

BISON SLAUGHTER AUDIT FORM

Auditor Name:	Date:
Auditing Company:	Stunning Method Audited:
Plant Location:	Slaughter Rate (head/hour):
Plant Contact:	Weather Conditions:

	Points Earned	<i>Points Available</i>
Criterion 1: Commitment to Animal Welfare - Plant policies and training		
Plant has a documented training program for its employees or uses an outside training program on the principles good animal handling.		5
Plant has a protocol that is written or widely understood for handling non-ambulatory animals.		5
Plant performs internal audits at least weekly and implements corrective actions as needed.		5
An emergency management plan for livestock is in place.		5
The emergency management plan includes instructions on when/how water will be provided to animals in drive alleys/unloading docks and how feed will be provided if animals are held longer than 24 hours.		5
Employees inspect the facility weekly and document for repair any damage or sharp protrusions that may injure animals.		5
Plant has a protocol for stunning equipment maintenance.		5
Employees are trained in handling non-ambulatory animals.		5
Special training is provided to stunner operators to ensure proper equipment use and stunning efficacy.		5
A written protocol on how to handle a sensible animal on the bleed rail is in place and employees are trained on the protocol.		5
Total for Criterion 1:		50

	Points Earned	<i>Points Available</i>
Criterion 2: Facility and Handling Observations		
Plant has non-slip flooring.		10
In the crowd pen or bud box, animals flow with stress and discomfort minimized.		10
Non-electrical devices are the primary tool(s) used to move livestock.		10
Holding pens are not overcrowded.		10
Total for Criterion 2:		40

Critical Welfare Indicator	Points Earned	<i>Points Available</i>
Criterion 3: Access to Water		
Animals in all holding pens have access to clean drinking water.		50

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Key Welfare Indicator	Result
Criterion 4: Falls	
Number of animals that fell	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of falls	
Total for Criterion 4:	

<i>Points Available</i>			
40	30	20	0
0 animals	1-2 animals	3 animals	≥4 animals
Excellent	Acceptable	Intermediate	Not Acceptable

Critical Welfare Indicator	Result
Criterion 5: Electric Prod Use	
Number of animals electric prod used on	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of animals electric prodded	
Total for Criterion 5:	

<i>Points Available</i>			
50	45	40	0
≤5.0%	5.1-15.0%	15.1-25.0%	>25.0%
Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Not Acceptable

Key Welfare Indicator	Result
Criterion 6: Vocalization	
Is this a religious operation or is a head holder being used?	
Number of animals that vocalized	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of animals that vocalized	
Total for Criterion 6:	

<i>Points Available</i>			
40	30	20	0
0 animals	1-2 animals	3-5 animals	≥6 animals
Excellent	Acceptable	Intermediate	Not Acceptable
<i>If a religious operation or a head holder is used:</i>	Good	Acceptable	Not Acceptable

Critical Welfare Indicator	Result
Criterion 7: Effective Stunning	
Number of animals effectively stunned	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of animals stunned correctly with one stun	
Total for Criterion 7:	

<i>Points Available</i>		
50	40	0
100%	99.9-96.0%	<96.0%
0 animals misstunned	1 animal misstunned if second stun applied correctly	>1 animal misstunned
Excellent	Acceptable	Not Acceptable

40 or more animals audited

small plant adjustment: less than 40 animals audited

Note: Effective stunning is not audited in religious slaughter operations that do not use a stunning method prior to slaughter. Adjust the total number of points available for the audit accordingly.

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Critical Welfare Indicator Criterion 8: Bleed Rail Insensibility	Result
Number of insensible animals	
Number of animals audited	
Percentage of insensible animals on the bleed rail	
Total for Criterion 8:	

<i>Points Available</i>	
50	0
100%	<100%
Acceptable	Not Acceptable

Critical Welfare Indicator Criterion 9: Euthanasia	Points Earned
Were animals observed during the audit that required euthanasia promptly euthanized according to plant policy?	

Note: if euthanasia is not observed, adjust the total number of points available for the audit accordingly.

<i>Points Available</i>		
50	0	0/0
Yes	No	NA
Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Applicable

Critical Welfare Indicator Criterion 10: Willful Acts of Abuse/Egregious Acts	Result
Were any willful acts of abuse or egregious acts observed?	

not scored

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FINAL SCORING	Points Earned	Points Available	Pass or Fail
Criterion 1		50	n/a
Criterion 2		40	n/a
Criterion 3 - CWI		50	
Criterion 4 - KWI		40	
Criterion 5 - CWI		40	
Criterion 6 - KWI		50	
Criterion 7 - CWI		40	
Criterion 8 - CWI		50	
Criterion 9 - CWI		50 or 0	
Criterion 10 - CWI		n/a	
Total:		420 or 370	n/a

Audit Percentage:	
Audit Result: (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 91% (less than 85% for religious slaughter without stunning).

Notes:

Auditor Signature: _____

Date: _____