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M12455+V 12455	Sanchez Slaughterhouse	SCG04130 22324G	24FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On 2/22/2020 at approximately 0550 hours, I (b)(6) observed the following egregious humane handling event. While performing on-line inspection duties, I heard a commotion coming from the area of the stun box. As I began to make my way toward the area, I was approached by (b)(6), who attempted to prevent my continuation by holding onto my arm. I pursued onward to discover an excited, large hog being readied for stunning. The stun operator applied the first stun attempt from above and downward into the head. The animal remained standing, recoiled and vocalized. I suggested the stun operator use a larger caliber firearm. The stun operator vacated the stunning area and retrieved another cartridge from a nearby vehicle. The stun operator returned and applied a second stun attempt. The animal remained standing with eyes tracking and vocalizing. The stun operator vacated the stunning area again and retrieved another cartridge from the nearby vehicle. The stun operator applied a third stun attempt. The animal remained standing with eyes tracking and vocalizing (b)(6), approached again and informed me "It's custom, guy. No need worry about it". I did not respond to this. The establishment employee who was attempting to prevent the hog from pushing itself beneath the gate of the stun box retrieved the firearm and applied a fourth stun attempt from a different angle. The animal remained standing with eyes tracking and vocalizing. The stun operator vacated the stunning area and retrieved another cartridge from the nearby vehicle. The stun operator applied a fifth stun attempt and the animal was rendered insensible. I immediately contacted my (b)(6) who notified the Denver District Office via supervisory channels. I verbally notified Mr.</p>

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							Sanchez, owner of the establishment, that stunning operations withheld. I applied U.S Reject tag # B27413917 to the stun box. No other noncompliance has been made in this regard in the last 90 days.

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M17564	Indiana Packers Corporation	MLO55170 11829G	29JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>On January 28, 2020, at approximately 2105 hours, the establishment conducted a test run after the lunch break in response to an increase in the number of hogs coming out of the East Stunner "gasping" for breath prior to the break. The test run consisted of a total of eleven hogs split between two baskets. Upon exiting the East Stunner, I observed all eleven hogs exhibit one or more of the following "gasping" for breath, present palpebral reflex, and/or spontaneously blinking. No vocalizations, eye tracking, righting reflex, or rhythmic breathing were observed. The establishment immediately stunned all hogs with a captive bolt gun and stopped CO2 stunning. Initially maintenance could not find an issue with the East Stunner. On further examination, there may have been an issue with the calibration of the CO2 sensor that was performed earlier in the day. The establishment's corrective actions were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Keep CO2 valves fully open.</li> <li>· Run 5-6 hogs per basket.</li> <li>· Perform a single test run on both the East and West Stunner. If no issues with the test run, run every other basket. If no additional issues, then increase to every basket. if no continued issues, run every basket.</li> <li>· Keep a supervisor, with readily available captive bolt gun, at the shackle table to monitor hogs for signs of returning to sensibility the remainder of the shift. I observed both the East and West Stunners during the immediate period after re-starting the stunning process through running every basket and did not observe any of the previous issues.</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">(b)(6)</div>

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M19252+P 19252	Farm 2 Table Meats LLC	IHC581403 2930G	30MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>Today, March 30, 2020, at approximately 1415 hours, I verbally notified Mike Shreve, GM, of the decision made to suspend slaughter at Establishment 19252. This decision was made after a conversation with (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) I described my findings and this decision was agreed upon after correlation with (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) At approximately 1345 hours, an Angus steer, orange ear tag #851, was loaded into the knock box. (b)(6)</p> <p>employee had difficulty administering the first stun. The steer was trying to turn around in the knock box and at one point laid on the floor. I, Inspector Pickerill, heard the captive bolt, 25 caliper, discharged. I observed the animal from the ladder at final inspect. The steer was standing and made no vocalization. Again (b)(6) tried delivering another stun with the captive bolt. I observed the animal turning his head and laid down again. After the steer stood and its head was positioned toward (b)(6) he delivered the second stun with the same captive bolt. The second attempt was successful, and the steer was rendered insensible. I observed the skinned head. There were two distinct penetrations into the skull. One shot, which appeared to be the successful blow, was within approximately 1/2" of the classic X illustration for training. The other, presumably the first shot, was approximately 2" toward the right eye and 1/2" toward the nose, in relation to the aforementioned shot. The head was tagged U.S. Retained B43223734. The knock box was tagged U.S. (b)(6) Both tags were applied at approximately 1430 hours. I am recommending a suspension due to the fact that Est. 19290 did not apply immediate corrective action in rendering the animal insensible after the first stunning attempt.</p>

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M20856+V20856	Eureka Locker, Inc.	GGG2607013416G	16JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	This morning between 0600 and 0700 I conducted an Odd-Hour-Inspection for Humane Handling. All findings were acceptable. A copy of the report is attached to this MOI.
M2460+P2460	Cimpl's, Inc.	PMB4720013014G	14JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	On the evening of January 14, 2020, I (b)(6) conducted an odd-hours inspection of the barn and live animal handling facilities. During this inspection I discovered the following potential issues: 1. The gate separating pen 23 to the feed storage area had sharp points on both bottom corners. 2. The northwest support beam in pen 22 had an outward facing sharp point. 3. The northwest support beam in pen 21 had an outward facing sharp point. 4. The tin wall paneling on the south side of the drive alley from pen 18 had multiple sharp points and loose corners. These areas were shown to (b)(6) on the morning of January 15. He said he would get them taken care of today.
M2460+P2460	Cimpl's, Inc.	PMB4714021817G	17FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	I (b)(6) performed HATS task category VIII Stunning Effectiveness and HATS task category IX Return to Consciousness at the following: On 2/17/20, at approximately 1430 hours, while performing HATS task category II Truck unloading. I (b)(6) observed that one of the flaps of the rubber matting in the unloading chute was protruding up. I informed (b)(6) that this could potentially be a trip hazard. (b)(6) informed me he would let the Maintenance Dept. know of my finding and take care of it tonight. He also informed me there were no more trucks scheduled to arrive until this evening

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M2460+P2 460	Cimpl's, Inc.	PMB34210 22219G	19FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On February 19, 2020, I (b)(6) was performing an odd-hours inspection of the barn facilities. While walking through the drive alley near pen 19 I noticed a sharp point on a beam on the south side of the alley. This point was on a beam that dropped down from the roof and supports the tin on that wall. This point was on the bottom of the beam and pointed to the west. On an averaged sized cow, this point would be at the middle of the ribs. This poses a concern for cuts while being moved to and from pens during receiving or ante-mortem inspection. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) was notified of this finding on the morning of February 20, 2020. (b)(6) pointed the beam and sharp point out to (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) had maintenance grind the sharp points off before the ante-mortem was started on that side of the barn.</p>
M2460+P2 460	Cimpl's, Inc.	PMB09130 22627G	27FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On 2/27/20, at approximately 10:58 a.m., while in the barn, I (b)(6) observed several large holes ranging in size from approximately 3 inches in diameter to 10 inches in diameter, on the wall next to the suspect pin. The holes pose a concern for horned cattle being held in the suspect pen getting caught in these holes and potentially breaking a horn. I addressed this concern with (b)(6)</p>

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M320M+V 320	Smithfield Fresh Meats Corp.	VWK02130 22120G	20FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>Today, February 20, 2020, at approximately 1000 hours, I verbally notified (b)(6) that I had taken a regulatory control action in the butina drive alley for dragging of a nonambulatory hog resulting in an egregious inhumane treatment of a hog. I also informed (b)(6) that I was contacting the District Office to discuss and recommend the issuance of a notice of intended enforcement (NOIE) action rather than a suspension, unless the DO determines otherwise. I based my decision to recommend the NOIE on the following circumstances and establishment history: On 02/20/2020 at 1000 hours I was standing just after the ninety degree angle at the final leg of the North butina drive alley. A plant employee was at the first push gate entering the final drive. This is an automated hydraulic gate. The gate had stopped about halfway down its path, or roughly 8 feet from the ninety degree angle. I saw the employee tap his rattle paddle down into the drive alley and the gate proceeded to push. As the gate came into view I saw a single hog that was sitting down with the left side of its hindquarters in contact with the push gate and the rear haunches in contact with the drive alley wall. The hog was pushed on its side by the gate for approximately half the distance of the lane while it was in a sitting position and the employee was tapping the back of the hog to attempt to get it to rise. I immediately stopped slaughter operations and notified plant management that I was rejecting both gates leading to the North and South drive alleys (US Reject tags B28258700 and B28258699) and contacting the District Office about an egregious humane handling event. My decision to recommend an NOIE to the District Office is due to the fact that you have a written animal handling program that has effectively implemented a robust systematic approach to</p>

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							humane handling resulting in the high rate of compliance you have exhibited over the last 6 months. The events I observed today and recorded above appear to be an unintentional random occurrence that resulted in an egregious inhumane handling incident. Your supervisor's actions were as indicated in your animal handling program. This history coupled with your supervisor's immediate and effective intervention led to my recommendation to an NOIE instead of a Suspension.
M3D	Swift Beef Company	MXE49170 21218G	18FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>While performing Antemortem inspection at approximately 15:30 on 02/17/2020 I, (b)(6) was called to observe cattle on a truck. The Load was from Celebrity feeders lot # 122 on a JBS truck. The tail of the truck contained 3 Holstein steers one of which was dead, and appeared to have been dead for some time, the belly of the truck contained 21 Holstein steers, of which four were down, two appeared to be heavily distressed and were immediately humanely euthanized. The belly appeared to be extremely crowded. The DOA steer on the tail was knocked and removed and the remaining two were unloaded. The belly was then unloaded carefully to prevent trampling of 4 down steers. Once sufficient room was obtained one of the downed steers was able to rise and exit the truck, the remaining steer was unable to rise and were humanely euthanized and removed from the truck with the two euthanized earlier. a total of 4 steers were condemned from the load. Present were myself, (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(6) 1 QA person and the trucking supervisor. Trucking supervisor informed me that the driver was immediately suspended pending an investigation. (b)(6) was informed that an MOI would be issued.</p>

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M3D	Swift Beef Company	MXE45210 30104G	04MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>3/3/2020 MOI for humane handling At approximately 8:00 pm on 3/2/2020 I was called to the cattle receiving area for a calf with its head hung. Upon arrival I observed an approximately 1300 lb. black heifer, dead, on a JBS truck her head was wedged between a fixed panel inside of the trailer and the upper deck. The heifer was in the rear compartment of the trailer with her head wedged between the panel separating the rear compartment and the belly on the right side of the trailer. There is a gap between this panel and the floor of the upper deck of about 10 inches. Because of the tight confinement and the position of the head extreme force was required to dislodge her head. If this heifer had been alive, it may have been impossible to humanely euthanize her or remove her head from the area without a substantial amount of time, discomfort to the animal, and damage to the truck. This is the second incidence of this that has occurred since October 2019. (b)(6), and (b)(6) (b)(6) in the receiving area) were notified of the incident and that a MOI would be filed. (b)(6) (b)(6)</p>
M3D	Swift Beef Company	MXE42220 34713G	13MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On 03/12/2020 at approximately 21:00 hrs. I (b)(6) (b)(6) observed JBS personnel using a whistle to aid in moving cattle in the pens and to the knocking box. The excessive use of the whistle overly excited the cattle and caused them to move at a rapid pace. This pace could be conducive to slips and falls resulting to injury to the cattle. (b)(6) was notified in the weekly exit meeting. Corrective action was taken by (b)(6) The whistles are no longer being used.</p>

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M3D	Swift Beef Company	MXE04000 31127G	27MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	I, (b)(6), was called to antemortem inspection on cattle at approximately 11:15 pm on 03/26/2020. Upon arrival there was one truck backed up to the loading dock. The driver unloaded the first draft of cattle from the rear compartment and the belly compartment of the trailer. At that time he came to the office exclaiming he had dead and cripple cattle in the belly of the trailer. Myself and (b)(6) both went to observe. We found 2 hd dead, 2 hd unable to rise and 1 hd standing with a broken leg. The top of the trailer was unloaded to allow access to those down and injured. The 3 hd down or injured were humanely euthanized and the removed from the trailer. 16 hd were unloaded from the rear compartment and belly of the trailer plus the 5 injured for a total of 21 hd. the trailer contained 39 hd total. The driver told (b)(6) that he had 16 in the belly 5 on the rear and 18 on the top.

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M40463+V 40463	Alaska Interior Meats, LLC	NZS17170 35702G	02MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On 2/28/2020 at approximately 3:00pm, while performing a Livestock Humane Handling Task, I, (b)(6), observed Mr Chris Miller, plant manager, stun a bull using a firearm. Due to where I was located when the firm uses live ammunition, I was unable to directly observe signs of consciousness after the first stun and before the second stun. Mr Miller immediately stunned the bull a second time. After the second stun, the bull appeared to still be standing and appeared to be lunging forward in the stun box. It is possible the body position observed was due to the large size of the bull. The bull could have been lodged in that position in the knock box preventing the carcass from dropping to the floor of the knock box. After moving into a position in which I could observe the bull's head and eyes, I did not directly observe signs of consciousness or return to consciousness. There was no vocalization nor head or eye movement. Mr Miller left the kill floor for approximately 30-60 seconds. When he returned, he stunned the bull a third time. During shackling, hoisting and sticking there were no signs of returning to consciousness observed. I contacted the Denver District Office through supervisory channels.</p>

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M44779	Spencer County Butcher Block	VMV42050 14403G	03JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>Spencer County Butcher Block (M44779) Taylorsville, KY engaged in federally inspected slaughter activity January 2, 2020. The Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer (SVMO) made the following observation at approximately 1030 hrs. EST: swine in the swine holding pen were found to be without access to water. The swine pen was observed to hold animals of varying size (20 lbs. to over 500 lbs.). Water was conveyed to the holding pen via a pipe extending from the ceiling to a "T" with a nipple waterer on each end; the nipples were suspended roughly 24 inches from the floor (somewhere between knee and hip high on a human). The SVMO observed a small black pig (estimated 20 lbs.) near the nipple waterers eagerly trying to drink the water that was falling from the mouth of a larger pig capable of reaching and drinking from the nipples; the nipple waterers were the sole water supply for the holding pen. Numerous pigs in the 20-30 lb. range were observed in the pen. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) was informed of this observation and the forthcoming documentation. (b)(6) placed a drum with a nipple waterer at a level reached by the smaller pigs in the pen. The establishment considers all animals held in the holding pens to be custom exempt until the time declared for federal inspection. The above animals had not been declared for federal inspection at the time of observation. Directive 5930.1 revision 4 states that the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) applies to custom exempt animals. The above observation continues a recent trend in the handling of custom exempt animals at the establishment; conditions in the holding pens involving custom exempt animals have been documented in MOIs dated November 27, 2019, December 11, 2019, and December 27, 2019.</p>

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M46070+P 46070	Marble City Meats LLC	KLE050801 4603G	03JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>Handling of Livestock Summary: The following contains the Verification Plan for Marble City Meats, LLC. Establishment #M46070, Sylacauga, AL. The establishment did not conduct any inspected red meat slaughter operations during this two-week period. Last Slaughter verification was conducted on 10/10/2019. Establishment Owner has decided to voluntarily suspend inspected livestock slaughter operations. He also stated that he does intend on returning under inspection after he has did a complete overhaul of his entire slaughtering system; Moving from Captive Bolt to Electric Stun. He anticipates that will be Spring 2020. Attached is the letter in which he delivered to inspection personnel. Inspection Personnel recommends that his letter be accepted and his voluntary suspension be granted. Issue/Action Plan: Verify that the establishment utilizes an SOP to not accept hogs with an "atypical head formation". Regulations: 9 CFR § 313.15(a)(1), 9 CFR § 313.16(a)(1), 9 CFR § 313.15(a)(3), 9 CFR § 313.16(a)(3) PHIS Task: HATS CATEGORY VIII (8) Findings: No Red Meat slaughter inspected operations performed during the verified time period. Issue/Action Plan: Verify that the establishment maintains two (2) functioning hand held captive bolts (HHCb), and a third .22 rifle backup stun weapon, near the stun area, and during stunning operations. Regulations: 9 CFR § 313.15(a)(1), 9 CFR § 313.16(a)(1), 9 CFR § 313.15(a)(3), 9 CFR § 313.16(a)(3) PHIS Task: HATS CATEGORY VIII (8) Findings: Based upon visual observation and record review, Establishment had 2 Functioning captive bolts as well as a third .22 rifle backup stun weapon near the stun area. Issue/Action Plan: Verify that the establishment, if necessary, upon need for a third stun to render an animal insensible, utilizes the .22 rifle for said third stun attempt. Regulations: 9 CFR § 313.16(a)(1), 9</p>

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M46433	SeraTec Inc.	VGf26150 11903G	03JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>January 2, 2020 at approximately 1515 hours, while performing post mortem inspection, (b)(6) (b)(6) heard an animal make a noise from the shackling area. (b)(6) turned around and was able to observe an establishment employee bleeding out calves on the rail. (b)(6) observed that one of the calves was exhibiting an involuntary mouth movement and assumed this was the calf which had made the noise. The establishment employee lifted the head of the calf and (b)(6) observed the pupils dilate. The establishment employee then removed the head. (b)(6) placed U.S Rejected Tag B40245952 on the pneumatic captive bolt stunning device. Plant Manager, Mackensy Priest, had entered to the slaughter pen area and was informed of the incident. The dressed head was noted to have two penetrating stun holes. Although (b)(6) (b)(6) observations do not support a directly observed noncompliance, this incident raises concerns about the humane handling practices of the establishment. Based on the head evaluation it is clear that one of the stun attempts was not located in the correct area. Additionally, if an animal regains consciousness or exhibits signs of returning to consciousness, an effective re-stun needs to occur immediately prior to any cuts to facilitate bleeding or prior to continuing the dressing process. The establishment's proffered corrective actions are to provide additional training to the establishment employees immediately and weekly for two weeks. If no additional issues are noted, the establishment will return to the usual training schedule of once monthly. The retraining will include literature and/or videos on proper knocking position, signs of consciousness, signs of returning to consciousness, and how to check for consciousness versus unconsciousness. The employees involved in stunning and shackling will</p>

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M46547	Gourmet Natural Meats LLC	UAV05100 30013G	13MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At approximately 14:30 hours on 3/12/2020, I (b)(6) was observing the unloading, HATS Category II – Truck Unloading, of bob veal calves from a trailer which had just arrived onto the official premises. As I neared the trailer, I saw one man, who was not an establishment employee, unloading calves on his own. Multiple calves had already been unloaded and were standing in a group around the open entrance to the antemortem pens. I saw him holding a sternally-recumbent calf by the tail and dragging it from the middle area of the trailer to the open tailgate. He then pushed the calf off the back of the trailer. Though this calf landed in a standing position, the distance from trailer bed to the ground was approximately 2.5 to 3 feet. When I arrived at the back of the trailer, he was roughly jostling another recumbent calf with his foot. I immediately told him that calves must be handled so as to minimize excitement and discomfort, and that dragging conscious animals is unacceptable. At this time, one of the previously-unloaded calves was wandering into the parking lot area. I informed the man of this and he unloaded the last calf by carrying it off the trailer end before gathering the stray calf humanely back to the pen. I visually confirmed that this calf made no visible contact with any hazards and had adequate footing in the area it traveled. He forcefully pushed a couple more calves into the pen area and closed the gate. I verbally informed establishment management, (b)(6) (b)(6) and President Ms. Cherie Brandao, of the egregious humane handling event. I verbally notified establishment management that this situation demonstrates noncompliance with humane handling regulations. The Denver District Office was contacted through supervisory channels for further guidance. I verbally notified (b)(6) and (b)(6)</p>

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							that stunning operations would be suspended and applied U.S. Reject Tag #B37710250 to the stun box. Another noncompliance of the same cause of improper handling of calves during truck unloading was documented on 11/26/2019 in NR# UAV1411111426N/1.

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M47040+P 47040	Indiana Halal Farms LLC	EYZ120602 1605G	05FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At the conclusion of the slaughter process on February 3, 2020 (b)(6) inquired with the kill floor employees if there were animals left in the barn that would be held overnight. The response was yes and a breakdown of what animals were in the barn was given including 2 baby calves or bob veal. (b)(6) then went to the barn with the employee responsible for feeding the animals to observe the food source they have available for each class of animal. Upon entering the barn (b)(6) (b)(6) observed the 5 sheep were in a pen with adequate room to move around as well as lay down at their leisure. The sheep had been given an adequate amount of hay and the water trough was full. The next pen observed had 3 total calves in it including 1 small started calf and 2 bob veal calves. There was an adequate amount of hay and a full trough of water in the pen. (b)(6) evaluated the 2 bob veal calves and determined that the hay was not considered the most appropriate feed source for the age of the animal. The last and final pen had 1 older beef in it with a pile of hay and a trough full of water. (b)(6) asked the employee if they had any other food options for the bob veal calves. He stated that he did not know and deferred the conversation to the plant owner Mr. Farook Abashaer. (b)(6) then went to the office and spoke with Mr. Abashaer explaining that the age of the bob veal calves was too young to think that hay was an acceptable feed source due to the lack of rumination in those animals. It was also discussed what options there may be for that class and age of animal. Mr. Abashear responded by stating that he would contact the producer and get some milk to feed the calves yet that afternoon. The regulatory expectation of providing feed if animals are to be held for 24 or more hours was discussed per 9 CFR 313.2e as well as the expectation that</p>

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M5537	Sioux-Preme Packing Co.	TJF261502 1224G	24FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>At 9:40, while performing HATS category VI, electric/alternative object use, I observed a hog that was in a sitting position facing the last push gate prior to the 90 degree turn into the Butina stunner. This was one of about 6 hogs in the group, the others were all standing with some walking into the area of the next gated area. When the push gate started, the hog remained in a sitting position and the gate proceeded to push the hog backwards for approximately 4 feet before coming to a stop. There was an employee standing by the controls while this was happening who eventually stopped the push gate While the hog was being pushed it did not vocalize or appear distressed; and when the gate stopped, the hog stood and turned to walk in the direction that it was being pushed. On Wednesday February 26, in discussing this with Plant manager Rick Getman, he asked what could have been done differently. The employees in the area need to be more attentive towards the animals in the alley way and use the rattle paddles to help keep and get the hog up prior to the gate being activated. Regulations 9 CFR 313.2(a); 313.5(b)(2) and 313.5(a)(2) deal with causing excitement while moving animals and 313.2(d)(2) deals with pushing/dragging animals unable to move. Although the hog did not react in anyway in this situation, this scenario could easily cause the hog to become excited and possibly injured. Also, as this hog was sitting down while the gate was pushing it; not only could it not be determined if the hog was ambulatory or disabled until after the fact, but the gate caused the hog to be unable to move during this time.</p>

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M85B	Swift Pork Company	GYM24020 10414G	14JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On January 13, 2020 at approximately 18:08, while I was performing HATS task II (Truck Unloading) as part of humane handling verification, I was observing unloading at dock 4. The unloading ramp was elevated in the barn to meet the ramp from the second level of the hog trailer. As I observed a hog came down the ramp as part of a group and then backed up slightly and its back leg fell through a hole in the unloading ramp. The hog pulled its leg out and then as another group of hogs was pushed down the ramp the hog backed up again and it appeared both back legs fell into the hole in the ramp and the hog fell to its belly on the unloading ramp. I called to the barn personnel to try to get them to stop hogs from running over the down hog. However, the hog was able to free itself and come down the ramp before other hogs ran over it, I did not see signs of obvious injury. I approached the unloading ramp, and on closer examination, the unloading ramp flaps that were positioned to cover the gap between the truck and ramp had not been flipped over on each side of the ramp. This left a gap of approximately 10-12 cm by 16-18 cm on the right side of the ramp where the hog had fallen through. The left side also had a slightly smaller gap. I notified (b)(6) of my observations and he observed the gaps on each side of the ramp. He clarified with the trucker that all the hogs had been unloaded. He confirmed that the last group pushed down the ramp had been the last in the truck. I also informed (b)(6) of these findings and notified him an MOI would be documented. 9 CFR section 313.1 states: (a) Livestock pens, driveways and ramps shall be maintained in good repair. They shall be free from sharp or protruding objects which may, in the opinion of the inspector, cause injury or pain to the animals. Loose boards, splintered or broken</p>

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							planking and unnecessary openings where the head, feet, or legs of an animal may be injured shall be repaired. Thus, the establishment has an obligation to prevent unnecessary openings such as the observed gap in the unloading ramp as this presents a real risk for injury to the hogs during unloading.

