

# OFFICIAL MEAT INDUSTRY ANIMAL WELFARE AUDIT FORMS

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## CATTLE TRANSPORTATION AUDIT FORM

Auditor Name:	Date:
Auditing Company:	Number of Trucks Audited:
Plant Location:	Temperature/Weather Conditions:
Plant Contact:	

	Points Earned	Points Available
<b>Criterion 1: Commitment to Animal Welfare - Plant policies and training</b>		
Plant has a written animal welfare policy for transporters.		5
Arrival management process minimizes waiting time at the plant.		5
Emergency plans in place for animals in transit.		5
Written policy for non-ambulatory and fatigued animals and tools available for handling.		5
Documented employee training for livestock receiving.		5
Plant has a method for communicating back to the site of trailer loading.		5
Truck driver or plant employee who unloaded the truck followed plant animal handling policies.		5
<i>Note if plant employee or truck driver:</i>		n/a
Electric prod use policy is communicated to truck drivers.		5
<b>Total for Criterion 1:</b>		<b>40</b>

	Points Earned	Points Available
<b>Criterion 2: Facility and Handling Observations</b>		
Plant provides extreme temperature management tools.		10
Acceptable handling tools available and utilized as needed.		10
Acceptable euthanasia tools available.		10
Maintenance records kept for euthanasia equipment, euthansia equipment stored properly, and employees trained for euthanasia.		10
Gates in unloading area swing freely, latch securely, and have no sharp protrusions.		10
Plant has non-slip flooring.		10
Unloading area and ramps in good repair.		10
There is adequate lighting.		10
Staff is properly trained and available for receiving animals.		10
<b>Total for Criterion 2:</b>		<b>90</b>

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Trailer Notes - <i>not scored</i>	Trailer 1	Trailer 2	Trailer 3	Trailer 4	Trailer 5
Trailer type (straight, drop center/pot belly, farm, other)					
Cattle type (fed, cull dairy, cull beef, mature bulls, veal calves)					
Has the driver completed a transporter certification program?					

Key Welfare Indicator	Trailer 1	Trailer 2	Trailer 3	Trailer 4	Trailer 5	Points Available
<b>Criterion 3: Set-up and Loading of Trailer</b>						
Trailer is loaded at the proper density.						10
Incompatible animals are segregated when required.						10
Trailer is properly aligned with the unloading area to prevent animals from escaping or becoming injured. .						10
<i>Individual Trailer Scores:</i>						30
<b>Total for Criterion 3:</b> (average of trailer scores = sum of individual trailer score/# of trailers sampled)						30

**Excellent** - 30

**Acceptable** - 20 if ≤ 2 trailers sampled, 25 if ≥ 3 trailers sampled

**Not Acceptable** - < 20 if ≤ 2 trailers sampled, < 25 if ≥ 3 trailers sampled

Key Welfare Indicator	Trailer 1	Trailer 2	Trailer 3	Trailer 4	Trailer 5	Points Available
<b>Criterion 4: Wait Time to Unload</b>						
Time truck arrives at the plant						n/a
Time first animal unloads						n/a
Total time to begin unloading (in minutes, <i>i.e.</i> , for 1 hour and 12 minutes, enter 72)						n/a
Reason (if applicable for unloading times >120 min)						n/a
<i>Optional note: Total unload time (not scored)</i>						n/a
<i>Individual Trailer Scores:</i> Within 60 = 40 points 61 to 90 min = 30 points 91 to 120 min = 20 points > 120 min with reason = 10 points > 120 min without reason = 0 points						40
<b>Total for Criterion 4:</b> (average of trailer scores = sum of individual trailer score/# of trailers sampled)						40

**Excellent** - 40

**Acceptable** - 30 if ≤ 2 trailers sampled, 35 if ≥ 3 trailers sampled

**Not Acceptable** - < 30 if ≤ 2 trailers sampled, < 35 if ≥ 3 trailers sampled

Key Welfare Indicator	Result
<b>Criterion 5: Falls</b>	
Number of animals that fell	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of falls	
<b>Total for Criterion 5:</b>	

*100 or more animals audited*  
*small plant adjustment: less than 100 animals audited*

Points Available			
40	30	20	0
0%	0.1-1.0%	1.1-3.0%	>3.0%
0 animals	1 animal	2 animals	≥3 animals
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Intermedi- ate</b>	<b>Not Acceptable</b>

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<b>Critical Welfare Indicator</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Criterion 6: Electric Prod Use</b>	
Number of animals electric prod used on	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of animals electric prodded	
<b>Total for Criterion 6:</b>	

<i>Points Available</i>		
50	40	0
0%	0.1-10.0%	>10.0%
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Not Acceptable</b>

<b>Key Welfare Indicator</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Criterion 7: Condition of Animal</b>	
Non-ambulatory	
Severely injured	
Severely lame	
Delivered/delivering	
Severe weather impact	
Total number of compromised animals	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of compromised animals	
Points earned:	

	<i>Points Available</i>		
	20	15	0
<i>100 or more animals audited</i>	≤1.0%	1.1-2.0%	>2.0%
<i>small plant adjustment: less than 100 animals audited</i>	0 animals	1 animal	≥2 animals
	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Not Acceptable</b>

Severely emaciated	
Poor udder condition	
Total number of animals with poor udder condition or severe emaciation	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of animals with poor udder condition or severe emaciation	
Points earned:	

	<i>Points Available</i>		
	20	15	0
<i>100 or more animals audited</i>	≤2.5%	2.6-5.0%	>5.0%
<i>small plant adjustment: less than 100 animals audited</i>	≤ 1 animal	2-3 animal	≥4 animals
	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Not Acceptable</b>

<b>Total for Criterion 7:</b> (sum of points earned)	
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# CATTLE TRANSPORTATION AUDIT FORM

<b>Critical Welfare Indicator</b> <b>Criterion 8: Euthanasia</b>	<b>Points Earned</b>
Were animals observed during the audit that required euthanasia promptly euthanized according to plant policy?	
<i>Note: if euthanasia is not observed, adjust the total number of points available for the audit accordingly.</i>	

Points Available		
50	0	0/0
Yes	No	NA
Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Applicable

<b>Critical Welfare Indicator</b> <b>Criterion 9: Willful Acts of Abuse/Egregious Acts</b>	<b>Result</b>
Were any willful acts of abuse or egregious acts observed?	

*not scored*

FINAL SCORING	Points Earned	Points Available	Pass or Fail
Criterion 1		40	n/a
Criterion 2		90	n/a
Criterion 3 - KWI		30	
Criterion 4 - KWI		40	
Criterion 5 - KWI		40	
Criterion 6 - CWI		50	
Criterion 7 - KWI		40	
Criterion 8 - CWI		50 or 0	
Criterion 9 - CWI		n/a	
<b>Total:</b>		380 or 330	n/a

Audit Percentage:	
<b>Audit Result:</b> (pass/fail)	

There are three ways to fail the audit: 1) Fail any of the critical or key welfare indicators (CWIs or KWIs) at a not acceptable level, 2) Fail two of the key welfare indicators at an intermediate level, or 3) have a total score of less than 90%.

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**Auditor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_