

## **Animal Census**

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### **Purpose:**

The primary function of the census system is to record all animal housing provided by the ACF. Accumulation of census data also provides the basis for generating reports for facility management.

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### **Procedure:**

- 1) Each animal cage is assigned a cage card when animal shipments are received and the cages are set up. The cage card will identify the sex, strain, and identifying information of each animal in the cage. The cage card identifies and is associated with an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Project Number.
- 2) Research staff is responsible for setting up new cages, such as mating cages, holding cages for weanlings, and cages for experimental animals. Any new cage set-up also must have a cage card with the identifying information listed above.
- 3) Animal technicians will perform a weekly census of all cages held in the facility by investigator and IACUC Project Number.