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M85O+P17 775+V85O	Swift Pork Company	HEM14220 24917G	17FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>While I was watching HAT activity VII (Slips and Falls) as the employees drove hogs from the 90 degree turn through the first guillotine gate and up to the guillotine gates that led to the push gate area. Around 20:20 the employees placed so many hogs in this area that not only was there no room for any of them to move, but the big guillotine gate came down on the back of 1 or 2 hogs. When the 2 smaller guillotine gates were opened at the front, all the hogs tried to go backwards at first causing piling at the big guillotine gate. The employees only action was to use their plastic bats on the hogs to try to get them to go forward. When employee (b)(6) came back from helping in the center alley, he immediately opened the big guillotine gate to let some of the hogs out to relieve the piling. I called for a supervisor and (b)(6) (b)(6) came. I explained what I saw and my concerns that the employees placed too many hogs in the area and at no time did they open the big guillotine gate to prevent or relieve the piling. (b)(6) said he would talk with the one employee, who would then talk to the other as the second employee didn't speak much English. Within about 2 minutes of me getting done talking with (b)(6) I saw him head back up towards the gam table. At 21:17 while looking through some of the record sheets for some of the livestock SOP checks, I noticed that only the first 3 hour checks of the CO2 time and concentration checks were done, which would have been up to 18:30. The 4th &amp; 5th hours were not; and that none of the 2nd period checks were recorded as at this time it was the beginning of the 3rd period. When I checked again at 00:28, every time check up to that point was filled in as checked. This again raises questions on to the accuracy of the records; are they being checked at the proper frequency or just marked complete if</p>

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							<p>they are missed. While watching HAT activity VI (prod use) around 21:35 I was standing by the push gate that leads the hogs into the irons of stunner 2 when I noticed a clear paddle mark on a hog with tattoo number 0574. I called for a supervisor and (b)(6) arrived. I showed him the paddle mark and let him know what time I noticed it. He told me he would relay the information to (b)(6) because he would be more likely to have the time to investigate on the video as (b)(6) said that he was on the line all night. It wasn't until around 00:20 when the (b)(6) (b)(6) came asking to verify the tattoo number and time frame. He said he watched what cameras he could and didn't see anything, but he doesn't have access to the cameras towards the front of the barn. So, after raising this concern about possible issues with company's employees nothing was done until at least the next day when all the cameras were checked. The statement that (b)(6) (b)(6) would be unable to follow up and investigate an issue as well as having some SOP checks not completed and recorded in the frequency described in the establishment's program raises concerns again of supervisors monitoring the stick area. The following night (2/18/20) I asked (b)(6) (b)(6) if (b)(6) was again on the line all night, he didn't know. After that conversation I went and found that in fact (b)(6) was working the line on the gam table and that an employee was doing all the SOP checks. So, with (b)(6) (b)(6) working the line this night as well, the stick area was again left without any supervisor to monitor the area. It was just the last time I was on nights during the week of Christmas 2019 when I saw issues with prod use and was told by (b)(6) that he</p>

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							<p>talked to (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) about the importance of having a supervisor in the stick area and that the supervisor in that area should not be used to fill a line spot for extended times so that he could properly monitor the stick area. This is obviously not happening.</p>

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M85O+P17 775+V85O	Swift Pork Company	HEM20000 25018G	18FEB2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>During the review and observation component of the RSA task performed on 2nd shift for February 2020 the following observations were made: piling at the following locations, abbreviated as follows-S=scale, D1=top ½ of unloading dock #1, U=unloading of antemortem pens, G41=center alley gate at pen 41, 1G=area in between swing around gate at the 90 degree corner and the guillotine gate and 2G=area in between the guillotine gate and the small guillotine gates that lead to the restrainers. Piling is defined as hogs climbing onto one another with resultant slips and/or falls with loud vocalization resulting in excessive excitement and discomfort due to animal handling. 02/04-G41 x 3 02/05- S, G41, U 02/06-U 02/07-2G, S, D1 02/08- U, 2G 02/10- S, G41 02/11- 2G, U 02/12- D1, 02/13- 2G, U, D1 02/14- U During these observations, supervisors for their respective areas were informed on 2nd and 3rd shift including (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) (b)(6) For the 2G, G41 and U locations, (b)(6) was not always on the scene, so (b)(6) and (b)(6) were informed for correlation. The primary root cause for all locations was too many hogs in each area making it hard to control/manage. The lack of continuous supervision in the 2G, G41 and U locations was documented by (b)(6) in MOI HEM 1402120428G dated 12/28/19. It is the purpose of this MOI to stress the importance of ensuring animals are handled in accordance with the federal regulations and for the establishment to properly implement the pertinent sections of their systematic robust humane handling program and that continued observations of this nature will result in a regulatory control action and the issuance of a</p>

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							noncompliance record. The relevant regulation is 9 CFR 313.2 (a) which states "Driving of livestock from the unloading ramps to the holding pens and from the holding pens to the stunning area shall be done with a minimum of excitement and discomfort to the animals." On 02/19/20 I met with (b)(6) to discuss the contents of this MOI and to reiterate that future occurrences of this nature moving forward will result in the issuance of a noncompliance record and that if a trend is developed this could bring into question if the implementation of the program as written is valid. Respectfully submitted, (b)(6) (b)(6) Est. M850-2nd shift

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M85O+P17 775+V85O	Swift Pork Company	HEM08110 32113G	13MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>Shortly after 10:00am on March 13, 2020 I came to the swinging gate area just before the irons for stunner 2. I observed the irons for this stunner to be full except for the very front area where the hogs just got moved into the Butina gondola. The swing gate area was full of hogs to the point where 1 hog had its front legs on the back of the shoulders of another hog who was standing on all 4 legs and had its head beneath the first hog. It took about 10 seconds of me looking at the situation before the employee working the swing gate area to release it a little to give the hogs more room. Immediately upon this happening the hog got off the back of the other so that all the hogs in the area were in a standing position. I called for a supervisor and (b)(6) (b)(6) was out in a couple minutes. I explained what happened and that even knowing that the hogs are in the swing gate for a short time, they should have enough space for them all to be standing without climbing on one another; especially with the irons being full. I could not tell what the circumstances where or who was involved to create this situation, I just saw it when I got to the area. (b)(6) said he would look at the video to see what caused the situation and then get with his employees. About 20 minutes later (b)(6) came to inform me that after filling the irons to get ready to start after lunch, an employee closed the swing gate a little more to wash the floor a little. Then another employee walked by and made some noise with his plastic rattle bat which is what excited the hogs to get into the position that I saw. (b)(6) (b)(6) said he was going to bring his employees in to show them the video and go over with them that if they push the gate in some to wash the floor a little, to open it back up when done or if they see the hogs getting on top of each other at any time when there is no room and they are not</p>

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							trying to get them into the irons. He was also going to go over with them employees about not using the driving aids if the hogs have no place to move to.

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M9230+P9 230	Dayton Natural Meats, LLC	KDD07160 11206G	06JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At approximately 1030 hours on January 6, 2020, (b)(6) informed (b)(6) that (b)(6) observed a beef carcass still breathing after being stunned. The (b)(6) (b)(6), stated that (b)(6) had checked the eye for movement after the stun was administered and did not notice any signs of movement. The animal was then rolled to the bleed/stick area. Both (b)(6) and (b)(6) observed an employee repeatedly stick the animal to complete the bleeding process. (b)(6) walked around the bleed basin to stand closer to the animal and employee conducting the sticking. (b)(6) (b)(6) was instructing the employee on how to properly place the stick knife when (b)(6) (b)(6) observed the hanging beef carcass exhibit rhythmic breathing and the head draw slightly upward then move right and left after each failed stick attempt. The tongue was not protruding from the mouth. There was no vocalization. (b)(6) observed (b)(6) retrieve the backup hand-held captive bolt device from the stun area on the other side of the pivoting metal door which dumps the carcass from the stun box into the bleed zone. (b)(6) (b)(6) administered a second stun which fully rendered the animal unconscious. (b)(6) observed the neck and head become limp and relaxed. (b)(6) did not observe any further signs of breathing. (b)(6) informed (b)(6) (b)(6) of a possible humane handling issue and began collecting information from (b)(6) and Maria Zurita. (b)(6) applied US. Reject Tag #B35731518 to the stun box. (b)(6) notified (b)(6) and (b)(6) of the incident. (b)(6) (b)(6) was informed of the incident and contacted the Denver District Office via supervisory channels.</p>

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M9264+P9 264+V9264	Malco's Buxton Meat Co	QSH36100 31604G	04MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On 3/02/2020 at 1035 hours at establishment M9264, I (b)(6) observed an establishment employee make three unsuccessful attempts at stunning a lamb with an electrical stunning device before applying a successful stun attempt with a hand-held captive bolt (HHCB) device. On each stun attempt with the electrical stunner the wand was placed behind the lamb's ears and the lamb dropped to its knees and then immediately rose. The lamb did not vocalize during the attempts with the electrical wand. After the third stun attempt, establishment manager Gene Malkovsky instructed an employee to stun the lamb with a HHCB. This fourth stun attempt was successful in rendering the lamb unconscious. I immediately ceased slaughter operations by applying U.S. Rejected Tag #B18928639 to the stun box and notified Mr. Malkovsky of my regulatory control action. The Denver District Office was contacted via supervisory channels. There have not been any noncompliance records for the same root cause issued within the past 90 days.</p>

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M9264+P9 264+V9264	Malco's Buxton Meat Co	QSH46090 30726G	26MAR2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At Establishment M9264 on 03/25/2020 at approximately 1006 hours, the CSI was standing on the slaughter floor while the establishment prepared to stun a mature bull in the stun box outside. The CSI heard a stun attempt with a firearm and waited for the signal to open the door outside to verify stunning effectiveness.</p> <p>(b)(6) called for the signal to open the door and no response was heard. Shortly thereafter, the stunner employee came inside the slaughter floor. The CSI went outside to the stun box and observed the bull was standing on all four legs, vocalizing, and flickering his tail. The CSI observed stunning hole on the upper side of the left eye. The bull continued to vocalize. The stun operator returned to the stun box with a 270 rifle, took aim and applied a second stunning attempt which rendered the bull unconscious. The CSI immediately alerted Rudy of the incident and notified him of the regulatory control action and applied USDA REJECTED TAG No. B30449332 to the stun box. Denver District Office was contacted through supervisory channels.</p>

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M9265+P9 265	Marks Meat Inc.	CFJ311401 4229G	29JAN2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On Wednesday January 29, 2020, I, (b)(6) (b)(6) was on site at Est. M9265, Marks Meats, to conduct a follow up visit for non-compliances issued during a food safety assessment conducted in December 2019. On this date, I, accompanied by (b)(6), observed the establishment perform the stunning procedure on a landrace type market hog around 0720 hours. The stun box is in the same room as the slaughter processing floor allowing full visibility of inspection personnel of all stunning procedures. On this date the EIAO and CSI were standing roughly 5ft away from the stun box. The first pig of the day was loaded into the stun box and the designated establishment employee applied the first stun attempt using the hand-held captive bolt (HHCB) device. The pig remained conscious, as it was standing, looking around with eyes tracking and vocalizing (repeated, ongoing loud squealing). The establishment employee immediately applied a second stun attempt using a back-up loaded HHCB device which was readily available to the stun operator. Following the second stun attempt, the pig become ventrally recumbent in the stun box, but remained conscious with rhythmic breathing and continued to squeal. The stun box obscured the eyes of the pig from view once the pig became recumbent in the stun box. At this time the establishment employee applied a third stun attempt using a larger HHCB device, which was readily available to the stun operator and rendered the pig immediately and effectively unconscious. At this time (b)(6) approached establishment management, Mr. Ben Meyers, who was also observing the stunning procedures, to notify him of the egregious incident and verbally notified him to stop operations until further notice. Establishment management were already</p>

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							<p>implementing humane handling procedures and applied an establishment reject tag to the stun box in response to the incident. Denver District Office was contact through supervisory channels and (b)(6) applied US Reject Tag No. A1281816 to the stun box. The EIAO continued to observe slaughter operations, specifically the sanitary dressing of the market hog and splitting the carcass and skull. The split skull showed three penetrating stun attempts. (b)(6) (b)(6) also verified three penetrating stun attempts of the dressed skull.</p>

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M10038+P 10038+V10 038	Scotts Hook & Cleaver Inc.	RSH560 703022 5N-1	03/25/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS CATEGORY III—WATER AND FEED AVAILABILITYAt approximately 0740 hour on 3/25/2020, while performing a humane handling verification task, I found Handling Slaughter of Livestock—Handling of Livestock noncompliance. Cattle pens 3 and 4 at the establishment share an automatic watering device that has two basins. Each basin on this unit holds approximately 5 gallons of water. The automatic watering device is set up so that both pens have access to both basins of the automatic watering device. During my humane handling verification activity, I observed that there were 12 beef cattle in pen 3 that had been held in the pen overnight. Further, there was very little water in either of the automatic watering device basins and the automatic watering device was clearly not functioning as the basins were not refilling. The very small amount of water that was in the two basins was not deep enough for the cattle to drink from. This finding illustrates noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2 (e) which requires that animals in holding pens have access to water.I notified (b)(6) that the above finding would be documented on a noncompliance report at the time I discovered it. In response, (b)(6) put water in the two automatic watering basins in pen 3.</p>	OPEN

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M10114+P 10114+V10 114	C. Roy, Inc.	FEI0212 011514 N-1	01/14/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HAT Category III Water and Feed Availability At approximately 0950 hours on Tuesday January 14, 2020, (b)(6) observed the following non-compliant situation when asked by (b)(6) (b)(6) to perform ante-mortem inspection on a new lot of incoming beef. The pen located next to the pen being observed for ante-mortem contained 9 beef two of which were attempting to drink water from an empty container located near the front of the pen. Upon further review it was observed the container was empty of water. (b)(6) was advised of the observation and indicated a container to the back of the pen should have accessible water in it. Upon further review that container only contained manure and was not usable due to the drain plug not working. (b)(6) then proceeded to attach a hose and directed Jeremy (employee) to fill the container (around 0955 hours) located near the front of the pen. Two beef were observed to then drink from the container once it was filled. A regulatory control action was not taken due to the expedient action to fill the container with water. However, the establishment incurred about 20 minutes of down time as a result of the situation. (b)(6) was notified of the basis of non-compliance and co-observed the situation. He was advised a record of non-compliance would be issued to document the observation. The above noncompliance is in violation of 9 CFR 313.2(e). A review of the official record does not identify a similar non-compliance in the prior 60 days.</p>	CLOSED

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M1061	Happy Valley Processing Inc.	JYP481 001020 6N-1	01/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1), 313.15(a)(3)	On 01-06-19 at approximately 1045 hours (b)(6) was performing a humane handling evaluation of Happy Valley Processing (M1061) in Dearing, GA. During the slaughter, an initial stun attempt failed to properly render a steer unconscious. The steer fell down in the knock box with the initial application, but quickly attempted to stand and vocalize. The back-up 22 caliber long rifle was ready and immediately used to successfully render the animal unconscious. A third security knock was applied. After the animals were stuck and bled, operations were ceased while the incident was reviewed. This observation was in violation of CFR 9 313.15 (a)(1) and CFR 9 313.15(a)(3) which states that "Immediately after the stunning blow is delivered the animals shall be in a state of complete unconsciousness and remain in such condition throughout". The current robust and systematic plan at Happy Valley Processing indicates that all animals will be "rendered unconscious on the first blow". The skinned skull was examined after the slaughter and multiple holes were found. On further examination, it appears the captive bolt may not have discharged properly. After the incident was reviewed and because the establishment immediately followed their back-up procedures; the operations were released.	CLOSED

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M1061	Happy Valley Processing Inc.	JYP060 802051 9N-1	02/19/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	Upon arriving at the establishment on Wednesday (02/19/2020), at approximately 0835 hours, A Livestock Humane Handling task was performed. The following noncompliance was observed; pen #3 was observed to have two sharp points protruding into the pen about one and half feet from the ground. The points were created from a broken section of cattle panel and protruded about 4 inches. No animals were observed in the pen at the time of inspection. No blood or hair was noted on the points. The establishment manager noted animals have not utilized pen #3 in over a week. The pen was tagged retained No. B41957050, until repairs can be made.	CLOSED
M10624	Arkansas Department of Corrections	EAA161 102271 8N-1	02/18/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	On the date of 02/18/2020 at the approximate time of 08:45 a.m. while I, (b)(6) was in the process of conducting post mortem inspection procedures which include the effectiveness of the stunning procedures (HATS Category-VIII - Stunning Effectiveness) I observed the following non compliance: I observed the stunner operator administer a stun knock to a beef cow, the beef cow fell as if to be unconscious from this single blow from the stunner. However, the animal immediately began to get up on his feet and at that time the stunner operator immediately administered a 2nd stun knock from the back up stunner. This stun blow was effective which immediately and effectively rendered the beef cow unconscious (b)(6) (b)(6) was verbally informed of the failure to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1)(3)	CLOSED

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M10805	Hamzah Slaughter House	UIE031 203471 7N-1	03/17/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1), 313.2	On 3/17/20 at approximately 0940 hours while performing a routine Humane Handling task, category #8 Stunning Effectiveness, the following was noticed. Establishment employees were having a hard time moving a beef animal forward into the head restraint of the knock box. After using an electric prod, the animal began kicking and nearly got out of the knock box. Mr. Rababe, establishment owner, used a .22 long rifle to stun the animal. Mr. Rababe fired three shots to stun/kill the animal. The first shot hit the animal in the head but did not render the animal unconscious. A second was fired and missed the animal. A third shot was fired and did hit the animal again in the head. The animal went down as it was rendered unconscious. Establishment employee immediately sliced the animals throat. Operations were stopped. Regulatory control action was taken by applying U.S. Rejected tag # B30381305 to the knock box. Upon examination of the head, there are two bullet entry points. One entry point is between the eyes and the other is approximately 3 inches above that. The .22 long rifle that was used by Mr. Rababe is a semi automatic. This made it possible for the shots to be immediate, one after the other without having to reload the weapon. Establishment owner Mr. Rababe was notified of the failure to comply with 9 CFR 313.16(a)(1).	CLOSED

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M10808+P 10808	Shuff Meat Inc.	SHH430 701492 8N-1	01/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	HATS Category IV: Humane Handling During Ante Mortem Inspection; 9 CFR 313.1(a), On January 27, 2020, at approximately 0820 hours, while performing antemortem inspection at Establishment #10808M, Shuff's Meats, I, (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance. There were two broken boards in the pen directly behind the hog kill room. These boards had sharp edges and were low enough (less than two feet off the ground) that they posed a hazard for beef and hogs if they were in the pen. No animals were in the pen at the time of observation. Robin Shuff, owner, observed the boards and stated that they would have the boards covered over before any hogs arrived for next days kill.	CLOSED
M11027+V 11027	Rammell Valley Pack	BOM16 150246 13N-1	02/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	HATS Category: III (Water and Feed Availability) At approximately 08:10 on 2/13/20 while performing a routine category III Humane Handling task, I (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance. The two holding pens, in which the animals were housed, had frozen water in the buckets with no other water access. Owner, Gary Rammell, was verbally notified of the noncompliance. The establishment provided fresh buckets of water to the remaining animals, so no regulatory control action was taken. There have been no documented non-compliance records for the same root cause within the past 90 days.	CLOSED

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M11115	South Marion Meats and Retail Market Inc.	XKA181 101130 8N-1	01/08/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>On January 8, 2020 at approximately 8:38am, while verifying the establishment's stunning procedures, I (b)(6) observed the following: (b)(6) led a large bull into the knock-box area and placed its head in the head chute. I walked inside the slaughter floor following the written firearm procedure for safety reasons. (b)(6) fired the first shot with a .38 pistol, immediately announced "back-up," and shot a second time. I stepped out the door and the animal was standing upright, tracking my movement with his eyes, and breathing heavily. (b)(6) placed his left hand near his head, and the bull moved his head and blinked. I stepped back inside the door and (b)(6) fired 3 more shots with the .38 in succession, after which I stepped back out and observed that the animal was no longer standing, had no eye movement and was not rhythmically breathing. I immediately placed "US Reject" tag ( # B39421665) on the knock-box and notified (b)(6), my (b)(6), (b)(6) and I inspected the skinned bull head at post-mortem inspection and all five shots had penetrated the skull. The establishment has a robust systematic approach plan in place and Mr. Armoogan, plant manager, stated that in the future a 6 mm rifle (a higher caliber gun) would be used to stun any bulls. I notified (b)(6) that I would be issuing a Humane Handling noncompliance on the incident and that this documentation would serve as written notification that failure to comply with regulatory requirements could result in additional or administrative action.</p>	CLOSED

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M1311	JBS Souderton, Inc.	KID160 601242 8N-1	01/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>Hats Category 1 On January 27, 2020 at approximately 1250, while observing the unloading of a truck, I observed what appeared to be a hoof sticking through a crack in the wall of the area leading to the serpentine. Upon further investigation I observed a cow with its front leg stuck between the door and the wall of the crowding pen. Plant personnel calmly cleared the area of other animals, opened the door freeing the animal which moved up the serpentine with no visible signs of trauma to the leg (wounds or limping). I informed (b)(6) (b)(6) that I was taking regulatory control of that part of the crowding pen with reject/retain tag B42232001. I was informed that repair work had been completed on that area of the crowding pen. I inspected the door/wall and was satisfied with the repair work and removed the reject tag. I informed (b)(6) (b)(6) verbally and in writing of the noncompliance with the Meat and Poultry Regulations 9 CFR 313.1, pens shall be maintained preventing unnecessary openings where heads, feet and legs can be injured.</p>	CLOSED

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M1311	JBS Souderton, Inc.	KID560 802110 5N-1	02/05/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category IV: Handling During Ante Mortem Inspection On 02/05/2020 at approximately 0600 hours I (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance. While observing antemortem, I watched a pen employee move a group of Holstein cows from Pen 25-Front through Pen 16 into Pen 3. Pen 16 has a swing gate separating it from Pen 3; when this swing gate is moved to the inside of Pen 16 it aligns with a short dividing fence within Pen 16 but leaves a gap of about 18". One of the cows balked and attempted to avoid entering Pen 3 by passing through the gap between the gate and dividing fence. The cow's hips were too wide to go through the gap, and the cow attempted to pull itself forward to force itself through. The pen employee then encouraged the cow to move backward so the swing gate could be moved away from the animal to free it, but the cow would only move forward. In its attempts to pull through the gap, the cow pulled itself down and was unable to rise, still trapped between the gate and fence. The animal was declared NAD and stunned at 0607 hours. I stopped antemortem and informed (b)(6) of the noncompliance and the Establishment's failure to adhere to the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.2 (a). Use of the swing gate has been restricted by the Establishment so that it will not be swung into Pen 16 until a correction is put in place.</p>	CLOSED

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M1311	JBS Souderton, Inc.	KID281 102081 5N-1	02/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.2	<p>HATS Category IV: Handling During Ante Mortem Inspection On 02/13/2020, at approximately 1040 hours, IPP observed the following noncompliance. Specifically, IPP observed a steer that had jumped the water trough, which is located between pens 16 and 17, and entrapped his front leg between two pieces of metal sheeting that was located above the water trough. Upon inspection of the area, IPP observed gaps and multiple broken welds where the pieces of metal sheeting were attached to the water trough. Establishment personnel tried to separate the two pieces of metal, in an attempt to free the steer, but was unable to and the animal was euthanized. (b)(6) reported to the supervisory staff, after the incident, that the animal did not appear distressed and was euthanized immediately. After the animal was removed from the area, pens 16 and 17 were tagged and removed from use and the rest of the animals, to be slaughtered, were rerouted to the serpentine utilizing a different area of the barn. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) was notified of the aforementioned noncompliance and the establishment's failure to comply with the regulatory requirements of 9CFR 313.1(a) and 313.2(a).</p>	CLOSED

