



FACTA

Animal Welfare Assurance, Certification & Training

Feedyard Operations – Risk Assessment

Date		Name of Site	
Site Address			
Mailing Address			
Manager's Name			
Contact Phone#			
E-mail Address			
Auditor's Name		Auditor's Phone#	
Recent Weather Conditions			
Site Type (circle all that apply)	Earthen Lot with Windbreak	Earthen Lot with Shed	Earthen Lot
Complete Confinement Building with Solid Floor	Other – Please describe:		
Complete Confinement Building with Slatted Floor			

Audit Tool	Comments
Animal Welfare Training	
Is someone responsible for animal welfare training on site?	
Is anyone on site Beef Quality Assurance (“BQA”) trained and/or certified?	
Is the site BQA site assessed? If so, what is the date, name and position of individual that completed the site assessment?	
Does the site have animal welfare and handling training records of employees/caretakers?	
Upon interview, caretaker(s) can articulate or demonstrate methods of proper animal handling for their assigned task(s)?	
Do caretakers have to sign any documentation that states they will not abuse any animals on site and/or will report any animal seen or will face disciplinary action up to termination?	

Audit Tool	Comments
Animal Observations	
Does the site have a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (“VCPR”)?	
Does the site have a record of a vaccination program and proof of medication used for ill/injured animals?	
Does the site consult with a nutritionist to formulate feed rations appropriately?	
Do all animals have access to feed and water?	
<p>If a confined system, does the system have observations of each animal and pen at least once every 24 hours?</p> <p>Can verify by records or verbal interview?</p>	
Does the site have a Euthanasia Standard Operating Procedures/Plan?	
<p>Does the Euthanasia Standard Operating Procedures/Plan include aspects such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely euthanasia • Confirmation of death • Equipment accessibility and maintenance • Backup options 	
Directly observe animals; Are their animals with severe injuries requiring attention, lameness, open wounds or abscesses, facility and equipment hazards, etc., and environmental conditions that may affect the animals’ general well-being?	

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Animal Observations	
Do animals have enough room where they can lay down without having to lay on top of another animal?	
Observe all populated pens, including grow/finish pens or areas, processing areas, loading/unloading pens, hospital pens, etc. Are there any animals that violate the sites' timely euthanasia criteria?	

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<p>Animal Handling Practices</p> <p>Interview employees and observe animal handling activities conducted in the facility. If procedures or practices are not performed at time of the assessment, interview responsible caretakers to assess their knowledge.</p>	
<p>Do caretakers humanely handle animals during procedures or practices performed on site? (i.e., processing, load/unload and euthanasia).</p> <p>Humanely – Caretakers must not use aggressive techniques like excessive force, excessive prod use, etc.</p> <p>Processing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bull calves should be castrated prior to 120 days of age or 500 lbs., or veterinarian protocol is used. • Cattle should be dehorned prior to 120 days of age, or veterinarian protocol is used. Dehorning should be done prior to the base of the horn growing to 1-inch in diameter. <p>Load/Unload</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trucks should be trained in proper transport of cattle. • Trailer equipment should be properly equipped and in good condition. <p>Euthanasia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euthanasia is timely and properly performed. • Method of euthanasia is appropriate and follows company policies. • Animals unfit for transport are euthanized and not loaded for transport. 	

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Acts of Animal Abuse	
<p>Where there acts of willful animal abuse or inhumane treatment or conditions observed?</p> <p>Willful acts or actions outside of normally accepted practices that intentionally cause pain and suffering to an animal. Any act or conditions that results in severe harm to an animal.</p> <p>Examples, not all inclusive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obvious living or housing conditions that reveal conditions of starvation or extreme dehydration. • Intentionally applying prod to sensitive areas such as eyes, ears, nose, genitals or rectum. • Malicious hitting/beating to include forcefully striking an animal with close fist, food or equipment. • Driving animals off of high ledges, ramps or platforms. • Dragging of conscious animals. 	