

Livestock Marketing Association Animal Handling Program Self Assessment

**N/O - Not Observed*

I. Animal Handling

1. What number of employees were using each of the following tools: Flags ___ Paddles ___
Sorting Rods ___ Stock Whips ___ Electric Prods ___ Canes or other similar ___
Bull whip / Cow whip ___ Other _____
2. Describe employees' use of tools and general handling. What improvements could be made in method, awareness, training?
3. What areas are electric prods being used? Are the prods only being used when necessary?
4. Do employees utilize flight zone and point of balance theory while moving livestock? Y ___ N ___
5. Are market employees present for loading and unloading of all livestock? Y ___ N ___
6. Are feed and water available for animals being held for over 24 hours or as environmental conditions require? Y ___ N ___
7. Did you observe any overcrowding of pens, tubs, alleyways or chutes?
Pens: Y ___ N ___ Tubs: Y ___ N ___ Alleyways: Y ___ N ___ Chutes: Y ___ N ___. Please describe frequency for any answered Yes:
8. Did you observe employees on their cell phones or otherwise distracted while handling livestock?
Y ___ N ___ Please note source(s) of distraction:

Additional Notes:

II. Facility

1. Please identify any areas where slippage is occurring:
2. Are alleyways and rings covered with material(s) to absorb moisture and provide traction? Y ___ N ___
Please note traction material(s) currently in use:
3. In the working areas are there sharp corners, turns or obstacles that may cause injury? Y ___ N ___
Please note specific items to address:
4. Are all of the gates in the working areas of the facility in good working order? Y ___ N ___
5. Were any employees incorrectly using gates (i.e. throwing, standing behind)? Y ___ N ___
Please note employees of concern and actions taken by assessor:
6. Does the facility have heat / dust control measures available or in place? Y ___ N ___
Please describe:
7. Were any non-employees found to be in the working areas? Y ___ N ___
Are restricted areas posted? Y ___ N ___

8. Observe the use of any hydraulic or manual chutes and ring doors. Are employees using this equipment appropriately to minimize employee injuries, or livestock injuries and stress? Y ___ N ___
If no, please describe areas of concern:
9. Observe the use of the vet facilities. Are actions appropriate to minimize stress and injury to livestock? Y ___ N ___ Please describe any areas of concern:

Additional Notes:

III. Injured, Disabled & Non-Ambulatory Animals - Observed

1. Were any injured or disabled animals penned or moved with healthy animals? Y ___ N ___ N/O ___
2. Was there any sign of unnecessary movement of injured or disabled animals? Y ___ N ___ N/O ___
If yes, please describe:
3. If an animal arrived in non-ambulatory condition on the trailer was it allowed to be unloaded?
Y ___ N ___ N/O ___
4. If an animal was deemed unlikely to recover, was the animal refused and sent home with consignor or properly euthanized prior to any further movement? Y ___ N ___ N/O ___
5. Were feed and water provided immediately to at risk animals? Y ___ N ___ N/O ___
6. When encouraging a downed animal to rise, was stimulus used in a non-abusive manner?
Y ___ N ___ N/O ___ If no, please describe:
7. Were any non-ambulatory animals observed being moved improperly (i.e. by the neck, with bare chains or shackles, improper use of forklifts or loaders, etc.)? Y ___ N ___ N/O ___
If yes, please describe what you observed:
8. Were injured, disabled or non-ambulatory animals inspected by qualified personnel and either treated or immediately euthanized to prevent further injury and suffering? Y ___ N ___ N/O ___
If no, please describe what you observed:
9. Were deceased or euthanized animals removed immediately to an area away from live animals for disposal?
Y ___ N ___ N/O ___ Were deceased animals covered during movement? Y ___ N ___
10. Were dead animals tarped or otherwise covered until they could be properly disposed?
Y ___ N ___ N/O ___
11. Is there a clearly defined policy and action steps for moving non-ambulatory animals posted at the marketing facility? Y ___ N ___
12. If any animals were euthanized, were proper techniques used for animal well-being and employee/public safety? Y ___ N ___ N/O ___ Please describe method and procedures used, and any items of concern:

Additional Notes:

IV. Employee Awareness, Animal Handling Guidelines, Employee Agreements and Self Assessment

1. Have all employees completed animal handling training? Y ___ N ___ Has this been documented?
Y ___ N ___
2. Have all employees read / signed the businesses guidelines for handling livestock? Y ___ N ___

Self assessments are intended only for the use as an employee training tool and for business practices. Copies of this assessment should not be released to third parties without prior consent of management and LMA.