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M1311	JBS Souderton, Inc.	KID480 902422 5N-1	02/25/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.2	<p>HATS Category IV Handling During Ante Mortem Inspection On 2/25/2020 at approximately 0600 the following noncompliance was observed during Ante Mortem Inspection: Establishment personnel were moving 36 hd of Holsteins from pen 22 to pen 16 as part of the Ante Mortem procedure. As the animals were moving through the gate one animal wedged its head between the watering trough and a pen support post at the corner of the pen and could not dislodge its head from being entrapped. The rest of the animals were removed from the pen and establishment personnel attempted to lift the head in an attempt to free the animal but were unsuccessful therefore the animal was euthanized with the captive bolt. The animal did not appear to be in distress and only stood calmly until it was euthanized. After the animal was removed from pen 22 the establishment initiated corrective action by tagging the pen and removing it from use. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) was notified of the noncompliance and the establishments failure to comply with the regulatory requirements of 9CFR 313.1 and 313.2.</p>	CLOSED

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M1664+P1 9846+V166 4	Kah and Company Incorporated	NPN38 120147 24N-1	01/22/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>On January 22, 2020 at approximately 0845 hours while verifying HATS category VIII- Stunning Effectiveness of cattle at Est. M1664, Kah Meats, Inc., (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance:-At approximately 0855 hours, a steer(with horns) of average size was brought to the knock box for stunning. The animal was anxious, after locked in the knock box the steer attempted to maneuver its head though small openings in the knock box and also attempted to try and turn around. The captive bolt operator had the animal in the head restraint when the first stunning attempt was made, when the first attempt occurred the animal had its head raised to the top as it was held in the neck restraint; its body looked as if the animal had its front legs standing on a step. When the first stun made contact with the skull the animal did not fall, its head dropped somewhat, but you could see the animal was still standing. The operator released the neck restraint and the animal took 2 steps backwards and was slumped, but still standing; the animal bellowed a low moaning sound and the operator obtained the back-up captive bolt stunner which was at the knocking station. The captive bolt operator then made the second stunning attempt, and he did not attempt to move the animal into the head restraint, at this moment the animal was still. The operator's second attempt at stunning was successful at rendering the animal unconscious. The skull was examined by (b)(6) and it was noted that both attempts at stunning made contact with the animal's skull. Each captive bolt stun entry was a half an inch from the middle of the forehead, one was half an inch to the right and the other a half an inch to the left. Owner/Operator, Kris Kah, was present on the slaughter floor when the humane handling noncompliance occurred, and management was advised of this</p>	OPEN

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							noncompliance. This observation is noncompliant with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1).	
M17776	Trenton Halal Packing Company	BBE061 301342 1N-1	01/21/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.2	<p>At approximately 9:30 am when I, (b)(6) arrived downstairs to unload calves delivered from New Holland, I observed that at least 20 goats were penned in the suspect lane, without access to water. They had been in this smaller area since the first cattle were brought in for slaughter at 7 am. I advised the (b)(6) (b)(6) that all animals must have access to water at all times when they are not being moved, and that these animals were not. I also advised him that it is the responsibility of the plant to ensure that the animals have access to water, even if the animals have already kicked the water over. The plant should ensure that the water cannot be tipped, that animals be constantly monitored for access to water, or that other water source becomes immediately available when the primary source of water is suddenly unavailable. Such errors have happened before, and I urge the plant to take preventive measures so that further regulatory actions need not be taken.</p>	CLOSED

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M17776	Trenton Halal Packing Company	BBE530 902531 2N-1	02/12/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.15(a)(2), 313.2	<p>Today at Trenton Halal, Est. M17776, at approximately 8:40 am a steer got loose onto the kill floor. This is a humane handling concern because the animal could have been seriously hurt. The steer ran loose through the facility and did also directly contact some skinned heads and livers, hearts and tongues hanging on a hook tree in the back. It also damaged the water line, and someone did also get hurt. After the incident had resolved the inspector and I found out that the solid door was not closed and that the gate immediately next to the door was locked such that the latch pin was turned into the chute, so as the animal was being moved to the chute, it managed to knock the pin out, which opened the gate, and having found an opening, he chose to take it. This situation of poor handling is a violation of 313.2 Handling of livestock, which says in part; (a) Driving of livestock from the unloading ramps to the holding pens and from the holding pens to the stunning area shall be done with a minimum of excitement and discomfort to the animals. In addition, further inspection after the steer got loose, made it evident that some of the equipment was in disrepair. The gate between the holding pen and the chute has a temporary hinge made of tightly wrapped rope, making the gate somewhat more difficult to manipulate, and may one day break. The gate that closes the kill floor from the chute has a hitch lock where the pin can easily be removed from the door, and can easily be pulled out of the locked position, if the pin is turned incorrectly, toward the chute. The gate itself must be raised just to get the pin to slide into the hole to lock the gate. Because of these deficiencies, and because of the damage to the water line on the kill floor by the steer, the slaughter operation was put on hold with Tag No. B36 924795 on the entrance to the kill floor in accordance with 416.2(e)(3); Plumbing installed &amp; maintained to prevent adulteration</p>	CLOSED

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							and creation of insanitary conditions; and with Tag No. B36924794 on the holding pen door in accordance with; 313.50; Tagging of equipment, alleyways, pens, or compartments to prevent inhumane slaughter or handling in connection with slaughter. The operation resumed, and the Tag was removed by the USDA after the plant repaired the damaged water-line, rewashed and treated the affected meats with lactic acid, made a temporary but effective alteration to the gate between the chute and the kill floor to secure the pin to the gate in the unlocked position. Plant management reviewed and emphasized the importance of locking the door from the holding pen and double checking it before animals are moved into the chute, and that the locking pin to the gate's handle not be turned into the chute with all the relevant personnel. They are also making arrangements to find a welder to make permanent fixes to the described.	

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M17965	Gold Medal Packing Inc.	JRF290 601361 7N-1	01/17/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.2	On January 17th, 2020 at approximately 0530 hours, while performing Ante-mortem, I (b)(6) observed the following non compliances:I)In pen 2A , There was 61 bob veal counted, and the plants chart for pen stocking states 56 is the max for 2A. The Bob veal were crowded, with some not having access to drinking water. This is a violation of 9 CFR 313.2(e) which states "Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens and, if held longer than 24 hours, access to feed. There shall be sufficient room in the holding pen for animals held overnight to lie down".II) 13 Bob veal were in the smaller ramp section (ramp 2) on bottom side of ramp. 2 of them were tangled in the high pressure washer hose, 1 was stuck under the actual pressure washer itself. I immediately had a pen employee free the 3 calves and block that area with barrels so no more could enter.This is a violation of 9 CFR 313.1(a), which states " Livestock pens, driveways and ramps shall be maintained in good repair. They shall be free from sharp or protruding objects which may, in the opinion of the inspector, cause injury or pain to the animals. Loose boards, splintered or broken planking, and unnecessary openings where the head, feet, or legs of an animal may be injured shall be repaired".	CLOSED
M17965	Gold Medal Packing Inc.	JRF240 602350 4N-1	02/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On February 4th, 2020 at approximately 0540 hours, while performing ante-mortem, I (b)(6) observed the following non-compliance:In pen 7-b ( hide pulling pen) there were 48 bob veal counted. There is no number quantity posted for this area, but the pen was very overcrowded. There were bob veal stuck under the rack to hold feed, Making it not possible for some animals to have access to water. This is a violation of 9 CFR 313.2(e) which states "Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens and, if held longer than 24 hours, access to feed. There shall be sufficient room in the holding pen for animals held overnight to lie down".	CLOSED

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M18632+P 18632+V18 632	Hudson Meats & Sausage, Inc.	TFO241 501512 9N-1	01/29/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	At 0845 while verifying HATS category VIII stunning effectiveness, IPP observed a mis-stun. The heifer was previously observed during unloading and antemortem inspection and was agitated throughout the process. It appeared in the same state as it was moved into the knocking cage. The cage does not have the capability to restrain the head nor is there a mechanism to adjust its width for animals of differing sizes. After establishment owner Doug Klarenbeek fired the .22 calibre magnum, IPP observed the beef heifer remained standing and blood was observed in both nostrils. A second stun was immediately performed with the same firearm and was effective. Mr. Klarenbeek stated he thought the first shot was low because the animal moved its head as he was firing. IPP notified Mr. Klarenbeek the findings from examination of the head would be discussed with the FLS and DVMS and he would be notified if stunning could resume. Examination of the head confirmed one entrance point was below or rostral to a line drawn between the eyes with the projectile path roughly perpendicular to the surface of the facial bones. Consequently, the projectile likely passed through the nasal cavity and/or sinuses. This finding was discussed with Mr. Klarenbeek who provided a determination of cause and verbal corrective measures. The establishment failed to meet the requirements of 9 CFR 313.16.	CLOSED

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M18632+P 18632+V18 632	Hudson Meats &and Sausage, Inc.	TFO311 402270 7N-1	02/07/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	At 0830 hours while verifying HATS categories VIII (Stunning Effectiveness) and IX (Conscious Animals on the Rail), an ineffective stun was observed. The second beef on the slaughter schedule was standing calmly in the restrainer. A slaughter employee stunned the Holstein steer with the .22 magnum rifle. The animal initially dropped to the ground but then shortly slowly stood back up as a second employee approached the chute. The animal was conscious. A second stun was immediately performed with the same .22 magnum and the steer was rendered unconscious. An examination of the head was performed. Two projectile entries were found. One was caudal to a line transecting the eyes. The other entry was approximately 2 inches rostral and lateral to the right poll and exited the caudal surface of the right poll. The large disparity between entry points led to an examination of the restrainer. A shining defect was found near the top of the second horizontal pipe from the top of the chute. Establishment owner Mr. Doug Klarenbeek was verbally notified. The slaughter employees were notified stunning could not resume until further instructions were given. The establishment failed to meet the requirements of 9 CFR 313.16(a). Verbal corrective and preventive measures were proffered by Mr. Klarenbeek and stunning resumed. This noncompliance is being associated with a previous noncompliance for an ineffective stun that was documented on January 29th, NR TFO2415015129. The preventive measures were either not implemented or not effective in preventing recurrence.	CLOSED

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M19185	Spectrum Preferred Meats, Inc	ASE201 201282 8N-1	01/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2, 313.30 (a)(2)	<p>HATS Category IV: Handling during Ante-mortem Inspection At approximately 0947 hours on 01/28/2020 while walking to the barn to perform ante-mortem inspection, I, SPHV Dr. Stephanie Glanz, observed the following 9 CFR 313.2(a) and 313.30(a)(2) noncompliance. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) was using a "Hot Shot" on a market hog in the chute before the stunning restrainer. When I got closer to the area, I observed one hog piggyback on another hog. The chute was full, approximately six market hogs. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) arrived with a different "Hot Shot" and touched the top hog with it several times. The top hog moved but unable to separate from the other hog. I instructed Nelson to stop using the "Hot Shot". The two hogs were then conveyed together into the restrainer. The top hog was electrically stunned effectively and separated from the other hog. The bottom hog showed signs of distress, elevated respiratory rate with open mouth breathing. The Stunner applied the electrical stunner and effectively rendered the hog unconscious. U.S. Rejected Tags #B26459127 and B26459128 were placed on the gates to the chute. (b)(6) was notified of the noncompliance and a noncompliance record would be issued. When the establishment took appropriate corrective actions and proposed adequate preventive measures, the U.S. Rejected Tags were removed, and production resumed. Driving animals in this manner does not comply with regulations 9 CFR 313.2(a) and 313.30(a)(2).</p>	CLOSED

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M19185	Spectrum Preferred Meats, Inc	ASE001 202250 4N-1	02/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(1), 313.30(a)(3)	<p>HATS VIII: Stunning Effectiveness, 9CFR 313.30(a)(3): Immediate Insensibility, and 313.30(a)(1): Administration of electric current On 2/04/2020 at approximately 1027 hours, while performing HATS VIII: Stunning Effectiveness at the restrainer, I, (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance: The (b)(6) was placing the electric stunner onto a market hog. The market hog started wiggling out of the restrainer. The (b)(6) placed the head prongs in front of the shoulders and administered the electric current. The hog became ridged as the electric current flowed through it. Once the stunning cycle finished, the hog vocalized, blinked its eyes, and had rhythmic breathing (the hog was clearly conscious). (b)(6) released the hog from the restrainer. The hog slid down the stunning table and was rendered unconscious by the (b)(6) with the back-up electric stunner. I immediately took regulatory action and stopped stunning. U.S. Rejected Tag number B26459126 was placed on the electric stunner. (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) (b)(6) were notified of the noncompliance and a Noncompliance Record would be issued. When the establishment took appropriate corrective actions and proposed adequate preventive measures, the U.S. Rejected Tag was removed, and production resumed. The establishment failed to implement their Humane Handling Procedures, and in noncompliance with regulation 9 CFR 313.30(a)(1) and 313.30(a)(3).</p>	CLOSED

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M19252+P 19252	Farm 2 Table Meats LLC	IHC331 402390 4N-1	02/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.2	HATS Category III and VII On February 4, 2020 at 0715 hours, while performing an Antemortem inspection, I, (b)(6) observed two stalls in the barn with animals had no water supply. The water lines are shut off in the winter and there was no other water source supplied to the swine, 6 in stall 4 and 2 in stall 3. Stall 4, The drain grate was toppled. The exposed drain trench is approximately 12" deep. I informed (b)(6) (b)(6) of my findings. The animals were given water and the swine in stall 4 were moved to a stall that with secured flooring. No animals had been injured. These findings are noncompliant with regulations 9 CFR 313.1 and 313.2.	OPEN
M19252+P 19252	Farm 2 Table Meats LLC	IHC582 003220 9N-1	03/09/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	Category HATS III On March 8, 2020 at 1230 hours, while performing an odd hour inspection in the barn, I, (b)(6) observed a beef in stall 3. There was no water supply to the barn. It had been turned off due to potential freezing. There was no other alternative water source. This is noncompliance with regulation 9 CFR 313.2. A copy of this noncompliance will be supplied to Mike Shreve, GM, for record keeping purposes. This establishment has not provided corrective action for previous associated (linked) noncompliance; reference associated noncompliance in box 6a.	OPEN

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M19252+P 19252	Farm 2 Table Meats LLC	IHC591 303041 8N-1	03/18/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	HATS VIII- Stunning Effectiveness On March 18, 2020 at 1140 hours, during slaughter operations, I, (b)(6), observed (b)(6) stun a beef. The beef dropped to the ground and immediately stood back up. He had his captive bolt reloaded and immediately re-stunned the beef. The first shot was low (toward the nose) and slightly right. The animal had moved its head as he took the first shot. The second shot was correctly placed and effective. Mike Shreve, GM, was notified. This is noncompliant with regulation 9CFR 313.15(a)(1). A copy of this noncompliance will be supplied to Mr. Shreve for record keeping purposes.	OPEN
M19252+P 19252	Farm 2 Table Meats LLC	IHC591 303041 8N-2	03/18/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	HATS III- Water and Feed Availability On March 18, 2020 at 0730 hours, while performing an Antemortem Inspection, I, inspector Pickerill, observed two pigs in stall four from the previous days slaughter. The animals had not been fed. There is one bag of corn, approximately 5 pounds, from the previous day slaughter. None of the corn had been used and there was no evidence of feed in the stall. Mike Shreve, GM, was notified. This is noncompliant with regulation 9CFR 313.2. A copy of this noncompliance will be supplied to Mr. Shreve for record keeping purposes. This establishment has not provided corrective action for previous associated (linked) noncompliances; reference associated noncompliances in box 6a.	OPEN
M19252+P 19252	Farm 2 Table Meats LLC	IHC220 603082 6N-1	03/25/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	HATS III: Water and Feed Availability On March 25, 2020 at 0730 hours, I (b)(6) while performing humane handling observed pen 1 with two beef inside it had broken their water pan and had no water. I notified (b)(6). He immediately supplied water to the beef. This is a noncompliance with 9CFR313.2	OPEN

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M19252+P 19252	Farm 2 Table Meats LLC	IHC220 603082 6N-2	03/25/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	HATS VII: Stunning Effectiveness On March 25, 2020 at 0930 hours, I, (b)(6) observed (b)(6) stun a beef. The beef hind quarters drop and immediately stood back up again. He quickly reloaded the captive bolt and re- stunned. The second stunning was successful. The first shot was in the center level with the eyes and the second shot was about an inch above the first. this has been the second incident in the past month. I notified (b)(6) and Mr. Shreve of this noncompliance and that there needs to be a verbal corrective action pertaining to preventing this in the future before any more beef can be slaughtered. This is a noncompliance with regulation 9CFR313.15(a)(1)	OPEN

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M20321+V 20321	Luce's Maine Grown Meats	NKI420 801463 ON-1	01/30/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness (9 CFR 313.16) The following noncompliance was observed at approximately 8:30am, on Thursday, January 30, 2020. While performing a routine Livestock Humane Handling verification, I stood behind a barrier as Mr. Arnold Luce, the plant owner, prepared to stun a black Angus steer. Per the firearm discharge warning system, Mr. Luce shouted, "Fire in the Hole", and fired a shot with a 20-gauge shotgun. However, Mr. Luce recognized that the animal had not been successfully rendered unconscious and exclaimed a second shot was required. Mr. Luce was at the ready. He promptly reloaded the firearm and fired a second shot. I verified the animal was successfully rendered unconscious and insensible to pain upon the second stun attempt. The animal did not regain consciousness throughout shackling, sticking and bleeding. While performing post-mortem inspection of the head, I observed two separate and distinct entrance wounds from the 20-gauge slugs that were used. These holes were approximately 3-4 inches apart from one another. I verbally issued a noncompliance of 9 CFR 313.16 (a)(1) to Mr. Arnold Luce pending my written report. A review of NRs in PHIS showed that no noncompliance of similar cause had been documented within the past 90 days.</p>	CLOSED

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M20411+V 20411	Woodland Bison, Inc.	AQG59 100131 29N-1	01/29/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	On January 28, 2020, at 10:45 hours, while assisting a new slaughter inspector on the slaughter floor at establishment M20411. I stepped into the processing room, following the firearm safety protocol for M20411, while the establishment attempted to stun a beef steer. Immediately after the first gunshot I entered the slaughter floor and observed the following noncompliance with HATS Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness. I observed the animal did not remain conscious after the first attempt and rose to all four feet. The employee immediately applied the 2nd gunshot and the animal was rendered unconscious at this time. I tagged the knock box with U.S. Rejected tag B37379650 and notified Plant Manager Diane Brown of the noncompliance with Regulation 9 CFR 313.16 (a) (1). I observed two holes in the head on post mortem examination. Before removing U.S. Rejected tag the establishment presented corrective action. The establishment will hold rowdy animals until the end of the day and will make every effort to calm the animal. A similar noncompliance was documented on December 10, 2019 Record No AQG3909125711N. Continued failure to follow regulatory requirements could result in further regulatory or administrative action.	CLOSED

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M20608+P 20608	The Pork Company	KVC460 902192 1N-1	02/21/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>While performing a humane handling verification the following noncompliance was observed: At approximately 10:20am I went to the kill floor to watch pigs being stunned. I decided to check the condition of the ramp that leads from the barn to the stunner. There were 2 pigs in the ramp closest to the stunner. As I approached the entrance of the ramp (side closest to the barn) I saw a piece of paneling that had a broken edge and it was bent inward creating a sharp edge. Just then one of the pigs walked backwards down the ramp pass this protruding edge and it just missed scraping the side of the pig's jaw. The pig then went forward back toward the stunner. I immediately opened the door to the barn to let the employee bringing the pigs in know to stop movement of pigs onto the ramp. The (b)(6) was nearby so I waved my hand for him to come over. I showed him the sharp edge and explained that the plant would be receiving a noncompliance record and the line would be stopped until this was taken care of. I then took out a tag to fill out and tag up the ramp. At this time Ever had radioed to maintenance to come and they were there before I even finished with the tag. Within seconds they had the sharp edge removed. I verified the ramp was acceptable and approved the line to start. This whole incident lasted from 10:25am until 10:28am. The plant's failure to maintain the ramp in good repair has led to noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.1.</p>	CLOSED

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M20855	Chenoa Locker, Inc.	SSH481 501290 8N-1	01/08/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	9 CFR 313.2(e) Handling of Livestock While performing the Humane Handling Task, (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) observed two large sows in the small square holding pen, to be without water. No water was offered and no water basin was found within the pen. This is in conflict with Regulation 313.2(e), which states "Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens and, if held longer than 24 hours, access to feed." (b)(6) (b)(6) was notified of this finding.	CLOSED

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M20855	Chenoa Locker, Inc.	SSH470 701061 5N-1	01/15/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>On 01/14/2020 at approximately 0755 hours during observations of HATS Category VII for Stunning Effectiveness, the following was observed by (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) and myself. A steer was confined to the knock box and the head gate was engaged. The animal struggled against the restraint so the employee elected to wait until the animal stopped struggling before attempting to stun it with a handheld captive bolt device. Once the animal was relatively still, the employee placed and discharged the captive bolt device onto the head of the animal. The animal was observed to remain in the head gate, conscious, and standing. The employee immediately reloaded the handheld captive bolt device and administered a second effective corrective action stun, rendering the animal unconscious at that time. Establishment management was informed that the observations were noncompliant with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) which requires animals to be effectively stunned with a single application of the captive bolt device. Observations on post mortem examination confirmed two holes in the head, with one slightly to the left of center and the other more centrally located. Although the second attempt was immediate and effective, the establishment elected to place a second captive bolt device located at the knock box near the ammunition container as a ready and immediately available backup. Additionally, the current design of the head gate on the knock box does not provide limitations on the vertical movement of the head and neck. Establishment management proposed a modification that will limit the downward vertical movement of the head to further limit free movement of animals within the knock box. Plant management has been made aware of this non-compliance and this report.</p>	CLOSED

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M20855	Chenoa Locker, Inc.	SSH351 402381 3N-1	02/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1), 313.15(a)(3)	On February 13, 2020, at approximately 0820 hours, during observations of HATS Category VII for Stunning Effectiveness, the following was observed: A steer was confined to the knock box and the head gate was engaged. The employee placed and discharged the captive bolt device onto the head of the animal. The animal was observed to remain in the head gate, conscious, and standing. The animal began blinking naturally and vocalized. The employee immediately reloaded the handheld captive bolt device and administered a second effective corrective action stun, rendering the animal unconscious at that time. Establishment management was informed that the observations were noncompliant with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) which requires animals to be effectively stunned with a single application of the captive bolt device. Post mortem examination revealed both holes co-located on the head. The immediate corrective actions were to use a larger captive bolt device for the remainder of the cattle stunning. Establishment owner was made aware of this non-compliance report.	CLOSED

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M20855	Chenoa Locker, Inc.	SSH521 302341 3N-1	02/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1), 313.15(a)(3)	On February 13, 2020, at approximately 9:30A, while performing a directed HATS Humane Handling Task, I observed an establishment employee stun the 6th beef, slaughtered today. The beef was caught in the head restraint and secondary restraining bars were in place, to restrict the beef's head motion up and down. Establishment employee used the captive bolt gun, with the longer bolt. The first shot was delivered to the beef, but the beef did not fall and remained standing. The beef's skull was penetrated. The beef had controlled eye movement and vocalized. A second shot was delivered within 20-25 seconds and was successful. While inspecting the head, two holes were observed in the skull, within an inch of each other. This is in conflict with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(3), which states "Immediately after the stunning blow is delivered the animals shall be in a state of complete unconsciousness and remain in this condition throughout shackling, sticking and bleeding." Establishment owner was made aware of these findings.	CLOSED
M20981+P 20981	Riverside Meats	NRH05 140322 02N-1	03/02/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On March 2nd 2020 at Riverside meats while performing ante-mortem inspection on 16 swine and HATS category III humane handling verification task at approx. 7:15a.m, I observed the following non compliance:7 swine in holding pen #2 did not have any access to water(empty and dry water container) 8 swine in holding pen #1only had access to a container of water contaminated with an abundance of fecal material. I notified (b)(6) of the failure to comply with 9 CFR 313.2(e)Animals did not appear dehydrated; they seemed to be in good condition. I did not take regulatory control due to plant managements implementation of immediate corrective actions(gave swine access to water) and preventative measures.	CLOSED

