

SPRINGS SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IHB416193

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street:
Suburb: KLIPSPRUIT
Postal Code:
Inspector: CHARNE HAND
Date of Inspection: 2025-02-03
Time of Inspection: 11:31

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: TRUMAN SHABALALA
Company: AKUPHA FARMING
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2: 0765027987

REPORT

Access Granted By: TRUMAN SHABALALA
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: No
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: CHARNE HAND 2025-02-24 09:27

CHECKLISTS

General Report Comments: Upon arrival Inspector le Roux and I saw piles of chicken carcasses outside every poultry house. No forms of biosecurity were available. Barely any staff were present. After several minutes of waiting the manager, Mr Shabalala, met with us and explained that the farm is a contract farm with Daybreak Foods and that Daybreak supply the farm with feed; however, no feed has been delivered for several days. Apparently Daybreak were having shortages of raw materials to produce feed. In the meantime, the chickens have been starving, dying and/or cannibalising each other. Mr Shabalala allowed us to enter House No 1 to inspect the severity of the matter. We were shocked to find that there were multiple dead chickens within, and that many were eating each other whilst still alive. The chickens being eating had gaping wounds from their behinds. Some chickens were even pecking at their own backsides. We informed Mr Shabalala that the compromised chickens would need to be culled to end their suffering.

NSPCA was notified and whilst waiting for more inspectors to arrive, Inspector le Roux and I started culling compromised chickens. Eventually NSPCA arrived and staff from Daybreak Foods. The staff from Daybreak started showing resistance; however, culling continued until late at night. In the late afternoon, one truck of feed was delivered. When the food started entering the houses, the chickens began trampling each other by the feed containers. Some chickens died due to this.

ACTIONS

OTHER Culled approx. 4000 chickens.

REPORT OUTCOMES