

**Food Safety and Quality Management System  
Policy**

<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>Pest Control</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> 7/18/23
<b>AUTHORIZED FOR USE AT RC:</b>	<b>1422 CENTER ROAD NEWVILLE, PA 17241</b>	<b>SUPERSEDES:</b> 01
<b>ISSUED BY:</b>	<b>JORDON MICHAELS</b>	<b>REVIEWED BY:</b> S Tandle
<b>PROCEDURE NO.</b>	<b>RC- QA-09</b>	<b>REVISION NO.</b> 02

**PURPOSE:**

This procedure outlines the methods used by Reykjavik Creamery to exclude rodents, insects, and birds from all processing and storage areas. These pests are designated for control measures due to their historical risk to food production facilities and regional presence. Vegetation and debris near the facility will be controlled as needed to prevent harborage of these pests. Other pests not listed will be controlled as necessary using control measures specific to that pest. Successful implementation of this procedure will help prevent contamination of food products due to pest activity.

Reykjavik Creamery utilizes an integrated pest management approach to pest control. This involves sanitation and exclusion as well as mechanical and chemical control methods. Chemical application may only be used when exclusion or mechanical methods are not effective or feasible. Any chemical application must be performed in accordance with National Organic Program regulations.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- SDS: Safety Data Sheet
- ILT: Insect Light Trap

**PROCEDURES:**

All pest control activities are performed by a third-party pest control operator. All contracts, licenses, pesticide labels and SDS, service reports, and other relevant documents are stored in a dedicated binder located in the office. The service procedures vary based on the type of pest as follows:

Sightings

Any pest sighting by any employee shall be documented on the pest sighting log found in the office. The Pest Control Technician shall review the pest sighting log on each visit and document any action taken.

Incidental Contact

If an employee should come into contact with any of the pest control chemicals, the employee shall immediately wash and sanitize anything that came into contact with said pest control chemical. The employee shall also notify his/her supervisor or manager as soon as possible that they have come into contact with a pest control chemical. The supervisor or manager may consult the SDS for potential hazards. The supervisor or manager may determine the employee needs to be sent home or sent for medical treatment. Employee needs supervisor or manager approval before returning to work after coming in contact with a pest control chemical. Outside bait stations are not to be handled by employees of Reykjavik Creamery. Employees should report to management any missing, damaged, or malfunctioning pest control devices to Management. All pest control chemicals are maintained by third-party pest control company.

Insects

Service portions of the facility are inspected to determine if insect activity or evidence is present and to identify areas that require corrective sanitation and structural maintenance measures. Insect management

procedures include the use of insect monitoring devices, strategic placement of insect management bait, applications of insect management dust formulations (not currently used or approved at Reykjavik Creamery), and/or crack and crevice applications of insect management materials and insect growth regulators.

Insect light traps are used to monitor flying insect activity. Inspections determine the type and amount of insect activity present and cleaning entails removal of dead insects, dust, and debris. Also, glue boards are replaced as necessary, if applicable. Bulbs are replaced at least once annually or on an as needed basis.

#### Rodents

Interior portions of the facility are inspected to determine if any rodent activity or evidence is present and to identify areas that require corrective sanitation and structural maintenance. Mechanical control devices are maintained on the interior of the facility around entry points, along exterior walls, and in other appropriate areas. All traps are inspected and cleaned upon each visit as necessary.

Multi-catch traps and/or tamper resistant rodent bait stations are maintained in appropriate areas around the immediate exterior foundation of the facility. Exterior rodent bait stations are secured to the ground and/or building to keep them in place and locked to ensure tamper resistance. Rodent bait stations are inspected, cleaned, and maintained with fresh bait as necessary. This activity is limited to the Pest Control Technician only.

#### Birds

Birds are controlled primarily by exclusion. Non-lethal methods such as audio and visual deterrents may be used as needed to prevent excessive bird activity in areas surrounding the facility.

#### Communication

Before leaving the facility, the Pest Control Technician will fill out a service report and place it in the pest control binder and inform QA of any findings.

Rodent control devices and ILT locations are indicated on a facility map kept in the pest control binder.

#### Organic Practices

By purchasing organic products, consumers help reduce the amount of pesticides used in agriculture. Certified organic agricultural operations do not use the toxic synthetic pesticides that are common in conventional farms. Organic agriculture applies a systems approach to pest control by utilizing a number of approaches including introduction of beneficial insects, building up the soil to increase a plant's pest resistance and when absolutely necessary the application of pesticide products approved for use in organic agriculture.

Our facility as well as some of the products that we make at Reykjavik Creamery are certified Organic by Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO). As it pertains to our pest control plan, it is important to note that there may be circumstances where necessity dictates the use of pesticides in our operation. There are, however, strict rules as to how, when, and where these items may be used within or on outside of our facility. We must seek permission and approval of these activities prior to their application.

#### RESOURCES:

Perry Pest Control binder