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M21190	C & W Meat Packers	RLO330 803370 3N-1	03/03/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1), 313.16(a)(3)	On the morning of 3/3/2020 at approximately 0840 at C&W Meat Packers, est. 21190M, while performing a humane handling task verifying the effectiveness of the stunning, the first bovine animal in the stunning chute was ineffectively stunned and remained standing. Immediate corrective actions were taken by the establishment ownership and the animal was effectively rendered insensible with the second attempt and remained so thereafter. Tag number B36191594 was applied to the restrainer and stunning was halted. Establishment owner Mr. Wayne Courtney was notified of this noncompliance.	CLOSED
M21207+P 21207+V21 207	Lorentz Etc. Inc.	RTB341 102222 ON-1	02/14/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(b)(1) (iii)	On February 14, 2020, at approximately 0810 hours, I observed the following noncompliance while performing HATS category IX: checking for conscious animals on the line. On the southwest inside panel of the restrainer, I observed an approximately one-inch by eight-inch piece of welded metal that had fur stuck to the short side of the welded area. The metal was attached in order to hold a rubber flap against the inside restrainer walls. I showed the area to Plant Manager (b)(6). (b)(6) then removed the fur and we both examined the metal and felt a sharp edge. I applied U.S. Reject tag No. B40942697 to the restrainer and informed (b)(6) of the noncompliance. The establishment immediately performed a temporary fix to correct the issue. I removed the U.S. Reject tag after the area was temporarily repaired.	CLOSED

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M21741	GA Small Ruminant Research and ExtCenter Ag Research College of Ag	QVB501 103021 0N-1	03/10/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	On 03/10/2020 at approximately 10:20 AM at Fort Valley University Est. 21741 the PHV observed a humane handling non-compliance during routine slaughter of pigs. 1 pig was moved into the swine-sized knockbox. The employee used a captive bolt to attempt to render the pig unconscious. The first stun with the captive bolt to the pig's head did not render this pig unconscious. The pig remained standing and vocalized. The employee took immediate corrective actions by delivering the second stun to the pig's head and rendering the animal unconscious. U.S. Reject tag # B 31 438557 was placed on the knockbox. This non-compliance violates regulation 313.15 (a) (1). On postmortem examination it was confirmed that there were two points of entry into the pig's skull.	CLOSED
M21799	Olson Meat Plant	ACL471 502442 4N-1	02/24/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	On February 24, 2020 at approximately 0813 hours while performing a livestock humane handling task at the pig holding pens, the following noncompliance was observed. During ante-mortem (b)(6) and I observed that the Suspect Pen, located at the north part of Pen 3, had a metal rod segment protruding slightly inwards towards the suspect hog that was currently occupying the cage. The metal rod segment measured approximately 5 inches long by ¼ inch in diameter and was located on the cage door near the hinge side. The metal rod presents a physical hazard that could potentially wound or puncture any animal that is pushed up against it and is a noncompliance with regulation 9CFR 313.1. (b)(6) was shown the metal rod and informed of the noncompliance. The metal rod segment was promptly removed by an establishment employee. The suspect hog was observed to be unharmed and remained non-ambulatory during this period.	OPEN

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M21898+V 21898	Farmers Union Industries, LLC	OXG01 100357 06N-1	03/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(1), 313.30(b)(3)	<p>HATS Category IV- Ante-mortem inspection, VIII- Stunning effectiveness I, (b)(6) witnessed an ineffective stun with a mobile electrical stunning unit. At approximately 0915 while observing stunning of "slow" hogs I watched as the employee placed the stunning wand on the head, behind the ears on an unrestrained hog and attempted to deliver an electrical stun. When the attempt was made the hog was still conscious, vocalized and ran forward. A second attempt was immediately made with the same electrical unit where the wand was placed on the head, behind the ears, again the hog was still conscious after the attempt, vocalized and ran forward. The hog walked back into the pen and appeared unharmed after these attempts. At this point I suspended all mobile stunning in the establishment and placed U.S. Rejected tag numbers B45701003 and B45700172 on both mobile stunning units. I notified (b)(6) that stunning was suspended and that I would be issuing a non-compliance for these actions. After verbal corrective actions were offered I allowed stunning to continue with only a captive bolt until the electrical stunners were proven to be operational. The hog was effectively euthanized with a hand-held captive bolt once stunning resumed. At approximately 1415 the repairs on the mobile electrical stunners were completed. I confirmed that both of them were able to effectively stun a hog, I removed my tags and allowed mobile electrical stunning to resume. This is a non-compliance with 9 CFR 313.30(a)(1) and 9 CFR 313.30(b)(3).</p>	CLOSED

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M21898+V 21898	Farmers Union Industries, LLC	OXG56 140341 19N-1	03/19/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness At approximately 1315 on March 19, 2020, while watching stunning operations on the raised platform, on the right side of the stunning employee, looking into the v-belt restrainer system I saw the following non-compliance. An ineffective electrical stun was applied by the stunning employee using the electrical wands at the v-belt restrainer system. The hog being stunned was under another hog so, I could not confirm the placement of the wands on the hog. The normal placement of the electrical wands is head to heart. I could see that the wands made contact with the hog. After the stun was attempted the hog was conscious, slowly blinking and appeared to be moving its eyeball as if tracking the motion around it. I saw it blink approximately three times. The hog was rendered unconscious immediately following the electrical stun attempt with the pneumatic captive bolt device. I immediately took a regulatory control action on stunning operations which I communicated verbally and asked to speak with the Barn Supervisor about the observed non-compliance. I requested corrective actions from the supervisor. Verbal corrective actions were offered and I allowed operations to continue. I notified (b)(6) (b)(6) that I would be issuing a non-compliance for this incident. This is a violation of 9 CFR 313.30(a).</p>	CLOSED

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M22095+P 22095+V22 095	Creston Valley Meats	QOI181 601321 3N-1	01/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(2)	At 9:40 am on 13 January 2020, I, (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance. 5 young goats were placed in a large barrel to hold them until they were stunned. However, the barrel was too small, and two goats were on top of a smaller goats. The small goat collapsed beneath the weight, and when it was lying on the bottom of the barrel, three other goats were stepping on it. I informed (b)(6), and he had the other employee remove two of the goats from the barrel. This situation was noncompliant with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(2) which states: "The driving of the animals to the stunning area shall be done with a minimum of excitement and discomfort to the animals."	OPEN
M22095+P 22095+V22 095	Creston Valley Meats	QOI491 502080 4N-1	02/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	HATS VII: Slips and Falls. On 2/4/2020 at 8:00 am, I observed (b)(6) moving pigs for antemortem inspection. There was a layer of ice on a large portion of the ground in the pens. (b)(6) waved his flag behind a pig and it ran across the ice, where it slipped and fell to the ground on its left front leg. It did not vocalize and once standing it walked without signs of injury. This fall is noncompliant with 9CFR 313.1(b) which states: "Floors of livestock pens, ramps, and driveways shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide good footing for livestock." I notified establishment manager Ryan Beyler of the noncompliance.	OPEN
M22095+P 22095+V22 095	Creston Valley Meats	QOI141 702182 8N-1	02/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	HATS III: Water and Feed, At 11:00 am I noticed that the baby goats held in the pens outside did not have access to water. The pens are equipped with automatic waterers but they are too far off the ground for the baby goats to reach. I notified (b)(6) of the noncompliance.	OPEN

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M22095+P 22095+V22 095	Creston Valley Meats	QOI580 903461 3N-1	03/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	On 3/13/2020, at approximately 7:35am, while performing a routine Humane Handling task, I, (b)(6) observed two pallets and wire fencing laying inside the holding pen with 2 large beef inside the pen, not allowing the beef to walk freely in a safe area. I informed lead person (b)(6) of the deficiency and that a noncompliance will be issued. The pen was cleared of obstructions at 8:20 before allowing to move the cattle into the knocking chute.	OPEN
M22097+P 22097	Holifield Farms, Inc.	UIK041 501462 7N-1	01/27/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(1)	On 01-27-2020, at 0600 hours, IIC in company of (b)(6), during inspecting slaughter process at the kill floor, observed the following non compliance: (b)(6) proceeded to apply the electric stunning to the first hog, immediately after he pulled the trigger, the hog screamed and jumped. (b)(6) realized that the device was not working properly and changed to the electric manual stunner, which he used on the first hog and rendered her unconscious. Then the remainder of the slaughter period, the hogs were rendered unconscious with the back up stunner. 330.30(a)(1)	CLOSED

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M244W	Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.	BTD121 902461 8N-1	02/17/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>At approximately 21:50 on February 17, 2020, at establishment 244W I, (b)(6) observed the following while checking disabled hogs in the Subject pen (HATS category V – Suspect and Disabled): Upon entering the Sub pen, I saw that two of the four hogs in the Sub pen had fresh blood around them coming from missing toenails. On Sub 604, the nail from the lateral dew claw on the left front foot was missing. On Sub 602, the nail covering the lateral dew claw on the right hind foot and the nail of the lateral digit on the right front were missing. I had observed this hog in the alley before I saw it in the pen, and it was standing but refused to walk into the pen. It was not bleeding at that time. I observed two nails on the ground in the alley next to the Sub pen; each nail had healthy pink tissue in it and was grossly normal. There was no blood observed in the alley, supporting that the injury had occurred in the transport from the alley to the Sub pen. After humanely euthanizing Subs 604 and 602 via captive bolt gun, it was determined that both nails had come from Sub 602 based on the nail fitting snugly over the bone and the margins of the nail matching the remaining tissue of the coronary band. This incident does not meet the expectations of 9CFR 313.2. I discussed my observations with (b)(6) and informed him that I would be documenting the incident on a noncompliance report.</p>	OPEN

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M27499+P 27499	Wenneman Meat Company, Inc.	RKC530 701081 ON-1	01/09/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On 01/09/2020, at approximately 9:15 am, while performing Category VII - Slips and Falls and Category III – Water And Feed Availability, (b)(6) observed one sow being held in the knockbox. Upon further questioning of IPP and establishment personnel, it was determined that the sow had been held in the knockbox since 6:00 a.m. that morning while the establishment used a separate alleyway and knocking area to electrically stun market hogs. Because of the progression of the kill and the amount of time the sow was held in the knockbox, it was determined that the establishment was using the knockbox as a holding pen for the sow. Establishment owner Paul Otten was immediately notified of the noncompliance and the sow was slaughtered. (b)(6) was also later notified of the noncompliance with water availability/accessibility 9 CFR 313.2 (e).	CLOSED
M27499+P 27499	Wenneman Meat Company, Inc.	RKC501 002562 ON-1	02/20/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling		On 02/20/2020, at approximately 9:30am, while performing HATS Category V Handling of Suspect and Disabled, (b)(6) and (b)(6) observed two beef cattle in pen 3. During animal observations, (b)(6) and (b)(6) noted that one of the beef cattle was non-weightbearing on his left hindlimb during observations at rest and could not bear full weight on the left hindlimb leg while in motion. (b)(6) was notified of a noncompliance because the disabled animal was not separated from the ambulatory animal. (b)(6) took immediate corrective action by separating the animals into different pens. After discussing FSIS' definition of ambulatory disabled livestock from Directive 6900.2 Revision 2, (b)(6) was again notified of noncompliance with handling of disabled livestock 9 CFR 313.2 (d)(1).	CLOSED

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M2800+P2 800	Superior Farms	RJO121 503060 6N-1	03/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>On Friday 6, 2020 at approximately 2:00pm while conducting a humane handling task of the animal holding pens at Superior Farms Inc I noticed at the very bottom left side near the corner of the main unloading ramp used to unload incoming lambs goats and sheep's had a piece of rusted metal about 2" inches long, about 1/4" inch wide, as thick as a quarter and was protruding out and vertically with a gap of about 1/4" in. The rusted piece was also cover in wool. There were no animals to be unloaded that day and there correction was priority I didn't place retain tag. I immediately notified (b)(6) (b)(6) of the issue, then at which point he contacted (b)(6) , who showed up shortly to see the issue. (b)(6) informed me that they will take care of it immediately. I informed her that this is in non compliance with 9 CFR 313.1(a) which states, Livestock pens, driveways and ramps shall be maintained in good re- pair. They shall be free from sharp or protruding objects which may, in the opinion of the inspector, cause injury or pain to the animals. Loose boards, splintered or broken planking, and un-necessary openings where the head, feet, or legs of an animal may be injured shall be repaired.</p>	CLOSED

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M31561+V 31561	Maple Ridge Meats LLC	PMM44 090303 02N-1	03/02/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness On March 2, 2020, at approximately 0915 hours while performing humane handling verification activities at Establishment M31561, I (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance. The Establishment had moved a steer into the stun box for stunning with a handheld captive bolt. The steer's head was locked into the head gate. As the Stunner made the first stunning attempt with the captive bolt, the steer moved its head. The stunning attempt hit the head as evidenced by both the steer's sudden movement away from the stunner and a spot on the head where the captive bolt hit, but the steer remained standing and did not vocalize. The Stunner took immediate corrective action by retrieving the second loaded captive bolt and delivering a second stun, which made the steer insensible. Mr. Greg Hathaway, Plant Owner, was notified of the Noncompliance and the Establishment's failure to adhere to the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1).	CLOSED
M31578	Trenton Processing Center, Inc.	LKK230 902570 5N-1	02/05/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	HATS Category VIII- Stunning Effectiveness On Wednesday February 5 , 2020 the (b)(6) observed a steer getting knocked in kill box. The animal remained standing and conscious after the first shot via captive bolt but did however drop after the (b)(6) immediately took a second shot with the captive bolt gun and was rendered insensible. The (b)(6) (b)(6) then took 2 security shots with the backup a 22 mag rifle. After the head was dropped, the CSI did see clearly the 2 captive bolt shots and the 2 rifle shots in which all shots were in the kill zone. The employee immediately disassembled the captive bolt gun and did not notice anything out of the ordinary inside it. The kill floor supervisor was informed that this is a noncompliance via Humane Handling regulation 313.15(a)(1) "Immediate unconsciousness (captive bolt)".	OPEN

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M31898+P 31898+V31 898	Kensington Lockers Inc.	VBM52 090235 27N-1	02/27/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	On February 26, 2020 at approximately 0935 hours, I (b)(6) was performing the HATS Task on the Slaughter Floor. When I observed (b)(6) (b)(6) getting ready to shoot an animal in the knock box. The first attempt was not successful. The animal was still standing up with no movement and still breathing. (b)(6) immediate shot again for second attempt which rendered the animal unconscious (no movement, no breathing, and no eye movement). I informed (b)(6) that establishment failed to render the animal unconscious at the first attempt. No Regulatory Control Action (RCA) was taken due to immediate response from (b)(6). The establishment failed 9 CFR 313.16 (a)(1) which the firearms shall be employed in the delivery of a bullet into the animal in accordance with this section to produce immediate unconsciousness in the animal by a single shot, before it is shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut.	CLOSED

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M31999A	Thompson Farms	HDF560 702432 4N-1	02/24/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(3)	<p>On today 2//24/2020, at Thompson Farms, at approximately 8:24am, (b)(6) observed Hat Category #VIII (Stunning Effectiveness), the stun operator did not stun the fourth swine properly. The (b)(6) (b)(6) made the first stun to the poll as written in their protocol for Humane Handling. The operator went to stun at secondary location at the thoracic cavity and the pig vocalize and was determine to be conscious. The operator proceeded to render the pig unconscious by maintaining electrical current to the thoracic cavity. Operation was stopped immediately and stun box was tag with U.S. Rejected # B38708433. Establishment management ( Baily Thompson and Andrew Thompson) were also immediately informed of this action and operation was halted until corrective action is taken. Corrective action was to wait until (b)(6) return to his work station. (b)(6) returned to his station at 8:40am and stunning and operation were resumed. Establishment failed to comply with 313.30 Electrical; (1) The electric current shall be administered so as to produce, at a minimum, surgical anesthesia, i.e., a state where the animal feels no painful sensation. The animals shall be either stunned or killed before they are shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut. They shall be exposed to the electric current in a way that will accomplish the desired result quickly and effectively, with a minimum of excitement and discomfort.</p>	CLOSED

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M322+V32 2	Double J Meat Packing, Inc.	QOE12 170221 13N-1	02/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	HATS Category III - Water and Feed Availability At approximately 7:05 a.m., on February 13, 2020, I (b)(6) was conducting Ante-Mortem Live Stock Inspection and I observed the following noncompliance. Six head of bison in the back half of pen 12 with no access to water. The gate, which divides the holding pen, was closed and there were no buckets or troughs offering water to the bison. I notified (b)(6) (b)(6), of the situation. After I brought this to the Pen Manager attention, I observed the gate to pen 12 had been moved so the six bison can move around and have access to water. I verbally notified (b)(6) that this would be documented by a noncompliance record. This noncompliance has been associated with NR # QOE3516110911N dated 11-8-2020.	CLOSED

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M332	FPL Food	ACA021 401162 8N-1	01/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>9CFR 313.1 Livestock pens, driveways and ramps. 9CFR 313.1 (a) Loose boards, splintered or broken planking, and unnecessary openings where the head, feet, or legs of an animal may be injured shall be repaired. At approximately 0525 01/28/2020, during AnteMortem inspection the following noncompliance was observed at Establishment M332, FPL Food: a beef steer in Pen 23 had his head trapped between the cement riser and the lowest metal bar above it separating pens 23 and 22. The steer's body was in Pen 23 and his head was in Pen 22. Both pens were full of cattle. The steer would intermittently try to free his head adding to his anxiety and discomfort. I immediately took regulatory control by requesting (b)(6) (b)(6) call a (b)(6) (b)(6) and tagging off the gate between the barn and the knockbox area with USDA Reject/Retain tag ( # B41 502361). Pens 23 and 22's cattle were removed to other holding pens. (b)(6) came to the barn. The steer was humanely knocked and bled. I removed the USDA tag from the barn gate. Establishment M332, FPL Food, was noncompliant with 9CFR 313.1 (a) in that the opening between the cement riser and the rail was large enough for a cow to get his head trapped between the two which caused him discomfort and distress and could have caused injury. The same occurrence of the failure of Establishment M332 to prevent discomfort and distress by having an unnecessary opening where the head, feet, or legs may be injured is documented on NR # ACA4014122311N/1 dated 12/11/2019 and NR # ACA3404125317N/1 dated 12/16/2019. There were no establishment preventive measures implemented. Continued failure to comply with regulatory requirements may result in further regulatory or administrative actions.</p>	CLOSED

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M332	FPL Food	ACA021 401162 8N-2	01/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>9CFR 313(a) Livestock pens, driveways, and ramps shall be maintained in good repair. They shall be free of sharp or protruding objects which may, in the opinion of the inspector, cause injury or pain to the animals. Loose boards, splintered or broken planking and unnecessary openings where the head, feet, or legs of an animal may be injured shall be repaired. At approximately 0625 today while performing Ante Mortem Inspection, I noticed the following noncompliance at Establishment M332, FPL Food. Pen 16 contained a full pen cattle. I was standing in empty Pen 15 which shares a water trough with Pen 16. A cow in Pen 16 put her rear foot on the 10" wide metal plate that runs atop the width of the water trough at the center of its length, bending it. A metal brace 25 inches in length attaches to the plate on one end and to a metal rail above the trough on its other end; it broke free when the plate bent and protruded into pen 16. The end of the protruding rusty metal brace was sharp and could cause injury to animals. I immediately took regulatory control and applied USDA Reject tag # B43722054 to the gate of Pen 16. The cows in Pen 16 were moved to another pen in good repair. None were injured. An FPL employee tagged off Pen 15. I immediately asked (b)(6) (b)(6), who was in the barn at the time, for a supervisor. (b)(6) (b)(6) came to the barn and viewed the pen. This is a noncompliance of 9CFR313.1(a): Livestock pens, driveways, and ramps shall be maintained in good repair. They shall be free of sharp or protruding objects.... FPL Food Establishment M332 was noncompliant in that a sharp rusty piece of metal was protruding into the pen filled with cattle which could cause pain or injury to the animals. The same occurrence of failure of the establishment to maintain the pens in good repair to prevent injury or pain to the animals is documented on NR #ACA</p>	CLOSED

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							1409123309N/1 on 12/09/2019. The continued failure of the establishment to comply with regulatory regulations may result in further regulatory or administrative action.	
M332	FPL Food	ACA560 702270 7N-1	02/07/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	At 0735 establishment personnel attempted to knock a non-ambulatory cow in the holding pens with a captive bolt. The first attempt was not successful in rendering the animal unconscious. The establishment immediately applied a second knock which was also unsuccessful. After the second knock the animal was able to stand and walk. A third knock was applied and was successful in rendering the animal unconscious. Repeated unsuccessful attempts to stun a animal in such a manner that they are rendered unconscious with minimum excitement and discomfort indicates the establishment failed to comply with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1). In accordance with 9 CFR 313.50, Inspection personnel notified management of the incident and requested that the operator take the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence. Satisfactory preventive measures were proposed by management and no regulatory control action was initiated.	CLOSED

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M337+V33 7	STX Beef Company	UNG14 130327 28N-1	03/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15 (b)(1)(i), 313.15 (b)(1)(ii)	<p>At approximately 1110 while responding to a call from management to look at a downer animal in the unloading area, the following noncompliance was noted. (b)(6) had verified that a heifer had fallen and was not able to get up. Decision was made to note the animal as non-ambulatory and that it needed to be humanely knocked. Two captive guns were brought to the area and (b)(6) proceeded to render the animal unconscious. However, the first two attempts failed due to the captive gun being used misfiring. It was noted that at this time the pin was not released. At the third attempt using the second gun, the pin did release, and the animal was rendered unconscious. At this time (b)(6) attempted to perform a security knock, however the attempt was unsuccessful since the captive gun failed to discharge. A second attempt was made the and the captive gun successfully discharged, however, it was not properly placed at the base of the skull. The captive gun was noted to have been place on the upper half of the neck, which is not the right place for a security knock to be made. (b)(6) was advised of the noncompliance. (b)(6) and (b)(6) were also informed and shown the noncompliance. This is a failure to comply with 9 CFR 313.15 b)1)i), 313.15 b)1)ii and 313.15 b)1)iv).</p>	CLOSED

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M34114	E. R. Boliantz Co. Inc.	DVU15 110205 21N-1	02/21/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On February 20, 2020 at approximately 1930 while performing Odd Hour Inspection and verifying HATS category III Water and Feed Availability, (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance. Inside the barn, Pens 3, 4, and 5 were all housing cattle, and the associated water pans contained no water. No water availability for livestock is noncompliant with 9 CFR 313.2(e) that states "Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens...". No barn employees were present at the time of this inspection. (b)(6) notified plant management of the noncompliance during the next regularly scheduled production day. Water was already provided to the animals by the plant employees prior to ante-mortem inspection the following day. (b)(6) verified no other similar humane handling noncompliance records have been documented recently.	CLOSED
M39894+P 39894+V39 894	Al Anam Farms LLC	JLH420 901442 3N-1	01/23/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	On January 21, 2020 at approximately 0927 hours, while (b)(6) was performing the DVMS 60 day follow up verification plan (VP) check, (b)(6) attempted to stun a large fractious beef cow and upon firing the (b)(6), the first was a failed attempt and resulted in an ineffective stun. The beef cow remained in a standing position, looking around with heavy breathing. (b)(6) had a second captive bolt ready and immediately followed the ineffective stun up with a second successful attempt that instantly rendered the beef cow unconscious. Upon further observations, and after requesting the head skinned, (b)(6) observed two knock holes, one caudal to the right eye and the second off center between the poll and horns. (b)(6) was notified of the noncompliance findings.	CLOSED

