ANTE MORTEM INSPECTION PROCESS

Verify the establishment responsibilities
- Facilities (good repair, properly arranged)
- Suspect pen (covered)
- Identification of animals (e.g., pen cards)
- Lighting (adequate)
- Adequate number of employees
- Water available in all holding pens

Observe:

At Rest
- various locations
- behavior
- abnormalities

In Motion

For signs of disease in the Regulations
- Body position
- Body condition
- Swelling
- Lesions, Etc

Dispose:

Pass for slaughter
- Wholesome, Not adulterated

Suspect
- FSIS Tag
- Suspect pen
- Examination → Pass
- Examination → Suspect
  - Slaughter separately
  - FSIS Form 6150-1
- Examination → Condemn
  - Change # on Pen Card

Condemn
- Dead in suspect pen
- Permit est. to treat the animal

Dead, dying, diseased, disabled
- FSIS Tag
- Humanely killed (out of est.)
- Ensure proper disposition:
  - denature / off premise rendering
  - on-premise rendering (animals for slaughter)

Questions

Unwholesome Adulterated

Holding Pens