all student training and research activities will be performed in the new facilities at Alammaria farm.