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M39894+P 39894+V39 894	Al Anam Farms LLC	JLH201 401412 9N-1	01/29/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>On 01/28/2020, at approximately 0747 hours, while observing beef stunning at Est. 39894, Al Anam Farms, LLC, in accordance with the verification plan, I (b)(6), observed a brown horned bull calf, weighing approximately 300-400 lbs. standing in the cattle knock box. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6), leaned over the top of the knock box and waited for the animal to stop looking around and moving. (b)(6) swung the captive bolt device towards the head of the animal and the captive bolt device discharged. The animal was blinking and breathing normally. The animal did not vocalize and remained standing. No blood was observed from anywhere on the animal. Immediately, (b)(6) picked up the loaded backup captive bolt device. The animal tried to turn around and face the alleyway. (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6)</p> <p>stood towards the alleyway, slowly waving his hands, trying to get the animal to turn around. The animal turned back around (head facing away from the alleyway). At approximately 0748 hours, the loaded backup captive bolt device was utilized to effectively stun the animal and the animal was rendered unconscious. On 01/28/2020, at approximately 0817 hours, I observed the partially skinned head of the bull calf. There was a small hole in the skull located on the front of the poll. Another knock hole was observed approximately center forehead area slightly above the eye line. I notified Mr. Mohammad Safi, President/Owner, of the noncompliance at approximately 1034 hours on 01/29/2020. The findings of these observations were regulatory noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) for failing to render the animal unconscious with an effective initial stun. This Noncompliance Record (NR) is associated with NR# JLH4209014423N/1 for a similar root cause.</p>	CLOSED

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M39894+P 39894+V39 894	Al Anam Farms LLC	JLH470 702552 7N-1	02/27/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	On 02/27/2020, at approximately 0609 hours, while performing Antemortem Inspection (Humane Handling Verification Task), I, (b)(6) observed thin wire fencing with sharp corners protruding into the holding areas of the first and second USDA inspection pens on the west side of antemortem area. The sharp protruding corners could potentially injure the goats and lambs within the pens. No animals were observed with injuries in either pen. I notified Mr. Mohammad Safi, President/Owner of the noncompliance at approximately 0611 hours. Mr. Safi relocated the animals to USDA inspection pens on the east side of the antemortem area. I took regulatory control action and applied U.S. Rejected #B37528660 and #B37528661 to the affected USDA inspection pens. The findings of these observations were regulatory noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.1 for failing to maintain livestock pens, ramps, and driveways in good repair.	OPEN
M39894+P 39894+V39 894	Al Anam Farms LLC	JLH231 403461 7N-1	03/17/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	On 03/17/2020, at approximately 1000 hours, while performing a DVMS follow-up visit, (b)(6) observed 2 cows in a middle USDA inspection pen. 1 black cow startled when an employee was moving another cow out of the pen. The black cow knocked over the water bucket, spilling water, and causing the animal to slip due to the amount of feces, mud, and water on the floor of the pen. (b)(6) notified (b)(6) of the noncompliance. The findings of these observations were regulatory noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.1(b) for failing to maintain the floors of livestock pens "so as to provide good footing for livestock". This Noncompliance Record (NR) is associated with NR# JLH4707025527N-1 for a similar root cause.	OPEN

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M3L	Mountain States / Rosen LLC	SUL4610012407N-1	01/07/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.2	At approximately 7:15 (b)(6) asked if the company could use the outside dirt pen which had been out of use because of snow and ice in the pen which is insufficient footing to prevent slips and falls. On the way to the dirt pen, we had to walk across approximately four feet of ice in the alleyway. At approximately 8:15 a small trailer with 50 lambs backed up to the alleyway adjacent to the alleyway we had walked down and it too had approximately a four foot section of iced across it. The trailer could have backed up further where the lambs offloaded into the alleyway beyond the ice or used a different gate into the facility. The ice could have been covered with sand or salt or straw to provide a less slippery surface but none of these measures were taken and approximately half of the lambs slipped and approximately one fourth of them fell. Failure to take measures to mitigate the slippery conditions and allowing lambs to slip and fall is inhumane handling of livestock. This Non-Compliance is being linked to NR SUL3508124216N/1 for the same root cause.	CLOSED
M40253	Downing Cattle Company, Inc.	LMI3112014808N-1	01/08/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	On January 8, 2020 at approx. 12:26 while performing humane handling task observed the following . While employee was stunning hog they failed to render the animal unconscious with single shot from 22 long rifle and 22 mag was used and rendered hog unconscious . The establishment failed to meet the regulatory requirements of 313.16(a)(1) . (b)(6) was notified of this deviation.	CLOSED

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M40306	Atlas Meat Company	HEU5614011108N-1	01/08/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III – Water and Feed Availability On January 6, 2020, at approximately 3:10 p.m., I, (b)(6) conducted a Livestock Humane Handling verification and observed the following noncompliance. I observed five head of cattle in three pens. The two cattle in pen #2 had a bucket for water which contained thick ice. The two cattle in pen #6 had no water. I observed the cattle had no access to water while in the holding pens. I verbally informed (b)(6) of the noncompliance and verbally informed her that a noncompliance record would be documented. I confirmed at 3:30 p.m. that fresh water was available for the animals in all pens. The cattle had been delivered and put into the pens at approximately 10:30 a.m. At that time, I observed that there was no water available in the pens and informed establishment personnel that water was needed in the pens. There are no additional noncompliance records issued for the same root cause within the past 90 days.</p>	CLOSED

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M40306	Atlas Meat Company	HEU2017030803N-1	03/03/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III Water and Feed Availability On March 3, 2020, at approximately 7:06 a.m., I (b) (b)(6) conducted a Livestock Humane Handling Verification Task and observed the following noncompliance. I observed 7 head of cattle in three pens that had no access to water. The one in pen #4 had a flat round shape black pan for water, the material appeared to be moist, however had no water in it. The other 6 were in pens #5 and #6 the joint gate was open, however neither side had water. There was 1 bucket in pen 5 in a metal holder that was dry. There were two black buckets and one silver pan approximately 1 ½ feet deep x 3 feet wide on the floor in pen 6 that was also dry. I verbally informed Juan Meza (Plant Manager) of the noncompliance and that a noncompliance record would be documented. I observed Mr. Meza instruct the establishment employee to give the animals water. At approximately 7:30 a.m., I verified that all the animals had access to water. This noncompliance has been associated with NR # HEU5614011108N dated 1-6-2020.</p>	OPEN

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M40359+P 40359+V40 359	Trinity Meat Company LLC	XQQ26 120341 30N-1	03/30/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>Category #8 Stunning Effectiveness On today, March 27, 2020, at 8:20 A.M., as I, (b)(6) was observing stunning effectiveness from behind a wall, I observed multiple ineffective stunning attempts of a beef cow in the stun box. The cow was standing in the stun box with the head in the restraint and with a harness secured to the eye-bolt attached to the frame. The Establishment employee attempted to stun the cow with a rifle using 410 caliber hollow-point ammunition. The bullet hit the cow, but the cow remained standing and alert. The stunner made an immediate second attempt with the rifle. The second attempt hit the cow's head, but she again remained standing and alert. The Stunner then made an immediate third stunning attempt. This was effective in producing unconsciousness throughout during the shackling and sticking process. Upon post mortem, I observed the three distinct holes in the skull to verify that the animal had been hit three times. I instructed establishment management and employees to halt further slaughter operations and tagged the stun chute, with U.S. Rejected tag #B31794710, to stop the slaughter process. Following consultation with the District Office, the tag was removed March 30, 2020 at 1300 hours and slaughter allowed to resume. The establishment operates under a Robust Systematic Approach. I notified (b)(6) verbally and with this written notice.</p>	OPEN

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M40432	Callicrate Cattle Co.	XQR1208013621N-1	01/16/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>On January 16, 2020 I observed the following at Est. M40432 Callicrate. At about 8:40 an attempt to stun a bull was made by (b)(6) (b)(6) with a .357 magnum pistol. The attempt was not successful. The animal remained standing. It moved its head naturally. There was blood coming out of the nose and the animal tried to lick at the blood. A second attempt was made at 8:41 with a 20 gauge shotgun firing a slug. The backup firearm was immediately available. The slight delay was due to the movement of the animal's head. The second attempt was successful. This is a violation of CFR 9 313.16(a)(1) which requires "The firearms shall be employed in the delivery of a bullet or projectile into the animal in accordance with this section so as to produce immediate unconsciousness in the animal by a single shot..."</p>	OPEN
M40432	Callicrate Cattle Co.	XQR5214015522N-1	01/22/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>On January 22, 2020, I (b)(6) observed the following non-compliance at Est. M40432 while performing category VIII (stunning effectiveness) of the HATS tasks in PHIS. At 1430 hours an attempt to stun a mature steer was made by the plant employee with a .357 magnum pistol. After the first shot the animal remained standing and upright with back bowed. The animal's alert head movement along with ocular tracking and blinking indicated that the steer was conscience aware of its environment and employee as he moved to retrieve the backup gun. The animal continued rhythmic breathing though out this process. The employee immediately retrieved the backup 20 gauge shotgun and administered the 2nd shot which caused the animal instant unconsciousness. The animal collapsed in the restrainer, its eyes were unfocused, and breathing had ceased. (b)(6) was notified that a NR would be issued for violation of regulation CFR 9 313.16 (a)(1). This NR has been linked to NR number XQR1208013621/1 written the week prior for the same cause.</p>	OPEN

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M413	Smithfield Fresh Meats Corp.	NCA531 302270 6N-1	02/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling		<p>While in the Barn performing HATS Category V (Suspect &amp; Injured) verification at 1033 I observed (b)(6) trying to unload the final pig from a load backed up to the South dock. There was one pig on the back of the truck right at the exit that leads to the unloading dock. That pig was reluctant to move and sat down. (b)(6) came up from behind the pig and placed the pig board behind the pig. He then used the rattle paddle on the back of the pig one time. When the pig did not move, (b)(6) struck the pig with the paddle between the eyes with quite a bit of force. I shouted to get his attention but he did not hear me. As I was making my way from the aisle to the unloading dock I observed him strike the pig hard between the eyes with the paddle twice more. He finally saw me and exited the truck, leaving the pig in a sitting position. It is the expectation of USDA that pigs will be moved with minimal discomfort and without excessive force. I immediately asked (b)(6) to get (b)(6) (b)(6). I informed (b)(6) of the noncompliance and that I was going to be applying USDA Reject tags to both unloading docks. USDA Reject tag #B37576448 was applied to the South dock and USDA Reject tag #B37576449 was applied to the North dock. I informed (b)(6) that no more pigs were to be unloaded until sufficient measures were proffered that would prevent this from happening in the future. I informed Ass't. Plant Manager, Andrew Jordan, and Plant Manager, Terry Orness of the noncompliance. The plant had a 'Stand Up' meeting with all the unloading employees at 1115. They showed the video of the incident to all of them and went over their humane handling procedures with them. All the employees were reminded to ask for help if they were frustrated or were having trouble moving a pig. Second shift employees will view the video and receive the same retraining. For 2 months, (b)(6) will</p>	CLOSED

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							increase observation of unloading at both docks by 100%, document the observations and time intervals and make available to IPP the results. The tags were removed at 1200.	
M4271+P4 271+V4271	GREISE BROTHERS PACKING INC.	CZF390 901120 3N-1	01/03/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	I (b)(6) is rewriting this noncompliance that is dated 11/22/19 on behalf that the establishment has not responded in over 30 days. HATS category IV: Ante Mortem inspection On 11/22/19 I (b)(6) while performing the human handling task, observed a goat in pen #9 that had baling twine wrapped around its back leg. I pointed it out to employee and he immediately caught the goat and removed it. I also noticed that there were multiple pieces (3) of baling twine in the pen that he picked up. I notified (b)(6) of the noncompliance. This is a noncompliance with regulation 313.1	CLOSED

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M4271+P4 271+V4271	GREISE BROTHERS PACKING INC.	CZF061 201120 9N-1	01/09/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>I (b)(6) is rewriting this noncompliance that is dated on 9/18/19 on behalf that the establishment has not responded in over 30 days. HATS Category VII: Stunning Effectiveness: On September 18, 2019 at approximately 1145 hours I (b)(6) and Dr. Howe observed a bull with horns brought into the chute. The bull was able to turn itself, so it was facing toward the door that leads from the chute to the barn. The (b)(6) decided the use of firearm was needed to stun it because the horns prevented the animal from being secured in the head gate. The owner of the establishment, Mr. Greise, was the one who performed the stunning with a .22 magnum. The first shot was fired. (b)(6) began to open the cooler door where we had moved to for safety reasons, but (b)(6) indicated that we should remain where we were. A second shot was then fired. After opening the cooler door, we were notified that the second shot was effective. When questioned why there needed to be a second shot, Mr. Greise replied that the first shot was not effective because of the thick skull. The head was washed and the bullet holes of entrance was one in the hair whorl in the center of head and the other one was just above.</p>	CLOSED

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M4271+P4 271+V4271	GREISE BROTHERS PACKING INC.	CZF131 201060 9N-1	01/09/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>I (b)(6) is rewriting this noncompliance that was dated 11/27/19 on behalf that the establishment has not responded in over 30 days. HATS Category IV: Antemortem Inspection On 11/27/19, at approx. 1005 hours, (b)(6) performed ante-mortem on livestock received. During her performance of duties she observed Pen#1 was overcrowded. She immediately notified (b)(6) of the overcrowding in pen #1. He stated that he would move some of the livestock from the pen and put into another pen to eliminate the overcrowding. At approx. 1230 hours, I, (b)(6) and (b)(6) went to see if there was still overcrowding in pen #1. When we went to pen #1, we observed overcrowding, livestock slipping and one cow down. On closer observation, the Cow that was down, was dead and it's head was in the water container (which was the only water source in pen #1). I immediately notified (b)(6) of the non-compliant situation and took regulatory control action by placing US Reject tag (B37604763) on the entrance to the kill floor. We informed (b)(6) that immediate action was needed to be taken to correct the overcrowding and slippery conditions in the livestock pens and a water supply is needed in this pen. We also informed him that the dead cow it needed to be removed immediately. I spoke to the establishment owner Mr. Frank Greise, II (at approx. 1310 hours) and informed him of the non-compliant situation and that (b)(6) and I took regulatory Control Action. *Note: The dead cow was tagged was a red metal US CONDEMNED tag (Z-8348303). This NR serves as notification of EST. 04271's failure to comply with 9CFR313.1(b) and 313.2(e). This NR is being linked to CZF2608110813</p>	CLOSED

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M4271+P4 271+V4271	GREISE BROTHERS PACKING INC.	CZF551 002521 2N-1	02/12/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>This NR is being written because Est. 4271 has not yet responded to the original NR dated 9/18/19. The last rewrite has been open longer than 30 days without response. HATS Category VII: Stunning Effectiveness: On September 18, 2019 at approximately 1145 hours I (b)(6) and (b)(6) observed a bull with horns brought into the chute. The bull was able to turn itself, so it was facing toward the door that leads from the chute to the barn. The (b)(6) (b)(6) decided the use of firearm was needed to stun it because the horns prevented the animal from being secured in the head gate. The owner of the establishment, Mr. Greise, was the one who performed the stunning with a .22 magnum. The first shot was fired. (b)(6) began to open the cooler door where we had moved to for safety reasons, but (b)(6) indicated that we should remain where we were. A second shot was then fired. After opening the cooler door, we were notified that the second shot was effective. When questioned why there needed to be a second shot, Mr. Greise replied that the first shot was not effective because of the thick skull. The head was washed and the bullet holes of entrance was one in the hair whorl in the center of head and the other one was just above. This NR is linked to the two above-mentioned NRs, the original NR and the first rewrite. The establishment has not responded to the original NR dated 9/18/19.</p>	OPEN

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M44829	FLYING W FARMS, LLC	NGQ06 060118 07N-1	01/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII: Stunning EffectivenessAt approximately 1235 hours on January 6, 2020, an Angus bull weighing approximately 2200 pounds and over 30 months was loaded into the knock box at Est. 44829, Mr. Rick Woodworth, plant owner, stunned the bull with a .22 magnum pistol and applied an immediate safety shot as this establishment always does with bulls. The inspector and I had exited the kill floor for safety reasons, and after the second shot, I opened the door to go back in. Plant employees immediately motioned for us to stay outside. As I closed the door, I glanced over at the bull and could tell that it was not completely unconscious. A third shot with the .22 magnum pistol was applied. When I opened the door, a plant employee was quickly exiting the kill floor and immediately returned with the .3030 rifle. The bull was stunned a fourth time with the .3030 rifle which was successful in rendering the bull unconscious. I spoke with Mr. Woodworth as he was skinning the head, at which time he showed me a single hole in the skull but explained that he palpated the head after the second shot was not effective and could not feel any penetration through the skull. He also palpated after the third shot and again felt no skull penetration and, therefore, decided to use the higher caliber firearm. Est. 44829 operates under a robust systematic approach to humane handling and has a good history of compliance and following their written program. For this reason, this incident is being documented as a noncompliance. Mr. Woodworth was informed of this noncompliance.</p>	CLOSED

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M44829	FLYING W FARMS, LLC	NGQ17 070330 31N-1	03/30/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	Category HATS III On March 29, 2020 at 1330 hours, while performing an odd hour inspection in the barn, I, (b)(6), observed 6 pigs with no water supply to the pen. I notified Mr. Woodworth of this noncompliance. This is noncompliance with regulation 9 CFR 313.2.	OPEN
M45119+P 45119	Red Barn Meats Inc.	ZWQ29 100357 06N-1	03/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	Category IV- Handling during ante-mortem inspection While performing a Odd Hour Humane Handling Inspection at approximately 0645 on 3/6/2020 at Red Barn Meats, INC. Est. # 45119, I observed the following noncompliance. A wooden partition between pens 2 and 3 showed damage to the top 2 crossmembers that created the partition. The location of the damage was not currently a injury risk to the animals in pens 2 and 3. However, further damage could create a situation where the animals in pens 2 or 3 could be at risk of injury. This is a failure of 9 CFR 313.1(a) which requires that livestock pens be in good repair and free of sharp or protruding objects which could cause injury or pain to a animal. Jordan Brandt, manager of Red Barn Meats, INC., was verbally informed of this noncompliance at approximately 0820.	CLOSED

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M45321	Upper Iowa Beef LLC	BYF590 601292 3N-1	01/22/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.2	<p>HATS Category VI Observation for Slips and Falls, HATS Category III Water Availability and HATS Category II Truck Unloading; At 1220 hours during a routine humane handling task observing truck unloading I, (b)(6), observed with (b)(6) 25 head of young fat cattle being unloaded at a walking pace into the outdoor holding pen. As cattle walked to the center of the holding pen, I observed at least 2 head of cattle fall to the ground so that their abdomens were on the ground with their hind legs completely extended out behind them. These cattle were able to regain footing and rise to their feet after a minimal amount of struggle; I did not observe direct related injuries. I observed an additional 12 animals slipping. There was approximately 2-4 inches in depth of brown slurry appearing partially frozen across the floor. As the cattle pushed the slurry aside with their walking and slipping motions it was observed in the center of the pen a solid-appearing ice/snow mixture layer approximately 2-3 inches in height in the outdoor pen; the cement flooring was not visible. Additionally, I observed a beef put its muzzle into the water trough, pull it out and no water was dripping from its muzzle. Water was not visible in the trough as viewed from outside of the holding pen; half of the depth of the trough was visible from my location. We ended the observation when the cattle's walking movements caused the slurry to become projectile objects towards our viewing area. As there were no establishment employees visible at the outdoor pen, (b)(6) went to the QC office and requested the QC(s) accompany him to the outdoor pen to check if there was water at the bottom of the drinking trough. At approximately 1250 the cattle were moved to an indoor pen, CSI Stretch observed 3 animals slip. Then (b)(6) with (b)(6) and (b)(6) observed that there was no water in the drinking trough, and it contained solid ice at the</p>	CLOSED

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							bottom. An RCA was taken and U.S. Reject tag B39246517 was applied to the spring bolt on the entrance gate of the outdoor holding pen. These observations are noncompliant with 9 CFR 313.1(b) and 313.2(e). (b)(6) and I notified (b)(6) and (b)(6) of the noncompliances.	
M45371+P 45371	Wilson Processing Company, Inc.	HLY400 803021 ON-1	03/10/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(3)	At 0830 on 3/10/2020, (b)(6) (b)(6) attempted to shoot (stun) a Market Hog. The attempt failed as the hog was unfazed after the shot was made directly at the forehead of the hog. This was not an egregious act and no vocalizing occurred on the part of the animal. (b)(6) immediately picked up the loaded captive bolt, used as backup, and successfully stunned the hog. (b)(6) said that new ammunition would be purchased that day for the 22 rifle. This Noncompliance was brought to the attention of (b)(6) (b)(6) and Mr. Gary Wilson, owner	CLOSED
M45471+P 45471	New Angus, LLC	VUE331 001362 7N-1	01/27/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	On 1/27/2020 in the barn at 0925 hours while observing HATS Category II – Truck Unloading, IPP observed non-compliance with HATS Category - VII Observations for Slips and Falls: IPP observed cattle coming off the scale to holding pen # 9. As the cattle were rounding the corner at Pen #19, 7 head slipped and fell to where their belly's hit the floor. There was a build up of debris on the floor causing the area to be slippery. The alley was tagged with U.S. Reject Tag #B22024631. (b)(6) (b)(6) was notified of the non-compliance with regulation 9CFR Part 313.1(b), who then proceeded to sand the area to bring the area back into compliance and operations resumed.	CLOSED

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M45471+P 45471	New Angus, LLC	VUE111 503522 4N-1	03/21/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	HATS Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness. At approximately 6:48 am on Saturday 03/21/2020 while IPP was observing stunning operation in Slaughter's restrainer area, the following non-compliance was observed. The stunning operator applied the first stun attempt to the steer, using a pneumatic captive bolt, that was ineffective. The animal remained conscious and IPP observed the animal making direct movements and waving the head left and right in a control manner with eye blinking. The stunning employee reached out to the backup loaded hand-held captive bolt device and applied a second stun attempt rendering the animal unconscious immediately. Slaughter production was stopped and IPP applied US Rejected tag # B22022773 to the restrainer controller, Slaughter Manager Kevin Hansen and Manager Juan Torres were informed of the noncompliance with regulation 9 CFR 313.15(a)1. Verbal corrective action was offered by (b)(6), IPP removed US Rejected tag, Slaughter production resumed.	CLOSED

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M45554A+ P45554A+ V45554A	Great Frontier Meats	OXR051 403190 4N-1	03/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>At approximately 1110 hours on Wednesday 3/4/20, while observing HATS category VIII-Stunning Effectiveness with (b)(6), during slaughter of the fourth of six beef animals, Mr. Tom Pioske; owner, delivered a stun from a .22 mag rifle to render the animal unconscious. (b)(6), Ms. Gabrielle Pioske, Owner, and I were outside the stunning area as required by the Firearm Discharge Agreement 4791-36. We heard a normal sounding firearm discharge and then heard Mr. Pioske yell something, Ms. Pioske; opened the door slightly, I heard the animal make a groaning type noise and realized the animal was not unconscious. Ms. Pioske quickly closed the door and then we heard a second firearm stunning attempt. Ms. Pioske opened the door. We entered the stunning area and the animal was down in the restrainer, confirmed as unconscious and being bled. We spoke with Mr. Pioske about what had happened and he stated; Just as he pulled the trigger the animal moved its head and the bullet entered the skull on the lower right side of the head, the animal went down but the stunning attempt did not render the animal unconscious. He attempted to immediately administer a second stun, the backup bullets are held in the magazine in the gun, but the bullet did not fire, he then administered another stun which rendered the animal unconscious. IPP notified Mr. Pioske that further slaughter would be discontinued until post-mortem (PM) examination of the head could be made and the findings discussed with FSIS management. Upon further examination of the head two projectile entry points were observed. One was rostral or below a line drawn between the eyes with the projectile path roughly perpendicular to the facial bones. The other was caudal or above a line transecting the eyes. After Mr. Pioske provided verbal corrective actions and preventive measures slaughter operations</p>	CLOSED

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							resumed. Mr. Pioske was informed of the forthcoming noncompliance record for the incident.	
M45572+P 45572	Ozark Meats Inc	LJF2111 030606 N-1	03/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.16(b)(1) (i), 313.2	On this day at 0630 while performing an odd hour inspection verification of humane handling procedures, the following noncompliance was observed. Five large wagyu cross beef were being held in holding pen #1. The beef arrived at this plant on Wednesday 03/04/2020 in the afternoon. I observed one small empty feeding trough located on the floor. The one feed trough was inadequate in size for the amount of animals being held. The establishment was not meeting the requirements of 9 CFR 313.2(e) for providing feed to animals being held for more than 24 hours. (b)(6) was notified that a noncompliance would be issued to the establishment for failure to provide feed to animals being held for more than 24 hours. Feed was then provided to the animals.	CLOSED

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M45790	3282 Beaver Meadow Road LLC	BJL031 302102 8N-1	02/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII- Stunning Effectiveness At approximately 10:25 hours on 02/28/20, while performing a routine humane handling task and verifying HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness, the following non-compliance was observed: IPP observed establishment personnel attempt to stun a swine with the captive bolt. IPP observed the animal was not well restrained. The swine was standing in the stun box, but the head was not restrained in a head catch and the animal had some room to move about. After the first stunning attempt the swine was vocalizing, breathing rhythmically, and attempting to stand. No second weapon was at hand, but without delay, the establishment employee ran to obtain another charge from the storage area immediately adjacent to the kill floor (about 15-18 feet away), reloaded, and used the same stunner for a second knock. After the second stun animal was rendered unconscious, with no signs of visual tracking, breathing or vocalizing. (b)(6) verified the animal had no signs of consciousness before bleeding the animal. This is a non-compliance with 313.15(a)(1). (b)(6) was verbally notified of the non-compliance. (b)(6) and (b)(6) were notified in writing with this non-compliance record.</p>	CLOSED

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M45853+P 45853	Macelleria DeMaria LLC	EGQ081 401471 5N-1	01/15/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2(f), 313.30(a)(1), 313.30(a)(3), 313.30(b)(3)	On January 15th, 2020, at approximately 1500 hours while performing humane handling verification activities at Est M45853 IPP observed the following Noncompliance. The establishment transferred 1 sheep from the outside pen into the kill chute to be electrically stunned. The employee designated to stun the animal approached the sheep and went to attempt the 1st stun. The animal went down to the floor momentarily and then bounced back up onto all four legs, showing signs of discomfort and blinking. The employee took immediate corrective action by taking a second stun attempt that was effective in rendering the animal insensible. USDA Reject Tag # B43043416 was applied by IPP to kill chute to gather information and determine what would be done to prevent further noncompliance. Upon further observation along with what the IPP seen it has been concluded that the electrical current was sufficient enough to render animal insensible due to a missed stun. IPP notified Plant manager Pedro of the humane handling noncompliances. The establishment failed to comply to the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.2(f), 313.30(a)(1), 313.30(a)(3), and 313.30(b)(3).	CLOSED

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M45853+P 45853	Macelleria DeMaria LLC	EGQ250 902150 6N-1	02/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>On February 6th, 2020, at approximately 0955 hours while performing humane handling verification activities at Est. M45853 IPP observed the following noncompliance: The establishment loaded a bovine steer into the stun box in the slaughter room, and were using a .22 caliber rifle to stun the animal. IPP was walking towards the slaughter floor as the first shot was discharged. When IPP reached the swinging door with see-through window (entrance to slaughter room), he observed that the steer was still sensible standing in the stun box swinging head around but not showing any other signs of discomfort. The employee took immediate corrective action and when he got a clear shot he discharged the second shot into the head of the steer, which was effective in rendering the animal insensible as it fell to the floor in the stun box. US Reject Tag # B43043406 was applied to the stun box and IPP notified Laura the owner of the humane handling noncompliance. When IPP examined the head of the steer he spotted the two bullet holes. The 1st hole was about 2 to 3 inches above the left eye which was outside the effective target area. The 2nd shot was directly in target area. This observation combined with what the IPP seen has confirmed that the first shot attempt wasn't effective in rendering the animal unconscious. The establishment failed to comply to the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.16(a)(1), which could result in additional regulatory or administrative action.</p>	CLOSED

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M45853+P 45853	Macelleria DeMaria LLC	EGQ341 303150 4N-1	03/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1, 313.2	On 03/04/20, at 0800, IPP observed the following humane handling noncompliance. IPP observed a truck and trailer with pigs and sheep inside backed up to the unloading dock for the animal pens. There was no ramp being used for the pigs while unloading. IPP observed several of the pigs fall into a gap between the truck and the unloading dock while exiting the trailer. The failure to provide an adequate ramp contributed to increased excitement and discomfort with the potential to harm the pigs. IPP notified (b)(6) (b)(6)	CLOSED
M45853+P 45853	Macelleria DeMaria LLC	EGQ241 403462 6N-1	03/26/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2(f), 313.30(a)(3), 313.30(b)(3)	HATS Category: VIII Stunning Effectiveness Today, March 26, 2020, at approximately 0945 hours, while performing a livestock humane handling task, the following non-compliance was observed: The establishment transferred 1 sheep from the outside pen into the kill chute to be electrically stunned. The establishment attempted to stun the sheep but was unsuccessful. After the first attempt the sheep was observed standing up and trying to escape. The plant took immediate action and stunned the sheep a second time and rendered it unconscious. (b)(6) was informed of the Humane Handling issues observed. U.S. Rejected Tag #B4377202 was applied to the kill chute. Previous NR EGQ0814014715N dated 1/15/2020, outlines a similar non-compliance. Previous corrective actions taken were not sufficient to prevent reoccurrence	CLOSED

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M45948	Ida-Beef LLC	AKL471 701563 1N-1	01/31/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>HATS Category IV: Ante-mortem InspectionAt approximately 1145 hours on 1/30/20 while performing Ante-mortem Inspection, I, (b)(6) was observing the plant yards employee, taking approximately 44 Holstein cows out of the new corner pen into the middle alley to be presented for Ante-mortem inspection. When the plant employee was returning the Holstein cows back into the corner pen, two Holstein cows bumped into the pen or gate causing the gate to break loose from the metal post. I, (b)(6) observed one of the Holsteins contacted on the right-side hip area by the gate as it fell to the ground. I did not hear any vocalization from the Holstein or observe other signs of discomfort exhibited by the cow. I, (b)(6) observed the plant employees immediately move the lot of Holstein cows into holding pens #5 and #6. After further investigation, I, (b)(6) noticed that the gate hinges were only tack welded on the corners of the hinges to the post. I notified (b)(6) (b)(6), who was outside at the holding pens of the non-compliance. QA Manager placed a QA tag on the damage gate. This is a non-compliance with 9 CFR 313.1(a)There have been no noncompliance records issued in the past 90 days for the same root cause.</p>	OPEN

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M46200+P 46200	Caledonia Packing LLC	BYO110 801301 5N-1	01/15/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(1), 313.30(a)(3)	On January 15, 2020 at approximately 0844 (b)(6) (b)(6) (I) was observing stunning (HATS Category VIII) during slaughter operations at Caledonia Packing (M46200). An establishment employee placed the wand of the electrical stunner against the side of a market hog's chest and discharged current. The animal dropped onto its side, immobilized, but was awake and vocalizing. As soon as the current was stopped, the animal righted itself and stood up. The employee then placed the wand onto the hog's head and discharged current again. The hog dropped to the ground and was unconscious. Plant owner Mike DeVries then shot the animal with a captive bolt gun. I informed Mr. DeVries that an NR would be issued for the non-compliance. The establishment's paperwork showed that the electrical stunner's discharge voltage had been tested this morning and was "acceptable" at 470 volts. The establishment failed to meet the requirements of 9 CFR 313.30(a)(1), 9 CFR 313.30(a)(3) and 9 CFR 313.30(b)(1).	CLOSED
M46200+P 46200	Caledonia Packing LLC	BYO500 801522 2N-1	01/22/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	On January 22, 2020 at approximately 0900 (b)(6) (b)(6) (I) was observing stunning (HATS Category VIII) during slaughter operations at Caledonia Packing (M46200.) Establishment owner Mike DeVries was using a captive bolt to stun beef animals. On the first stunning attempt the captive bolt was heard to discharge, but the beef remained standing, was moving around and vocalized multiple times. Mr. DeVries reloaded the captive bolt gun and the beef was rendered unconscious on the second attempt. Observation of the animal's head revealed blood coming from two distinctly visible holes; one was more lateral and the other was centralized. An NR (BYO1108013015N) was also documented on January 15, 2020 for an ineffective stun attempt. The establishment failed to meet the requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1)	CLOSED

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M46339+P 46339+V46 339	Tejas Premium Meats, LLC	AEO300 602432 5N-1	02/25/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	HATS Category Slips and falls On 2/25/20 at approximately 06:13, while performing the livestock humane handling task, the following noncompliance was observed. As the employees were driving the cattle for ante mortem, I observed a steer quickly turn around in the alley way between pen #4 and pen #7 causing the animal to slip and fall flat on its side. I did not observe the employee cause any excitement to the animal. I notified (b)(6) that a noncompliance record would be documented. I placed a U.S Reject tag #B37424567 on the establishments alley way. The establishment proposed laying hay in the alley way to prevent from slips and falls. This will be a temporary solution until rebar can be installed. This is a less than ideal situation and has been brought up in previous meetings and documented on MOI's.	OPEN

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M46351	Meatworks	KJR291 203211 7N-1	03/17/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(1)	HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness On March 17, 2020, at approximately 1115 hours while performing humane handling verification activities at Establishment M46351, the following Noncompliance was observed: The Establishment moved a Market Swine into the chute for stunning with an electric stunner and subsequent captive bolt security stun. The chute loads swine from the back and operators stun from an opening on the top, which has bars arranged parallel to the swine. The Market Swine was standing freely in the chute. The Stunner made the first stunning attempt with the electric stunner. Electricity was delivered to the Market Swine's neck, as evidenced by the Market Swine immediately becoming rigid and sustaining said rigid stance. The electrical stunner lost contact with the Market Swine when the shaft of the electrical stunner hit a bar on the chute. The stunning attempt was unsuccessful as evidenced by both the Market Swine's sudden movement away from the stunner and vocalization, but the Market Swine remained standing and blinking was natural. The Slaughter Supervisor took immediate corrective action by delivering a second stun with a captive bolt, which rendered the Market Swine insensible. The Food Safety Manager, and Slaughter Supervisor were notified of the Noncompliance and the Establishment's failure to adhere to the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.30(a)(1)." US Rejected tag NO. B36787930 was fixed to the Swine chute and released after corrective actions were offered.	CLOSED

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M46434+P 46434+V46 434	Wahoo Locker LLC	PXQ171 001061 ON-1	01/10/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness On 1/10/2020, at approximately 0735 hours, while observing slaughter operations and verifying stunning effectiveness, (b)(6) and I, (b)(6) observed a humane handling noncompliance on the third steer presented for slaughter that day. The establishment utilizes a firearm (shotgun) as their primary stunning device. The first stun attempt was heard from a safe location. Following the first stun attempt, I observed the animal remained standing and was moving its head up and down. The animal did not vocalize. The stun operator immediately had the firearm ready and was aiming for a second stun attempt. After hearing the second stun from a safe location, I observed the animal rendered effectively unconscious. I verified that there were two penetrating stun holes in the skull. A U.S. Reject tag No. B34821116 was applied at the stunning box entrance. The establishment management, Mr. Josh Schommer and Mr. Charlie Emswiler, were verbally notified that a humane handling noncompliance record would be documented for this incident and that the establishment is not to stun any other animal. I consulted with (b)(6) (b)(6) and the establishment was allowed to resume slaughter operations after proffering adequate corrective actions to be designing and installing a head restraint to limit the animal's head movements. The U.S. Reject tag was removed from the stunning box at approximately 0830 hours. This noncompliance record is being associated with NR XQ3315121230N/1, issued on December 30, 2019, for same root cause.</p>	CLOSED

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M46498+P 46498	Westminster Meat Packing Inc.	YKB531 101501 ON-1	01/10/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling		<p>On 1-10-2020 during inspection at Westminster Meat Packing at approximately 10:05, There was a young angus that was turned around in the staging area right before the kill box. In order to rectify this, an establishment employee attempted to make the other livestock behind it, back completely down the chute and into the alley or into a pen so that the first animal can get turned around again. There were three Holsteins in the squeeze chute, behind the one turned around in the kill chute, so all were being moved. I witnessed an employee using a shaker paddle on the furthest Holstein from the kill box to get it to back up. The animal refused to back up so he proceeded to next the Holstein, which was in the middle. The sudden movements by the employee waving the shaker paddle around startled the animal, which caused the it to quickly retreat backwards. The Holstein slipped and fell down to its knees in the squeeze chute. When the Holstein regained footing, the employee started to strike the Holstein repeatedly on the head and face. Because there was a cow in front and a cow behind, the one being struck had nowhere to go. I stopped the employee from striking the animal then came back to the office and notified (b)(6) by phone. Retained tag # 66104615 was placed on the gate to the squeeze chute and slaughter operations ceased. I spoke to (b)(6) (b)(6) notified him of the noncompliance and that they could they could finish processing the four cattle that were already slaughtered and that no other operation would be affected at the establishment. This is a noncompliance SFR 313.2(b)</p>	OPEN

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M46547	Gourmet Natural Meats LLC	UAV0618025505N-1	02/05/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(3)	<p>HATS Category VIII – "Stunning Effectiveness" At approximately 4pm, (b)(6) observed a new establishment employee attempt to stun a calf with a handheld captive bolt (HHCB) device. As the calf was placed against the wall of the stunning area and the employee applied the first stun attempt, the calf moved its head. The HHCB device made contact with the calf's skull and produced a state of unconsciousness, as the calf collapsed to the floor. However, the calf began to show signs of a return to consciousness shortly after. The calf began blinking and attempting to right itself into a sitting position. The (b)(6) promptly applied a second stun which immediately and effectively rendered the calf unconscious. (b)(6) then examined the calf and found it to be unconscious. (b)(6) observed one penetrating stun hole and a second point of contact with the calf's skull. (b)(6) applied to the stunning area U.S. Rejected tag No. B42102094, communicated to (b)(6) that no further slaughter is permitted while the tag is in place, and contacted (b)(6) to discuss the incident. Following this conversation, (b)(6) removed the U.S. Reject tag and verbally informed (b)(6) that slaughter operations may recommence. (b)(6) verbally informed establishment management that this incident would be recorded as a noncompliance. A similar noncompliance was documented in NR #UAV3415092303N-1 on 9/3/2019.</p>	CLOSED

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M46547	Gourmet Natural Meats LLC	UAV3819032109N-1	03/09/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III – Water and Feed Availability At approximately 11:00am on 3/9/2020, (b)(6) informed (b)(6) that there was a cattle trailer parked on official premises holding veal calves which did not have access to water. This trailer had been in place since approximately 8:00am the same day, as observed by (b)(6). (b)(6) verified (b)(6) observations and immediately notified (b)(6) of the noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2(e). The establishment promptly placed filled water buckets in the trailer, as observed by (b)(6). A noncompliance documented in NR#UAV141111426N/2 on 11/26/2019 addresses the same root cause of improper calf holding areas. Corrective actions taken in response to that noncompliance were insufficient in preventing recurrence.</p>	OPEN
M46597	Mid State Meat, LLC	MEL4006023919N-1	02/18/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>At approximately 1338 hours, while performing the livestock humane handling task, two holding pens containing animals did not have water. One pen contained approximately 15 goats and the other pen contained 1 sow. All animals appeared to be in good condition. Both pens had water buckets, but both buckets were empty. The establishment failed to provide access to water in holding pens, per 9 CFR 313.2 (e). I verbally notified establishment manager, Mike Avrett, of the noncompliance. His immediate corrective action was to refill the water buckets in both pens. This document serves as written notification of the establishment's failure to comply with regulatory requirements and could result in additional regulatory and administrative action.</p>	CLOSED

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M46635	Quality Meat, Inc.	MGG32 170332 20N-1	03/20/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1), 313.16(a)(3)	HATS category VIII (stunning effectiveness) On Thursday 03-19-2020, at approximately 1045 hours, I (b)(6) while performing a routine HATS Category VIII task, observed the stun operator utilize a 22 mag firearm to apply a first stun attempt to a steer. I observed the steer drop to the ground and I observed the animal bellow. The animal was blinking and rhythmically breathing. The stun operator applied a second stun attempt which rendered the animal immediately unconscious. The stun box was tagged with US reject tag #B38032347 and the establishment owner was verbally notified of the impending noncompliance. The Denver District office was notified via supervisory channels. There have been no noncompliance records documented for the same root cause within the past 90 days.	OPEN
M47040+P 47040	Indiana Halal Farms LLC	EYZ520 602522 1N-1	02/21/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On Friday, February 21, 2020 while performing the humane handling task during antemortem inspection I, (b)(6) took notice of the following noncompliance. During the performance of ante-mortem I inspected pens # 6,11,12,13,14,15,16. These pens contained 18 lambs, 1 heavy calf, 4 sheep, 8 goat, 5 veal, 15 lamb, and 1 heavy calf respectively. It was noticed by the CSI that pens #11,15 and 16 had no bucket or water trough in the pen whatsoever. Pens # 6,12,13, and 14 each had buckets or water troughs that contained ice completely frozen solid making water unavailable for the animals. This situation is not in compliance with 9CFR 313.2(e), which requires the plant to Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens. I informed plant manager Mohamed and explained the regulatory requirements of part 313. The establishment corrected the issue by adding fresh water to the frozen troughs and buckets and putting containers for water in the pens that had none.	OPEN

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M47052	Georgia Meat Packers	IKX540 901302 3N-1	01/23/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1), 313.15(a)(3), 313.15(b)(1)(iii)	At approximately 08:30 on Tuesday 01/21/2020 while performing a Livestock Humane Handling verification procedure I observed the following Humane Handling violation: A lamb was in the knock pen awaiting knock with a captive bolt gun. The lamb jerked, making the first knock ineffective with no state of complete immediate unconsciousness so the (b)(6) (b)(6) attempted to knock the animal a second time. The captive bolt device jammed, making the second attempt ineffective as well. The third attempt effectively produced unconsciousness and (b)(6) immediately slit the throat of the animal (the jugular, tracheal artery and esophagus), killing the animal for further processing. Post mortem investigation confirmed that there was only one hole in the skull. The first unsuccessful knock was due to the animal thrashing his head about and the stunning area was not designed and constructed as to limit the free movements of animals sufficiently to allow the operator to locate the stunning blow with a high degree of accuracy. Further investigation confirmed that the captive bolt device was not correctly assembled and that was the probable cause of the unsuccessful second knock. This is a violation of 9~CFR 313.15(a)(1), 313.15(a)(3), and 313.15(b)(1)(iii)	CLOSED

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M47052	Georgia Meat Packers	IKX540 901302 3N-2	01/23/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(3), 313.15(b)(1) (iii)	At approximately 15:00 on Tuesday 01/21/2020 while performing a Livestock Humane Handling verification procedure I observed the following Humane Handling violation: A steer was in the knock pen awaiting knock. (b)(6) declined to use the captive bolt device due to an earlier Humane Handling concern and instead decided to knock the animal with a .22 caliber firearm. The steer jerked, making the first attempt ineffective with no state of complete immediate unconsciousness so (b)(6) attempted to knock the animal a second time. The second attempt effectively produced unconsciousness and (b)(6) immediately slit the throat of the animal (the jugular, tracheal artery and esophagus), killing the animal for further processing. The first unsuccessful knock was due to the animal thrashing his head about and the stunning area was not designed and constructed as to limit the free movements of animals sufficiently to allow the operator to locate the stunning blow with a high degree of accuracy. This is a violation of 9~CFR 313.15(a)(3), and 313.15(b)(1)(iii)	CLOSED
M47085	Green Country Premium Beef, LLC	SVT091 403271 7N-1	03/17/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at approximately 1030 hours while doing ante mortem Inspection I observed the following noncompliance. There were 54 head of cattle separated in to 4 different pens. They did not have free access to water in 3 of those pens including the segregated area. This is a noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2(e), which states "animals shall have access to water in all holding pens". I notified Plant Owner Bonnie Walton of the noncompliance with this regulation and she immediately corrected the situation by having an employee get water buckets in all the pens. She also stated that she will instruct employees to keep an eye on the water bucks to ensure that they have water in them at all times.	OPEN

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M48087+P 48087+V48 087	Marin Sun Farms, Inc.	RAP061 301393 ON-1	01/30/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	On 1/28/2020 while observing operations on the slaughter floor, I, (b)(6), observed the following noncompliance. At approximately 0545, while near the final wash area, I heard the handheld penetrating captive bolt device discharge. When I moved over to look at the lamb knock box, I saw a lamb (backtag 069) standing up and looking around, while the (b)(6) reloaded the captive bolt device. (b)(6) then took hold of the lamb's head and administered an effective stun within 15 seconds of the first captive bolt discharge. When the carcass neared the inspection station, I asked that an employee skin the head. Upon skinning, I observed two distinct knock holes, one in the center of the forehead between the eyes, and one into the poll. I tagged the lamb knock box at 0610 with U.S. Rejected tag no. B19890338 in accordance with 9 CFR 313.50 (c), and informed (b)(6) of the situation. As the establishment failed to produce immediate unconsciousness with the first stunning blow, this is noncompliant with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1).	OPEN
M48087+P 48087+V48 087	Marin Sun Farms, Inc.	RAP051 503203 ON-1	03/30/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On 3/30/2020 at approximately 0950, I, (b)(6), observed the following noncompliance. While conducting HATS Category IV "Handling During Ante-mortem Inspection" on a lot of lambs, I observed (b)(6) grab the ear of a lamb and pull to get it to turn around and move into an adjacent holding pen. I immediately informed him to stop the behavior of moving animals by grabbing their ears. (b)(6) was notified of the noncompliance. As the establishment failed to handle livestock with a minimum of excitement and discomfort, a violation of 9 CFR 313.2 (a) exists.	OPEN

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M48144	Abe's Kosher Meats LLC	CFR0817015424N-1	01/24/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>HATS Category IV- Antemortem InspectionAt approximately 1035, I, (b)(6) was asked by an establishment employee to perform ante-mortem inspection on a group of cattle. As I approached the cattle, one dairy cow (partial back tag -1245) was trapped by a rope wrapped twice around her left rear leg. She was not vocalizing but was tugging on the rope, unable to free herself. She was positioned with the rope tight enough to where her foot could not reach the ground. The other end of the rope was attached to a pulley in the rafters. I showed the establishment employee the cow and said to stop the antemortem inspection. I placed US Rejected tag B37602938 on the controls of the restrainer and notified (b)(6) and (b)(6) and (b)(6) of the regulatory control action. Returning to the area at 1038, (b)(6) had cut the rope freeing the cow and I observed her walk away. The cow did not appear to sustain any injury. All pieces of the rope were removed to prevent future occurrence. US Rejected tag B37602938 was removed from the restrainer controls at approximately 1050 by (b)(6). (b)(6), (b)(6) notified (b)(6) (b)(6) of the forthcoming noncompliance record.</p>	CLOSED

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M48161+V 48161	Eggert Slaughtering, Inc.	SBF591 403130 9N-1	03/09/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>On March 9, 2020, at approximately 0945, I, (b)(6), was performing the Humane Handling Category VIII (Stunning Effectiveness) Task. An establishment employee attempted a poll stun with a hand-held captive bolt device on an anxious beef animal in the restrainer. The captive bolt discharged normally. The stun did not have any effect on the animal evidenced by the animal was still standing and fully conscious. There was no vocalization and the animal did not become agitated. There was no dripping of blood from the poll. The employee immediately applied an effective stun with the same captive bolt device and the animal was rendered unconscious. I informed Keith Eggert, Establishment Owner, of the noncompliance. The employee provided verbal preventive measures and slaughter activities were resumed. This is a noncompliance of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1).</p>	CLOSED

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M48226	American Halal Meat	MEN37 090203 04N-1	02/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>HATS Category IV – Ante-mortem Inspection</p> <p>While conducting a Livestock Humane Handling task on Tuesday, 04 February 2020, at approximately 0745 hours I (b)(6) observed a deceased goat with its head and neck entrapped in the hay support chains of a circular feeder on the northern side of the main corral. I informed the plant owner of the situation and he had an employee safeguard the remaining livestock moving them to the south side of the main corral. I placed U.S. Reject Tag #B28752271 at approximately 0755 hours on the southern gate leading to the north side of the main corral. Further investigation revealed two chains spanning across a circular metal frame crossing at the center. A hay basket was created by a separate, approximately two-and-a-half-foot diameter, piece of chain encircling the crossed section. The hay basket was completed by further supporting the circle with twelve separate pieces of chain attached to the metal frame and the circle with threaded quick links. Two of the circle support chains were connected at a single point on the circle with bailing wire creating V and allowing an area for livestock to become entrapped. The bailing wire was removed, and the support chains were properly attached to the circle with spring quick links at regularly spaced intervals. The center crossed section was solidified by connecting them with a spring quick link. I observed hay being added to the feeder and the chain basket remain intact. The U.S. Reject Tag #B28752271 was removed and the northern side of the main corral was released at approximately 0915 hours. The plant owner was notified of the forthcoming NR which shows failure to meet 9 CFR 313.1(a).</p>	CLOSED

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M48226	American Halal Meat	MEN26 150213 10N-1	02/10/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII Stunning EffectivenessWhile conducting a Livestock Humane Handling Task (HATS Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness) at approximately 1400 hours on 10 February 2019 I (b)(6) observed the owner attempt to stun a steer weighing approximately 850 pounds with a gunshot from a 9mm pistol. After the first attempted stun I observed the steer down but was positioned in the reverse direction within the restraint system. The owner opened the side gate to perform the ritual cut and the steer stood up within the restraint system and vocalized. A plant employee closed the gate enclosing the standing steer in the correct direction. The owner immediately loaded the 9mm pistol with a second magazine from his pocket, implemented the firearm discharge warning system, and applied a second stun rendering the animal unconscious. I informed the plant owner of the forthcoming non-compliance failing to meet 9 CFR 313.16(a)(1).</p>	CLOSED

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M4928+P4 928	Islamic Meat & Poultry Co.	DTD341 401592 7N-1	01/25/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>On 1/25/2020, at approximately 0800 hours while inspecting the pens and alleyways (HATS Category IV, Ante-mortem Inspection), during an odd-hours inspection, I, (b)(6), observed a 1-foot by 3-foot plywood panel, attached to the bottom of the corral panel gate immediately north of the small ruminant facility entrance. The plywood was warped, and one end was protruding outward into the small ruminant pen space by approximately 4-6 inches which created a trip hazard for small ruminants and was in a state of disrepair. This was a noncompliance with Title 9 CFR 313.1(a). Also, the long gate near the small ruminant facility entrance and lead-up chute had three loose bolts in a horizontal rung that were protruding into the small ruminant pen space by approximately 1-2 inches and created a protruding object hazard. This was a noncompliance with Title 9 CFR 313.1(a). There was a plywood panel and 2x10 board that was separated from the narrow alleyway west wall metal frame (a few feet north of the long gate in the narrow alleyway) along the alleyway floor. The separation from the wall was a head/leg entrapment hazard for lambs or goats if they attempted to enter/escape through that gap formed by the separation from the alleyway wall structure. This was a noncompliance with Title 9 CFR 313.1(a). The south wall of pen 9 had a 4-foot by 8-foot plywood panel with worn holes several inches in diameter and large enough for a goat to get its head through and was a head entrapment hazard. This was a noncompliance with Title 9 CFR 313.1(a). There were no animals located in or had access to the areas of the above hazards, and no animals had any signs of injuries that could have resulted from exposure to these hazards. I applied U.S. Reject tag B41416046 to the antemortem pen exit gate to prevent any animals from being exposed to the hazards located north of that gate. I also applied U.S. Reject tag B41416103 to the</p>	OPEN

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							gate of pen 9 to prevent any animals from being placed in that pen because of the presence of the head entrapment hazard. On 1/27/2020 at approximately 0700 hours, I verified that the hazards were removed, except for the hazard in pen 9. I removed U.S. Reject tag B41416046 from the antemortem pen exit gate, and U.S. Reject tag B41416103 remained in place on the gate of pen 9. (b)(6) (b)(6) was notified of the noncompliance.	

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M4928+P4 928	Islamic Meat & Poultry Co.	DTD401 003332 4N-1	03/22/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>On 03/22/2020, at approximately 1330 hours while inspecting the pens and alleyways during an odd-hours inspection (HATS Category IV, Ante-mortem Inspection), I, (b)(6), observed a 2x6 board attached to the bottom rung of the antemortem pen gate. With the gate closed, the south end of the board protruded outward into the alleyway space, creating a 4 to 6-inch gap between the horizontal bottom metal gate rung and the board. This gap, which was near the ground, created a protruding object hazard and a hazard to the legs of an animal if an animal placed a leg/foot into that gap, creating a potential hazard for leg/foot injury, particularly during unloading of animals. No unloading of animals had occurred during this inspection, no animals had access to the area of the hazard, and no animals appeared to have any injuries that could have resulted from the hazard. The protruding board and formation of gap between the board and metal rung of the gate created a significant potential for animal injury and had also demonstrated the gate was in a state of disrepair. This was a noncompliance with Title 9 CFR 313.1(a). I notified (b)(6) (b)(6) about the noncompliance. I applied U.S. Reject tag B16121187 to the antemortem pen gate. Prior to the next start of operations, I verified the establishment had made satisfactory repair to the antemortem pen gate and removing the hazard, and then I removed the regulatory control by removing the U.S. Reject Tag.</p>	OPEN

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M4969+P4 969	J J Meat Co.	JCO012 102301 2N-1	02/12/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>HATS VIII: Stunning EffectivenessOn Wednesday February 12, 2020, at approximately 1726 hours, the following noncompliance was noted during a livestock humane handling task: (b)(6) was standing outside the knock box, performing stunning effectiveness monitoring during bob veal slaughter. As the (b)(6) (b)(6) positioned a large Holstein calf against the revolving door inside of the knock box, he proceeded to knock the calf with the pneumatic power knocker. The knock was ineffective, and the bob veal remained conscious and standing on all four limbs. Immediately after this mis-stun, a second knock was performed within seconds (less than 7 seconds). This knock was effective at rendering the bob veal unconscious and ventrally recumbent, displaying no corneal reflex or signs of sensory functions. It was determined that the initial knock was placed too rostrally and did not hit the brain. The second knock was placed more caudally and in an appropriate position to render the bob veal unconscious. This was determined to not be egregious. The knock box was immediately tagged with US Rejected tag B43727278, and (b)(6) was notified of the issue. Upon questioning the knocker and Plant Manager Javier Juarez Jr., they said that the calf was very energetic and moving its head a lot, which made an appropriate placement of the knock more difficult than usual. Manager Javier Juarez Jr. was notified of the forthcoming noncompliance. At approximately 1746 hours, US Rejected tag was removed, and slaughter operations resumed after sufficient corrective actions were proffered. Due to not rendering the calf immediately unconscious, the establishment failed to comply with regulation 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1).</p>	OPEN

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M4975+P4 975	Dale T. Smith and Sons Meat Packing Company Inc	IYC0610 011408 N-1	01/08/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	Category IV Ante-Mortem Inspection On 1/8/2020 at approximately 0825 hours I observed the following noncompliance while performing a routine 'livestock Humane Handling' task in the livestock yard. On the west side fence of the Bull holding pen I observed a piece of rebar protruding through the hay where the bulls had previously been feeding. Upon further inspection this piece of rebar was approximately 12" in length and was still attached to the cement foundation on one end. I also observed multiple black colored hairs attached to the end of the rebar that was sticking out. I informed (b)(6) of the noncompliance. (b)(6) began immediate corrective actions by removing the rebar with a disc cutter and observing the surrounding areas for any other possible hazards. A review of the last 90 days of noncompliances revealed none issued for the same cause.	CLOSED
M51184+P 51184	Bauman's Butcher Block	TPK261 102270 4N-1	02/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On 2/4/2020 at approximately 0800 hours while performing the humane handling verification task I observed the following noncompliance. Animals intended for inspected slaughter had been unloaded into the cattle holding pens, these cattle were held in alleys that did not allow them access to water. This is noncompliance with HATS Category III Water and Feed Availability . This fails to meet 9CFR 313.2 (E) "animals shall have access to water in all holding pens, and if held longer than 24 hours access to feed". Upon my notification, (b)(6) (b)(6) made water available to all animals in an acceptable manner. Additionally, I notified John Bauman, owner, of the noncompliance and that an NR would be written.	CLOSED

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M51340+V 51340	Prestage Foods of Iowa	KBZ560 903080 2N-1	02/21/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2, 313.5	<p>On Friday, February 21, 2020, at approximately 6:00am, while performing HATS Category IV - Antemortem Inspection when I observed non-compliance with HATS Category II – Water and Feed Availability. I saw that there was a break in the water line that feeds the nipples to pens 226 and 227. The adjacent pen 227 was empty, so I went in and tested the nipples further down the line than the break, and there were drops of water coming from the nipples. These nipples only affected the hogs in the nearest 1/3 of the pen 226, approximately 50 hogs. I pointed this out to the (b)(6), and he turned the sprinklers on like a water fountain in the pen so they could drink. The hogs had arrived earlier that morning. I notified (b)(6) (b)(6), that an NR would be issued. This is a violation of the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.2 (e). On the same day, at approximately 3:00pm on the 21st, I was about to start HATS Category IV - Antemortem Inspection in the barn when I observed non-compliance with HATS Category VI – Electric Prod/Alternative Implement Use and VII – Slips and Falls. I heard a hog vocalizing behind me and turned around to see a hog caught in the automated gate of the drive alleys leading to the South CO2 chamber. The bottom mobile gate was closed and stationary. The hog had tried to climb over the lower gate when the returning upper mobile gate came back wedging the hog behind the shoulders at the chest level between the two gates. The hog wriggled its body trying to free itself until the gate handler came over and released the upper gate, shook a rattle paddle in front of the face of the hog and it fell back into the drive alley, turned and walked away. I notified (b)(6) of the incident. This is a violation of the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.2 and 313.5(b)(2).</p>	OPEN

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M51340+V 51340	Prestage Foods of Iowa	KBZ171 003400 2N-1	02/27/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2		OPEN
M51340+V 51340	Prestage Foods of Iowa	KBZ171 003241 2N-1	03/08/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>On Sunday, March 8, 2020, I conducted the Odd Hour Inspection and performed HATS Category III- Water and Feed Availability. I found that there were 4 pens occupied for the weekend. All four pens had food that had been placed on the floor. The last pen of hogs, Pen 212 had hogs playing with the nipples more than usual. They had been fed and appeared in good condition and not stressed. I looked up to confirm that the water to the nipples was turned on. The handles that supply water to the pens are in the ON position when the handle aligns parallel to the water pipe. I noticed the handle was perpendicular to the pipe. I went into the adjacent empty pen which utilizes the same water source and tested some of the nipples but they were not working and no water came out. I reached into the pen in which the hogs have resided since Friday, March 6th. The nipples in Pen 212 were not working and no water came out. No one was in the barn since it was a Sunday. I turned the water sprinklers on to fountain-like levels and many of the hogs began to drink hastily. I placed US Reject tag numbers B 31 700306 and 700307 to each end of the pens. Lack of water supply to animals is a violation of Regulation 9 CFR 313.2(e) and HATS Category III that, in part, requires animals to have access to water in holding pens. The following morning, upon my arrival, (b)(6) (b)(6) informed me that the water had been turned on to pen 212 and that maintenance had been working on that pen changing water pipes and had turned the water off but neglected to turn it on again upon completion of the work. He said the issue would be addressed with the head of maintenance to prevent recurrence.</p>	OPEN

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M51340+V 51340	Prestage Foods of Iowa	KBZ331 003121 2N-1	03/11/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at approximately 3:00pm, while performing HATS Category IV - Antemortem Inspection I observed a non-compliance with HATS Category III – Water and Feed Availability. I saw that there was a break in the water line that feeds the nipples to pens 218 which had hogs. The adjacent pen was empty, so I went in and tested the nipples further down the line than the break, and water trickled from the nipples. These nipples only affected the hogs in the nearest 1/3-1/2 of the pen, approximately 50 or more hogs. I pointed this out to the (b)(6). The sprinklers were turned on like a water fountain in the pen so they could drink. The hogs had arrived earlier that morning. This is a violation of the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.2 (e).	OPEN
M51340+V 51340	Prestage Foods of Iowa	KBZ271 103041 2N-1	03/12/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On Thursday, March 12, 2020, at approximately 9:30 am, while performing HATS Category IV - Antemortem Inspection I observed non-compliance with HATS Category III – Water and Feed Availability. I saw that there was a break in the water line that feeds the nipples to pens 227 and 228 which had hogs. I went in and tested the nipples further down the line than the break, and water trickled from the nipples. These nipples only affected the hogs in the nearest 1/3-1/2 of the pen, approximately 50 or more hogs. I pointed this out to the (b)(6). The sprinklers were turned on like a water fountain in the pen so they could drink. The hogs had arrived earlier that morning. This is a violation of the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.2 (e).	OPEN

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M51340+V 51340	Prestage Foods of Iowa	KBZ461 603083 1N-1	03/19/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category VI- Electric Prod/Alternative Object Use non-compliance On Thursday, March 19, 2020 at approximately 2:45 pm, I was in the process of conducting antemortem inspection, HATS Category IV, in the barn. As I proceeded from the alleyway toward the slow pen I looked toward the Butinas and I could see a hog in the run for the east Butina caught between a stationary gate and the mobile push gate that was passing above it. The push gate had closed on the hog at the upper shoulder/neck area and was holding it there. The hog was distressed, gyrating its head in a struggle to free itself, it's eyes were bulging, and the hog's mouth was wide open with tongue out. I am unsure if the animal was vocalizing because they were running hogs and there is a lot of noise at that time. The establishment personnel tried to release the door but appeared to be struggling to do so by hitting buttons and waving a rattle paddle in front of the hog's face. The hog was released and obtained no external physical lesions or injuries from the incident. I informed (b)(6) (b)(6) of the non-compliance and notified him I applied U.S. Reject tags B31700311 and B31700310 to the two alleyways leading to the Butinas. (b)(6) (b)(6), provided verbal corrective actions and preventative measures to bring themselves back into compliance and I removed the regulatory control action. The hog from the incident went through to slaughter without incident. This NR is linked to a previous NR #KBZ5609030802N.</p>	OPEN

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M5497+V5 497	Adams Farm Slaughterhouse e LLC	FWJ201 501501 6N-1	01/16/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1), 313.16(a)(3)	<p>HATS Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness On 16 January 2020, I was present at Adams Farm, M5497, and observing the humane handling of a large sow being driven into the chute for stunning and slaughter. (b)(6) had informed me that he would be using a gun for the stunning and that he would let me know when it was safe to re-enter the kill floor. Shortly after (b)(6) returned to the kill floor, I heard one shot and heard the sow vocalize, followed by another shot and vocalization. I checked my watch at that time and noted that it was 1449. There was a pause, followed by a third shot at 1451. Shortly after that, (b)(6) came back into the barn from the kill floor and informed his worker that he was done slaughtering for the day. (b)(6) (b)(6) was standing outside the kill floor on the other side in the main hallway of the slaughter and processing facility, also for safety reasons, and I confirmed with her afterwards that her observations regarding the shots and vocalizations, concurred with my own. When I reentered the kill floor after the third shot, the sow was unconscious. I tagged the knock box with US Rejected tag #B32030737 and notified (b)(6) (b)(6) that I would be doing so. There have been no other humane handling incidents recorded within the past 90 days.</p>	CLOSED

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M562	JBS Green Bay, Inc.	QSM54 130140 09N-1	01/07/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>On January 7, 2020, at 2:18 pm while performing HATS Category VIII - (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) observed an establishment certified stunner use a pneumatic captive bolt stunning device to attempt to stun a steer. The steer was still conscious after the first stunning attempt. The steer was blinking its eyes, moving its ears and there was no loss of posture. The 2nd certified stunner immediately took the pre-loaded back up handheld captive bolt stunning device and successfully stunned the steer, resulting in unconsciousness. (b)(6) took a regulatory control action and tagged the restrainer with U.S. Reject tag # B-45157964 and verbally informed (b)(6) of the non-compliance. (b)(6) and (b)(6) observed the two stunning wounds. The location of the first attempted stun was at the top of the poll on the steer's head. After the establishment gave verbal corrective actions and preventative measures to (b)(6) and (b)(6) (b)(6), (b)(6) released the restrainer and the establishment resumed production. This NR is being associated with QSM1710110213 dated 11/11/2019 in which a bovine was ineffectively stunned in the restrainer. The preventative measures that were proffered for this non-compliance were either not implemented or were ineffective in preventing the non-compliance from reoccurring.</p>	OPEN

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M580+V580	A. Decoite Packing House, Inc.	ZRD2719015009N-1	01/09/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1), 313.16(b)(1)(iii)	<p>HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness At approximately 1305 hours on 1/9/2020, while performing a Livestock Humane Handling task, I (b)(6) observed the following non-compliance. A horned steer over 30 months of age was being led to the stun box when he began acting very agitated and refused to enter the area. He began lunging upward in the chute and moving back and forth and loudly vocalizing. Rather than continue to attempt to coax the steer into the stunning area and risk injury or harm to the animal or employees, it was decided by establishment management that the animal would be loaded into a trailer and moved into a side pen area just outside of the stun box where it would be less of a danger to itself and others. The animal backed out of the chute and walked onto the trailer before being unloaded into the side pen area with no issues. (b)(6) then used a .22 caliber rifle to attempt to stun the animal; I observed the animal move its head at the last moment and remained standing following the first stun attempt. The steer began to mildly vocalize and spin in a circle while shaking its head. The animal was breathing rhythmically, and eyes were tracking and appeared fully conscious and alert. The stun operator then waited until the animal calmed down before discharging a second shot which caused the animal to drop, and when the animal rolled out onto the floor it was determined to be insensible by the stun operator and myself. I did not need to instruct the stun operator to apply the immediate and effective second stun. Upon examination of the dressed head, two holes were observed to have penetrated the skull. Because the animal was not immediately rendered unconscious, this is non-compliant with 9 CFR 313.16(a)(1). Afterward, I spoke with (b)(6) regarding the non-compliance and discussed that the side pen that was used prior to the stunning attempts</p>	CLOSED

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							allows free movement of the animal. This is a likely factor for the cause of the ineffective stun attempt and is non-compliant with 9 CFR 313.16(b)(1)(iii). We discussed that the side pen area should be redesigned to limit the amount of available space the animal have to move around, if it is going to be used to stun animals in the future. (b)(6) also stated he will talk to the ranch about excluding horned cattle from their program. Plant management was verbally notified of the incident and the impending non-compliance record. The scenario was discussed and clarified with the Denver District Office via supervisory channels. A US Reject tag was not applied as I observed immediate and effective corrective actions being implemented. The establishment does not have a written Robust Humane Handling Program.	
M6161+V6 161	Steving Meat Company	YTB581 403421 7N-1	03/17/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	Humane Handling Review and Observation: On 3/17/2020 at approximately 1300, (b)(6) (b)(6) observed noncompliance 313.2(e) at Steving Meats Est. M6161. (b)(6) observed two market hogs in the drive alley without access to available water. A discussion took place with (b)(6) and It was determined the market hogs have been held without access to water for approximately 2.5hours. (b)(6) immediately provided the two hogs with access to available water. The est. was back into compliance at approximately 1305. An FSIS documented, "Weekly Meeting Agenda" report dated 11/20/2019 discussed Dr. Vickery's findings regarding three hogs being held without access to water at est. M6161. This has been a topic of past discussions with management and slaughter employees. CSI notified Plant Manager Mr. Raymond Archer of the observed conditions and provided a paper copy of this noncompliance report to him on 3/17/2020.	CLOSED

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M6354+P6 354+V6354	E.L. Blood & Son, Inc.	BNH51 140236 04N-1	02/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness On February 4, 2020 at approximately 1412 while I, (b)(6), was observing stunning effectiveness a Dexter bull was loaded into the knock box and an establishment employee attempted to stun the animal with a handled captive bolt device (HHCB). As the employee discharged the HHCB the animal thrust his head up causing the stun to be low and angled down towards the animal's nose. The bull dropped to his knees and blood started coming out of his nose. The bull was still conscious, as evidenced by tracking eye movements, attempts to stand, and violent head thrashing. Another establishment employee then grabbed a second HHCB device and applied a second stun approximately one minute later. After the second stun the animal dropped in the chute and was rendered insensible (no eye movement, no blinking reflex and no longer thrashing). A third knock/security knock was applied, in accordance with the establishment's robust humane handling plan. The animal remained unconscious throughout the shackling and sticking process. Upon inspection of the head there were three penetrating holes. The initial stun was at eye level, roughly 2" below the desired area and angled down towards the nose. The other two holes were placed appropriately and entering the brain cavity. I tagged the knock box with USDA Rejected tag #B24778372 and notified (b)(6) about the mis-stun (b)(6) notified (b)(6) I would be issuing a NR. There have been no other humane handling incidents within the past 90 days.</p>	OPEN

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M6678+P6 678	Ganaderia Santiago Inc.	NBA360 803141 9N-1	03/19/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	<p>HATS Category IV – “Handling during Ante-Mortem Inspection”: Pens, floors, and driveways, including entrances and exits, are to be maintained in good repair (9 CFR 313.1): On March 19, 2020 at 7:30 A.M and while conducting ante-mortem inspection at Est. M6678, Ganaderia Santiago, Inc., and observed the following areas in disrepair: • Gates: Hallway just prior to Pens #5 and #10 when coming from the downloading area (most animals must pass through when downloaded from trucks) horizontal metal beams corroded and frayed with sharp edges + as well in the lower part of the support beams • Weighting station area: Several loose boards + splintered and broken planking (ranging from 3 inches to 1 ½ in width) + exposed sharp objects U.S Rejected tag: NO. B40 462165 I informed (b)(6), (b)(6), and (b)(6) of the non-compliances observed in the pens. These sharp areas may cause injury and/or pain to the animals. A Noncompliance Record was recommended for failure to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.1(a):” Livestock pens, driveways, and ramps shall be maintained in good repair. They shall be free from sharp or protruding objects which may, in the opinion of the inspector, cause injury or pain to the animals. Loose boards, splintered or broken planking, and unnecessary openings where the head, feet, or legs of an animal may be injured shall be repaired.”</p>	CLOSED

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M6720	Martin's Pork Products, Inc.	AVA560 302300 5N-1	02/05/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	On February 4, 2020, around 1:00pm while doing a humane handling task I observed the following noncompliance. In pen 2 the second door has a sharp piece sticking out. And the divider that is on the inside of the pen had an opening that had sharp edges sticking out. Where pigs could possibly be injured from the sharp edges of the divider. (b)(6) was notified of the establishment failure to comply with the federal regulation 9 CFR 313.1.	CLOSED

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M717CR+P 717CR	Smithfield Fresh Meats Corp.	RZG391 601193 ON-1	01/30/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2, 313.5	<p>HATS Category IV: Ante-mortem Inspection</p> <p>Around 2:25pm, while performing HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness task at South Butina (CO2), I observed the following non-compliance.</p> <p>A Market Swine had its head caught between the CO2 loader Push gate and the hoist gate and the swine was vocalizing, kicking and pushing against the push gates , trying to free its head. I immediately called (b)(6) and showed her that a conscious hog had its head caught between the two gates. (b)(6) tried to open the push gate, but could not, so she instructed another establishment employee to retrieve the hand-held captive bolt (HHCB) device. (b)(6) stunned the animal, effectively rendering it unconscious on the first stun attempt. I took a regulatory control action by stopping the south CO2 Butina and had the Scald Supervisor come to South Butina . (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) came to the area and I verbally informed them that I would be issuing a non-compliance report. Ashely Foutch, Humane Handling Specialist, also came to south Butina area and I verbally reiterated to (b)(6) (b)(6) that I would be issuing a noncompliance report. Establishment management informed me that the establishment employee involved was removed from the South CO2 pending action by Human Resource. I released the South CO2 for operation. (b)(6) verbally informed me that an additional HHCB device will be located closer the south Butina CO2, a coaching session and training will be provided to the employees handling animals in the stunning area and the establishment will increase verification checks. There have been no non-compliance records of the same root cause issued within the past 90 days.</p>	CLOSED

