“ABC’s of Pigs for Novices and First Time Attendees”

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Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines & Audit Guide:
A Systematic Approach to Animal Welfare

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Guidelines

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  Pen Space and Facility Layout

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  Recommended Stunning Practices
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  Recommended handling of Disabled
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3. Timeliness of Arrival of Truck and Unloading
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Falling
Vocalization
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Access to Water
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Point of Balance
Using point of balance
Pig Driving Tools
Paddles and Flags
Stunning Practices
(Electrical)
Carbon Dioxide stunning
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Captive Bolt Stunning

- Market hogs - 1 inch above eyebrow
- Boar/Sow - 1 ½ to 2 inches above eyebrow
- Direct shot towards the back bone
Handling Disabled Animals
Disabled Animals

- NOT downers
- Injured
- Fatigued
  - Temporarily non-ambulatory, need rest
- Pigs driven over fatigued pigs
- Electric prods
- Dragging vs. rolling
  - stunning
Plant Audit Core Criteria

1. Stunning
2. Insensibility
3. Slipping and Falling
4. Vocalization
5. Electric Prod Use
6. Willful Acts of Abuse
7. Access to Water
Electric Stunning

- **Correct Placement**
  - Forehead
  - Side of the head
  - Top of the head
  - Hollow behind the ear
  - Never on the neck (below level of ear)

- **Hot Wand**
  - Electrodes energized before touching animal
  - Very short squawk
CO² Stunning

- Over crowding of the gondola
- Typical gondola
  - 240 or less = 8
  - 240 - 275 = 7
  - 275 - 320 = 6
  - 320 - 385 = 5
Insensibility

- 60 seconds after stun
  - Vocalization
  - Rhythmic breathing
  - Eye blinking (do not touch the eyelids)
  - Arched back righting reflex
Falling

- Unloading - transportation audit
- Drive Alleys
- Slip - a portion of the leg hits ground
  - Not a core criteria, not scored
- Fall - body hits the ground
  - Core criteria, scored
Vocalization

- Restrainer vs. whole room
- Squeals not grunts
- Caused by human or equipment
  - Electric prod
  - Sharp edge
  - Sores or body condition
  - Hold down rack
  - Variable speeds of v-restrainer
  - Hitting or poking
Electric Prod Use

- When the prod tip touches a hog
  - Didn’t hit the button
- Only count number of hogs touched
  - Single hog touched twice counts as one
Willful Acts of Abuse

- Common Sense
- Dragging non-ambulatory
- Prods to sensible areas
- Slamming gate on a hog
- Forcing on top of another hog or NANI
Access to Water

- Easy to overlook
- Check random pens for water
- Subject or non-ambulatory pen
Transportation Audit Criteria

Core Criteria 1 (Policy and Preparedness)

1. Written policy for transporters
2. Temperature management tools
3. Arrival management
4. Written Emergency plan (transit)
5. Written immobile policy
6. Handling tools available
7. Euthanasia tools available
8. Maintenance records for euthanasia equipment
9. Gates in unloading area maintained
10. Non-slip flooring
11. Ramp maintenance
12. Lighting
13. Staff available for receiving animals
Transportation Audit

Core Criteria 2 (Set up, loading and alignment)

- Compartments gated
- Density in trailer
- Incompatible animals segregated
- Alignment to the unloading area

Core Criteria 3 (Timeliness of arrival)

- Waiting time at the plant
Transportation Audit

Core Criteria 2 “Secondary”

1. Non-slip flooring
2. Gates and doors work
3. Internal ramps work
4. No Sharp or protruding objects
5. Bedding
6. Winter slats or plugs
Transportation Audit

Chapter 4 (Falls)

Chapter 5 (Electric Prod Use)

Chapter 6 (Condition of the Animals)

Chapter 7 (Willful Acts of Abuse)
THANK YOU

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