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OSI Assists Federal Inspectors in Support of STEPS Program in Brazil

Results in safer, more humane industry practices for animal welfare and handling

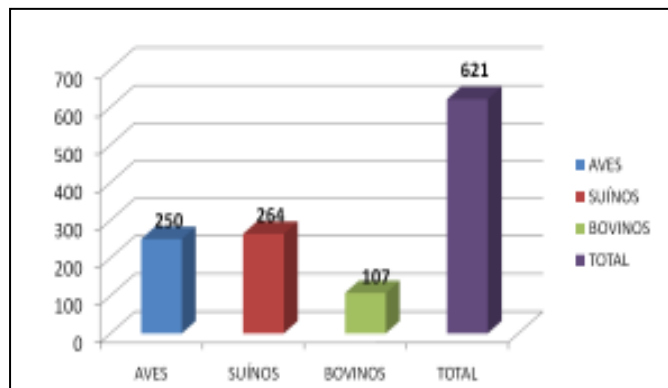
Aurora, IL, October 2010 – In an effort to improve the animal welfare practices for meat production in Brazil, OSI Group LLC created a partnership between non-government organizations (NGO's) and the World Society Protection of Animals (WSPA).

This partnership supports the STEPS program, which is another partnership between WSPA and the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply. STEPS is a Humane Slaughter National Program which helps to train federal inspectors at slaughter plants (beef, pork and chicken), to improve food safety and animal welfare practices as part of standard government inspections.

The STEPS audit documents and training procedures are equal to worldwide standards. OSI continues to play a leadership role in training and implementing these standards with Brazilian government inspectors and WSPA.

These efforts will result in safer, more humane industry practices for animal welfare and handling. WSPA supports the legislation in Brazil that uses worldwide animal welfare standards, and the adoption of animal welfare legislation in Brazil was implemented in conjunction with both local and corporate OSI initiatives.

Number of Professionals trained at federal, state and municipal slaughterhouses



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BELOW: A group of federal slaughterhouse inspectors being trained in food safety and animal welfare by OSI as part of the WSPA/STEPS program. Photos show both poultry and swine training.



OSI's Daniel Boer (front/left) training a group of federal slaughterhouse inspectors as part of the WSPA STEPS program



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