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M7455+P7 455+V7455	Williams Sausage Co., Inc.	UQD42 110147 09N-1	01/09/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III (Water and Feed Availability) On 1/9/2020, while performing a HATS Task 3 at approximately 11:15 am, I (b)(6) observed two establishment employees moving sows into the upstairs hog pen to be slaughtered. While moving the sows, three of the sows became wedged next to each other as they were trying to get up the alleyway and would not move in order to get loose and allow each other to get up the chute into the upstairs pen. The establishment employees opted to wait a few minutes so that the sows would relax and could be moved, but approximately 11:23 am, another establishment employee came outside and informed the ones outside that it was time for lunch break, at which time they closed the gate at the top of the chute thus creating a de facto pen for the three sows in the alleyway. After closing the gate, they left for their lunch break, leaving the sows wedged next to each other in the alleyway. The sows subsequently relaxed and could move about the alleyway but were left with no water source in the de facto pen. Approximately 11:30 am, I went to find the barn employees, but they were no longer in the barn. I informed Mr. Bret Williams, Plant Manager, and (b)(6), of the situation and noncompliance, and Mr. Williams immediately went and put water in with the sows. This is noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2(e) due to failure to provide water access to animals in a holding pen.</p>	CLOSED

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M7455+P7 455+V7455	Williams Sausage Co., Inc.	UQD30 090249 07N-1	02/07/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III On 2/7/2020 approximately 8:30 am, while performing HATS Task III, I observed 2 ambulatory sows left without water access in the alleyway leading from Pen 3 to the upstairs pen in the hog barn immediately after an establishment employee had just moved some sows upstairs. I then observed as another barn employee in the immediate vicinity of these sows continued performing his tasks without addressing the deficiency. As I subsequently proceeded to observe a livestock trailer unloaded along with a barn employee, the establishment continued to neither move the sows nor provide access to water. By keeping the animals in the alleyway, the establishment employee created a de facto pen, making it noncompliant with 9 CFR 313.2(e) by not providing an accessible water supply. I immediately notified (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) and processing manager, of the noncompliance, who then went and provided the sows with access to water. A previous noncompliance of the same root cause was documented on 1/9/2020 on NR # UQD4211014709N/1. This is indicative of a developing trend due to inadequate previous corrective actions in response to the noncompliance. Continued associated noncompliance could lead to further enforcement actions if not corrected.</p>	CLOSED

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M7611+P7 611+V7611	Casselton Cold Storage Inc.	JTA001 301172 4N-1	01/24/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1), 313.15(a)(3)	At approximately 1045 hours, while verifying HATS category VIII (Stunning Effectiveness), I (Ryan Schmitz CSI-IIC) observed the establishment fail on the first attempt to stun a market hog with a hand-held captive bolt device. The captive bolt made contact and engaged the forehead of the animal. After the first stun with the hand-held captive bolt, the market hog was conscious as determined by hearing it vocalize and it remained standing. The plant owner determined that the animal was still conscious and immediately prepared the captive bolt for the second stun attempt. The animal was effectively rendered unconscious after administering the second stun with the same reloaded hand-held captive bolt. No U.S. Reject tag was applied to the stunning area as this was the last animal slaughtered at the plant for today. Plant owner, Mr. Craig Halverson was notified of the forthcoming non-compliance record and he gave verbal corrective actions and preventative measures.	CLOSED
M7717+P7 717+V7717	White's Wholesale Meats	JLI2212 020111 N-1	02/11/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness: On 02/11/20 at approximately 0940 hours (b)(6) observed the stun operator attempt to render a bovine animal unconscious with the .22 TCM caliber (Tuason Craig Micromagnum) rifle from the pole position. The bovine was at the head of the knockbox. After I heard the rifle discharge, I observed the animal remained standing and conscious with vocalization. The stun operator immediately rechambered a round and applied a second stunning attempt, which immediately and effectively rendered the bovine unconscious. An exam of the bovine's head by (b)(6) revealed two stun holes in the skull. A regulatory control action was taken with the placing of US Rejected tag # B38090673 to the knock box. Plant manager, Bob White was verbally notified of this noncompliance at the time of observation, and again in writing with the issuance of this noncompliance record.	CLOSED

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M7748+P7 748+V7748	Colorado Homestead Ranches, Inc.	WOI00 160344 05N-1	03/05/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1), 313.15(a)(2), 313.15(a)(3), 313.15(b)(2) (i), 313.16(a)(1), 313.16(b)(1) (i), 313.16(b)(2)	At approximately 1145 hours, (b)(6) was observing slaughter operations. (b)(6) was presented with a large, mature black and white sow for processing. Using the handheld captive bolt stunning device, (b)(6) attempted to stun the sow. The first stun attempt was ineffective. I observed the sow remain standing and vocalizing. (b)(6) retrieved the backup .357 caliber pistol and applied a second stun. The sow was no longer standing after the second stun, but I observed rhythmic breathing, with no other signs of consciousness. (b)(6) then retrieved the backup .223 caliber rifle and applied a security stun. The backup pistol and the backup rifle were within reach of the stun operator. The sow remained unconscious for bleeding, skinning, and hoisting. The stunning box was tagged with US Reject Tag B39631419. I verbally notified establishment management, Mr. (b)(6) and Ms. Joetta Burns, of the forthcoming noncompliance and Denver District Office was contacted through supervisory channels. The establishment currently operates under a Robust Systematic Approach to humane handling. There have been no associated noncompliance records for the same root cause within the last 90 days.	OPEN

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M783+P78 3+V783	Harris Ranch Beef Company	VNG14 160214 12N-1	02/12/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1), 313.15(a)(3)	<p>On Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at approximately 11:50 am, while performing a Livestock Humane Handling task in the Harvest Knocking Room, I, (b)(6) observed the following noncompliance: A plant knocker was attempting to stun one of the cattle that was in the center-track restrainer while it was moving its head around. The knocker fired the pneumatic stunner and the captive bolt penetrated the right side of the animals skull (which I visually confirmed immediately after the stunner was fired), after which the animal vocalized and was not rendered unconscious. The animal remained standing and continued to move its head around in the restrainer. The main knocker, who was standing nearby, immediately grabbed a hand-held captive bolt stunner and stunned the animal in the center of its skull, rendering it immediately unconscious. I notified (b)(6) of the incident and the forthcoming noncompliance as the establishment failed to meet the requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) and 313.15(a)(3).</p>	CLOSED

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M791C	Clemens Food Group, LLC	QCF590 503291 3N-1	03/12/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS CATEGORY II—TRUCK UNLOADING; HATS CATEGORY VI—ELECTRIC PROD/ALTERNATIVE OBJECT USEAt approximately 1340 hour on 3/12/2020, while verifying the humane treatment of livestock during truck unloading, I observed Humane Slaughter of Livestock—Handling noncompliance. I was observing the unloading of livestock in the northwest unloading bay, when I heard from inside the livestock trailer what sounded like a rattle paddle being slapped very firmly against flesh. I heard this noise approximately 5 times. So, I proceeded through the unloading bay exit door and stood on the passenger side of the livestock trailer being unloaded. Through the trailer ventilation holes, I saw (b)(6) twice chase a market hog to the ramp leading out of the trailer belly. While the employee was moving the hog toward the ramp at the back of the trailer, I heard some more very loud rattle paddle slaps, but I could not clearly visualize what the rattle paddle was striking. On the second observed attempt of the employee moving the hog out of the belly of the trailer the employee positioned the hog with its nose pointing toward the trailer ramp and the hogs right side against the trailer wall. The employee also placed a sorting board along the hogs left side to keep it from turning away from the ramp. The employee then took three hard full arm swings with the rattle paddle, using his right arm, and struck the hog on the rump with the flat side of the rattle paddle. Each swing began with the employee's right arm extended fully to his right side and was brought down swiftly with force on the hogs rump. This finding illustrates noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2(b) because an employee used an implement with excessive force in an attempt to drive a market hog off a livestock trailer. In response to this finding, I asked the employee to stop unloading hogs off the trailer. I then directed the employee to walk off the</p>	OPEN

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							<p>trailer. Once the employee was off the trailer, I then rejected the unloading area with reject tag B37602037, to prevent the further unloading of livestock. Next, I requested to speak with (b)(6) (b)(6). When (b)(6) arrived a few minutes later, I informed him of the action I had taken, my findings, and my intent to document my findings on a noncompliance record. In response (b)(6) stated he would remove the (b)(6) from animal handling responsibilities until the company completed an investigation of the incident. I then promptly removed the regulatory control action which had been in place for approximately 10 minutes.</p>	
M8078+P8 078+V8078	Boone's Abattoir, Inc.	APM52 110328 30N-1	03/30/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(3)	<p>HATS category VIII: stunning effectiveness At approximately 0950 hrs. EDT on March 30, 2020, I, (b)(6) observed the following non-compliance at Boone's Abattoir (M8078) Bardstown, KY: Seven lambs were placed in the knock box and stunned with the captive bolt device (CBD); all lambs were observed to have dropped to the ground. Upon opening the side of the knock box, one of the lambs was observed to be sitting upright (conscious righting reflex). Plant personnel immediately fired the CBD a second time, thereby rendering the lamb in question insensible. I notified (b)(6) (b)(6) of the ineffective stun and non-compliance with 9 CFR 313.15 (a)(3). General Manager Luel "Jerry" Boone proffered two employees will be employed in the future to stun lambs: one to hold the lambs' head, the other to fire the CBD.</p>	CLOSED

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M8327+V8 327	Southeastern Provision LLC	UOF571 402030 5N-1	02/05/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	HAT Category III-Water and Feed Availability. At approximately 7:30 AM while performing ante-mortem inspection, at Southeastern Provision in Bean Station, TN, (b)(6) observed that the cows in Pen #2 did not have access to water. The automatic water trough that normally spans both Pen #1 and Pen #2 had been pushed completely into Pen #1 thereby cutting off access to the cows in Pen #2. This is a noncompliance according to 9 CFR 313.2(e) Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens and, if held longer than 24 hours, access to feed. (b)(6), and Carl Kinser, Plant Manager, were notified of the noncompliance and corrective action was immediately taken by the plant to provide access to water. The noncompliance was corrected before I left the barn.	CLOSED

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M85O+P17 775+V85O	Swift Pork Company	HEM45 180244 22N-1	02/21/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>On 02/21/20 around 2020 hours, while performing HATS Category IV - Handling During Ante-mortem Inspection, Category – VII – Observations of Slips and Falls, in which a noncompliance was observed, and Category V - Handling of Suspect and Disabled in pen 45 with (b)(6), we headed towards the scales when we heard loud vocalizations coming from around the corner near pen 45. The noise was noticeably louder than vocalizations heard during normal animal movement and handling. I immediately walked around the corner and observed (b)(6) (b)(6) and one of the center alley hog drivers both paddling a group of hogs as the group of hogs continued to vocalize. The hogs were piling on top of each other against the load gate of the pen. As I moved closer, I observed numerous hogs trying to get away from the paddling by trying to climb over other hogs, causing excessive excitement and discomfort and causing some to slip and fall . Despite the piling, intense vocalizations and falling hogs, (b)(6) (b)(6) and the center alley driver continued to paddle and try to move the hogs until finally all hogs moved the opposite direction out of the pen; this all took place in holding pen 28. As I approached the gate the hogs finally moved toward the open space in pen 28 and proceeded towards the gate that leads to the center alley. I estimated the number of hogs to be about 40 head. I started walking towards the center alley and went through the walkway in-between pens 38 and 39 leading to the center alley and by this time the hogs were being driven to the first guillotine. As I walked towards the hogs being driven, I noticed (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) paddling the group of hogs towards the first guillotine and noticed some of those hogs were vocalizing with a few riding on the back of others. I summoned Mr.</p>	OPEN

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M8609+P8609+V8609	Wilmington Slaughter	APB4706015216N-1	01/16/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>On January 16, 2020 at Establishment #M8609 operating as New Wilmington Slaughterhouse. While doing antemortem inspection I observed that several animals where in pens with no water buckets and all the water buckets that where available in pens where empty. I notified (b)(6) (b)(6) of the issue and he immediately start corrective actions. This is a non compliance with 313.2(e). These animals where delivered to the establishment on January 15, 2020. There was a NR written for the same issue on Dec 2, 2019, their further corrective action, the Establishment had issued a notice to all customers bring animals in for slaughter that there would be an additional charge for not leaving water in the pens with their animals, was ineffective.</p>	CLOSED

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M8615+P8 615	Musselman's Meats LLC	KAG000 701261 5N-1	01/15/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	HATS Category VIII: Stunning EffectivenessOn 1/15/2020 at approximately 0752 hours during active slaughter operations, (b)(6) and I heard the following noncompliance. During the stunning process of a market hog in the stun box, we heard the captive bolt fire and immediate vocalization (screaming) by the hog. We then ran to the stun box and observed the hog still standing with a mark on the top of the head where the captive bolt was applied. The first attempt with the hand held captive bolt was ineffective in rendering the animal unconscious. The establishment took immediate corrective actions by firing a loaded rifle. This second attempt rendered the hog unconscious. I notified (b)(6) of the non-compliance.	CLOSED

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M8633	Ted's Meat Market	IFD331 301082 8N-1	01/28/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III - Water and Feed Availability - 9 CFR 313.2At approximately 9:30 am, while performing antemortem inspection in the holding pens on 2 cattle and 1 sow presented for slaughter, (b)(6) and (b)(6) (b)(6) noticed a sow in holding/suspect pen 1 that did not have access to water. This pen is not equipped with a water supply and there was no water vessel provided to the sow for drinking. (b)(6) (b)(6) informed Teddy Palumbo of the Humane Handling noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2(e) - Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens. (b)(6) responded that the sow was with the group of hogs in holding pen 4 overnight since arriving Monday evening from the New Wilmington Sales Barn. Tuesday morning around 8 am., while unloading 3 cattle for slaughter from a trailer that arrived, the sow started fighting with some of the hogs. Ted Palumbo said the sow was moved to holding/suspect pen 1 to allow for the offloading of 3 cattle from the trailer and to use parts of the holding pens to turn the cattle around for the runway. After the cattle were moved through the holding pens, water for the sow was overlooked. Holding pen 4 where the other hogs are held has water nipples for the hogs to drink. After being informed of the noncompliance, water was provided by the establishment to the sow at approximately 10:00 am in the pen using a short plastic barrel.</p>	CLOSED

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M8916+P8 916	St. Joseph Meat Market	LZC471 502540 5N-1	01/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(3)	<p>On Monday, January 13, 2020, at approximately 0945 hours, while performing review/observation in HATS category VIII (stunning effectiveness) on the slaughter floor, I (b)(6) (b)(6) observed the following non-compliance: application of the hand-held captive bolt (HHCB) stunner to a large pig in the chute did not produce immediate unconsciousness, with the animal remaining standing. The pig did not vocalize or move away from the stunner, and no bleeding was observed from the hole in the skull or from the nose. Using a second pre-loaded HHCB stunner, the employee immediately applied a second stun lateral to the location of the first stun but the pig remained standing and did not struggle, vocalize or bleed. Employee immediately applied a third stun laterally to the opposite side of the original stun, which was effective in producing immediate unconsciousness. (b)(6) was informed of the noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.15 (a) (1). As this was the last animal of the week, a U.S. Reject tag was not applied. Examination of the skull after the carcass was split revealed that the first two stun attempts had failed to penetrate the frontal sinus. After discussion with Mr. Hoffarth and Mr. Harvey Pfannenstien, establishment owner, they verbally provided preventive measures that they plan to implement immediately.</p>	OPEN

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M9041+P9 041+V9041	G&G Enterprises, Inc.	PTE081 703011 2N-1	03/12/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.16(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII: Stunning Effectiveness, 9CFR 313.16(a)(1) No IPP were on the slaughter floor because slaughter floor personnel were utilizing a firearm to stun an animal. At 1:20pm, a 22-magnum firearm was heard discharging the first stun attempt followed by immediate vocalization of a beef steer. IPP entered the kill floor to observe (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) applying a second stun attempt with a 22-magnum. The animal was immediately rendered unconscious after the second stun attempt. A US Reject tag was placed on the stun box (# B34617524). Plant Manager, Roger Huck was verbally notified of the inhumane handling incident. After the head was skinned, two penetrating stun holes were observed. There are no other non-compliances for the same cause within the last 90 days. The Denver District Office was contacted via supervisory channels.</p>	CLOSED

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M9264+P9 264+V9264	Malco's Buxton Meat Co	QSH531 402052 1N-1	02/19/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	<p>HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness On 2/19/2020 at approximately 1350 hours (b)(6) was verifying Stunning Effectiveness and observed the effective stunning of four of the fifteen goats in the stun box prior to proceeding to the slaughter floor. The establishment employee stunned 15 goats in the stun box consecutively with a hand-held captive bolt (HHCB) device. After the 15 goats were all stunned, and the box metal gate was partly lifted, a plant employee began using a knife to exsanguinate the goats prior to shackling and hoisting. At this time I observed one of the goats standing and begin walking and looking at its surroundings. I observed a hole surrounded by splattered blood in the back of the goat's head from the HHCB. I immediately notified establishment personnel of the goat exhibiting signs of consciousness, at the same time that, Gene Malkovsky, Establishment Owner, observed the event. Mr. Malkovsky went outside, retrieved the HHCB, returned to the kill floor and guided the goat back into the stun box where the successful stun was applied. During this time the goat was standing and looking at its surroundings and the people on the kill floor and took a few small steps. The goat did not vocalize. I stopped stunning operations by applying U.S. Reject tag #B30449331 to the stun box and immediately contacted the Denver District Office via supervisory channels. There have not been any noncompliance records for the same root cause issued within the past 90 days.</p>	CLOSED

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M9265+P9 265	Marks Meat Inc.	CFJ081 702521 1N-1	02/11/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.15(a)(1)	HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness On February 11, 2019, at approximately 8:29 am, I (b)(6) was observing the stunning effectiveness and consciousness on the rail on the slaughter floor. The stun operator applied the first stun attempt with the orange handled pistol style hand-held captive bolt (HHCB) device. I heard the HHCB device fire and observed the shell eject. The animal immediately went down on all four legs and then stood back up on its four legs and turned around in the stun box. I observed the lamb was bleeding through its nose and mouth. Benjamin Meyer, Plant Manager, immediately turned the sheep around and within the stun box and the stun operator applied a second stun attempt with the large backup HHCB, which immediately and effectively rendered the sheep unconscious. I observed two stun holes in the sheep's head. I stopped stunning operations by applying U.S. Rejected tag #A1281821 to the stun box and immediately contacted the Denver District Office via supervisory channels.	CLOSED
M9368	Zrile Bros. Packing Co.,Inc	GCI221 201291 3N-1	01/13/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	On 01-13-2020 while performing a Livestock Humane Handling Verification, the following noncompliance was observed by (b)(6) (b)(6). Water was not available to the animals (lambs) that were kept in pens 4 and 5. Marko Zrile (Co-Owner) was notified of this finding. This finding represents the Establishments inability to comply with 9CFR 313.2(e) (summary) "Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens...". This document serves as written notification that failure to comply with regulatory requirements could result in additional regulatory and/or administrative action.	CLOSED

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M9548+P9 548	Wayne Nell & Sons Meats Inc.	ODJ481 001420 6N-1	01/06/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	HATS Category III Water and Feed Availability On January 6, 2020, at approximately 11:05 hours, I observed noncompliance while performing a Livestock Humane Handling verification task in the animal holding pens at establishment M9548. I observed that there were two lambs in the gated area in the center and they had no access to water. The water barrel with nipple in this area was empty and dry. The establishment was slaughtering hogs at that time, so the lambs were not in line for slaughter. I notified a slaughter employee and he promptly filled the water barrel. I informed Mr. Shane Nell, Owner, of the establishment's noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2(e). The establishment received verbal and written notification of its failure to comply with regulatory requirement.	CLOSED
M9548+P9 548	Wayne Nell & Sons Meats Inc.	ODJ471 002452 0N-1	02/20/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.30(a)(1), 313.30(a)(3)	HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness On February 20, 2020, at approximately 1045 hours while performing humane handling verification activities at Establishment M9548, I observed the following Noncompliance. The Establishment moved a large sow into the stun box for stunning with an electric stunner. The sow was standing freely in the stun box. The Stunner, standing on the platform above, made the first stunning attempt with the electric stunner. The stunning attempt contacted the head as evidenced by the sow falling to the ground but the sow immediately began scrambling to get up and vocalizing loudly. The stunner took immediate corrective action by delivering a second electrical stun to the head which made the sow insensible. (b)(6) was notified of the Noncompliance and the Establishment's failure to adhere to the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.30 (a)(1) and 313.30(a)(3).	CLOSED

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M9581	Livingston's Packing Co.	KND50 100223 19N-1	02/19/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.1	At Livingston's Packing Co. establishment 09581 on February 19, 2020, I, (b)(6), found the following non compliance at about 0815. While performing ante mortem inspection, I noticed that the bottom board, on the wall dividing pen 2 and pen 3A, was being pushed out and only attached at one end of the wall in pen 3A. The second board from the bottom was completely missing. I immediately notified plant manager, David Livingston, and he immediately moved the six swine into pens 4 A and B to prevent any injuries. The swine were not injured in any way. I made David aware that this is not in compliance with 9 CFR 313.1. I put a USDA Rejected tag #B28 050689 and #B19 070471 on pen 2 and pen 3A until the pens are back in compliance.	CLOSED

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M960	Greater Omaha Packing Co., Inc.	PEE361 103501 2N-1	03/12/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III On March 12, 2020 at approximately 0550 hours, I was walking down the center alley way in the barn to begin cattle inspection when I observed that 17 of the 20 holding pens, all with cows in them (including the West alley), did not have any water in the troughs. Pens one, fifteen, and sixteen had approximately one inch of water in the trough. The other pens did not have any water available for the cattle being held within. At approximately 0552, I spoke with (b)(6) (b)(6) who stated he already contacted maintenance, but the problem and resolution were not known at that time. This failure of the establishment to meet the requirements of regulation 9 CFR 313.2(e) is being documented as a noncompliance. At approximately 0635, the water was back on and the water troughs were beginning to fill back up. During the time it took to resolve the issue, I remained in the barn in order to maintain regulatory control. (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) were verbally notified that I would be documenting this incident in a written noncompliance record.</p>	CLOSED
M9646+P9 646+V9646	Stoney Point Inc.	AUG47 070141 03N-1	01/03/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III Water and Feed Availability On 01/03/2020 at approximately 0800, while observing the animal holding pens during her DVMS. visit, (b)(6) observed an outside pen with 12 lambs with no access to water. The water container was on its side empty and dry. (b)(6) was informed of the noncompliance. The lambs had been moved to an inside pen with water. This is a compliance with 9 CFR 313.2(e).</p>	CLOSED

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M9646+P9 646+V9646	Stoney Point Inc.	AUG48 060315 05N-1	03/04/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>HATS Category III Water and Feed Availability</p> <p>On March 4, 2020, at 12:27 hours, I observed noncompliance while performing a Livestock Humane Handling verification task in the animal holding pens at establishment M9646. I observed that there were two lambs in the outside pen with no access to water. They were in an area separated by a partition gate chained to the wall. There was a water tub at the other side of the gate, but they could not reach it because of the distance. There were no establishment employees in the proximity of the pen at the time. The lambs were unattended. The establishment was slaughtering beef at the time, so the lambs were not in line for slaughter. I entered the kill floor and notified (b)(6), of my finding. He promptly went out and opened the gate to provide access to water for the lambs. I also notified Mr. Mike Chrismer, Plant Manager. This is not in compliance with 9 CFR 313.2(e). The establishment received verbal and written notification of its failure to comply with regulatory requirements. This NR is associated with NR number AUG4707014103N for similar findings.</p>	CLOSED

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M995	Swift Pork Company	RKE201 202102 7N-1	02/27/2020	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	313.2	<p>While performing a HATS verification task at Est. M995 on 27 February 2020, I, (b)(6) SPHV, observed the following: at approximately 1245 hours a plant employee driving market hogs in the serpentine was using a rattle paddle incorrectly and in an inhumane manner. He was striking hogs with both the flat and edged side of the paddle forcibly, bringing the paddle above his shoulder in most instances. He was striking animals indiscriminately whether they were moving or not. He did not use the rattle to try and move stationary animals, nor were alternative strategies such as striking a hog board or serpentine wall to make noise used to encourage the hogs to move. This use of an alternative object, in the opinion of this inspector was excessive. Per 9 CFR 313.50 (b) a U.S. rejected tag No. B-45199582 was applied to the alleyway leading to the stunning area. Management, represented by (b)(6) (b)(6) responded by immediately removing that employee from his position handling animals and replacing him with a employee well-trained in the humane handling of livestock. She proffered that the entire animal handling crew would be retrained in paddle use and animal handling. The tag was removed at 1257 hours.</p>	CLOSED