

SHEEP SLAUGHTER AUDIT FORM

Date: _____ Time: _____

Plant: _____ Auditor: _____

Weather: _____ Line Speed: _____

Stunner Type: _____ Operator: _____

Plant Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Establishment No.: _____

Note: Sheep naturally vocalize. Therefore vocalization scoring is omitted as a criterion for this audit. Hot wandering also is omitted as a criterion.

CORE CRITERIA 1: EFFECTIVE STUNNING — Conventional Only

Captive Bolt Stunning

Ninety-five percent or more sheep must be stunned effectively with a single shot. It can be helpful to note observations about missed stuns using the following guide:

- X = stunned correctly
- G = stunning failed due to apparent lack of maintenance
- A = missed stun due to poor aim

Animal Number:

1	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	81	91
2	12	22	32	42	52	62	72	82	92
3	13	23	33	43	53	63	73	83	93
4	14	24	34	44	54	64	74	84	94
5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95
6	16	26	36	46	56	66	76	86	96
7	17	27	37	47	57	67	77	87	97
8	18	28	38	48	58	68	78	88	98
9	19	29	39	49	59	69	79	89	99
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Percent of sheep stunned effectively with a single shot: _____

Notes:

Electric Stunning — proper application of electrodes to sheep

Electrodes must be applied properly to sheep to achieve effective stunning. Score 100 sheep. A score of 99 percent accurate placement of stunning electrodes is required for passing score. The following coding should be used:

X = electrode placed correctly

W = wrong placement

Animal Number:

1	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	81	91
2	12	22	32	42	52	62	72	82	92
3	13	23	33	43	53	63	73	83	93
4	14	24	34	44	54	64	74	84	94
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6	16	26	36	46	56	66	76	86	96
7	17	27	37	47	57	67	77	87	97
8	18	28	38	48	58	68	78	88	98
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Percent correct placement: _____

Is the stunner set at a minimum of 1 amp?

Yes ____ No ____

Notes:

CORE CRITERIA 2: INSENSIBILITY ON THE BLEED RAIL — Conventional and Religious

Any sensible animal on the bleed rail constitutes an automatic audit failure. It is CRITICAL that animals showing signs of a return to sensibility be restunned immediately. There is “zero tolerance” for beginning any procedures like skinning the head or leg removal on any animal that shows signs of a return to sensibility. However, it is important to complete the audit and note observations about insensibility using the following guide:

- X = completely insensible; no signs of return to sensibility
- BL = blinking – do not count a vibrating eye as a blink; only natural blinks like those that might be observed in the yards should be documented
- RB = rhythmic breathing
- VO = vocalization no matter how small
- RR = righting reflex/animal attempts to lift head while hanging on the rail

Note signs of sensibility observed by animal number:

1	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	81	91
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Percent Insensible _____

Notes:

CORE CRITERIA 3: ELECTRIC PROD USE — Conventional and Religious

Monitor the percentage of 100 sheep prodded with an electric prod. Twenty-five percent or less of sheep may be prodded for a passing score. Note whether or not a prod was used for each animal and the apparent reason for prod use. If multiple employees use prods, score 100 animals passing by each employee. Average the scores together to come up with a final score:

- X = moved quietly without an electric prod
- P = electric prod used without apparent reason
- B = electric prodded in response to balking

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Percent prod use _____

Percent balking _____

Notes:

CORE CRITERIA 4: SLIPS AND FALLS — Conventional and Religious

3A: Count the number of sheep that 1) slip and 2) fall during handling in the crowd pen, single file chute, barns, alleys or stunning box. One percent or fewer sheep may fall and three percent or fewer sheep may slip for a passing score. A fall is recorded if the body touches the floor. Even slight slipping should be noted.

X = no slipping or falling

F = fell

S = slipped

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Note where slipping/falling occurred:

Percent falling _____ Percent slipping _____

Notes:

3B: Count the number of sheep that slip or fall during unloading. In plants where a large truck holds more than 100 animals, a minimum of two vehicles should be observed. For all species, an equal number of animals from each deck should be scored. Vehicles should be scored in the order of arrival at the unloading ramp. In small plants where vehicles are not continuously unloaded, a single vehicle should be scored. If no vehicle arrives, the score sheet is marked “unloading not observed.”

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Percent falling _____ Percent slipping _____

Notes:

CORE CRITERIA 6: WILLFUL ACTS OF ABUSE — Conventional and Religious

Any willful act of abuse is grounds for automatic audit failure. Willful acts of abuse include but are not limited to: 1) dragging a conscious, non-ambulatory animal; 2) applying prods to sensitive parts of the animal like the eyes, ears, nose or rectum; 3) purposeful slamming of gates of livestock; 4) purposeful driving of livestock on top of one another; 5) hitting/beating an animal; 6) throwing them; 7) lifting by the wool. Note any such acts observed.

Were any willful acts of abuse observed?

Yes _____ No _____

Notes:

CORE CRITERIA 7: ACCESS TO WATER — Conventional and Religious

Observe access to water. Do animals in all pens have access to drinking water?

Yes _____ No _____

Notes:

Final Scoring – Sheep Audit

Core Criteria	Passing Score	Actual Score
Core Criteria 1: Effective Stunning	95% or greater accuracy — captive bolt	_____
	99% or greater accurate placement — electric	_____
Core Criteria 2: Bleed Rail Insensibility	100% insensible	_____
Core Criteria 3: Slips and Falls		
3A: Truck Unload	1% or less falls	_____
	3% or less slips	_____
3B: In Plant	1% or less falls	_____
	3% or less slips	_____
Core Criteria 4: Prod Use	25% or less prodded	_____
Core Criteria 5: Willful Acts of Abuse	No willful acts of abuse	_____
Core Criteria 6: Access to Water	Yes – water provided	_____
Plant passed all numerically scored criteria?	Yes _____	No _____

Auditor signature

Date

Secondary Audit Items

These items may be helpful in gathering general information about a facility. However, because they involve a high degree of subjectivity and because they are almost impossible to score objectively, they should not be used in determining whether a facility passes or fails an audit.

1. Does the facility have a training program for its employees or use an outside training program to teach the principles of good animal handling?
Yes ____ No ____
2. Does the facility have a protocol that is written or widely understood for handling non-ambulatory animals?
Yes ____ No ____
3. Are facility personnel trained in handling non-ambulatory animals?
Yes ____ No ____
4. Do employees inspect the facility daily for damage or sharp protrusions that may injure animals?
Yes ____ No ____
5. Does the facility provide special training to stunner operators to ensure proper equipment use and stunning efficacy?
Yes ____ No ____
6. Does the facility have a protocol for stunning equipment maintenance?
Yes ____ No ____
7. Does the facility train its personnel in how to handle a sensible animal on the bleed rail?
Yes ____ No ____
8. Is non-slip flooring provided throughout the facility?
Yes ____ No ____
9. Are non-electrical devices the primary tool used to move livestock?
Yes ____ No ____

10. Do crowd pens generally appear to be less than 75 percent full?

Yes ____ No ____

11. Are animals unloaded from trucks promptly (target is within one hour of delivery)?

Yes ____ No ____

12. If mounting behaviors were observed, are animals that chronically mount removed from the pen?

Yes ____ No ____ NA ____

If yes, detail incident(s) below:

Final Scoring

Plant passed all numerically scored criteria? Yes ____ No ____

Were any acts of abuse observed? Yes ____ No ____

Notes related to secondary audit items:
