

SPRINGS SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IHCQ08474

Complaint Reference No.

Building: FARMERS MEAT MARKET ABATTOIR
Street: 40 WITBANK ROAD
Suburb: SPRINGS AH
Postal Code: 2210
Inspector: CHARNE HAND
Date of Inspection: 2025-03-20
Time of Inspection: 10:01

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: JOHANNES DAVIES BOTHA
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2: 0763869881

REPORT

Access Granted By: JOHAN BOTHA
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: CHARNE HAND 2025-03-26 10:06

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	All animals are confined in lairages before slaughter.
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	

General Report Comments: Upon arrival Mr Botha was standing outside with the veterinarian Dr Andreou and the Quality Control Manager Miss Monica Muranganda. After greetings and introductions, Mr Botha informed me that the State Vets audited the abattoir about a week prior and found several concerns. Mr Botha further informed me of the pig stun box that was malfunctioning and that they replaced the entire box and calibrated it. Miss Muranganda and I then started the inspection. I was shown the new stun box with parameters set on 200V and 8 seconds. I observed the stunning, timing the seconds which averaged 8.46 seconds. The stunning apparatus was placed on the pigs in the correct position behind the ears. No burn marks from the stunning apparatus could be seen on the flesh behind the ears when the carcasses were examined. The stunning was consistently effective rendering pigs unconscious with no corneal reflexes. The stun to cut time averaged 18.56 seconds. The pigs were slaughtered using the sticking cut method. The knives were interchanged between each pig and sharpened after every two pigs. The bleed out time was well beyond 6 minutes by the time the carcasses were moved into the scalding water bath.

Pigs being ushered into the stun box from the raceway were handled humanely, with the use of an empty feed bag being waved behind the pigs. Production stopped at 11am and all pigs that were in the raceway were taken back into their lairages where they could have access to water. All water nipples were in good working order, and all lairages containing pigs had water sprayers that were on. Fly traps were found throughout on the outside of the holding areas. No cattle or sheep were present, as they had all been slaughtered already earlier in the morning. During my inspection of the lairages, Anton from maintenance joined me. He informed me that with the coming long weekend his plan is to do some maintenance of the grids in the cattle lairages. Although maintenance of the grids was scheduled for the weekend, no protruding or broken grids were noted in the lairages or cattle raceway. I was then shown the drain near the cattle lairages that was blocked and green with algae when the State Vets conducted their audit. Anton informed me that they arranged for the drain to be emptied and cleared. There was no waste overflow seen or green algae growth. Anton then showed me the top of the loading ramp. He informed me that the State Vets mentioned covering the sides of the ramp box which had been done. Solid metal sheets were welded onto the sides of the ramp box. Just after being shown the ramp, a truck arrived to offload pigs. I observed the entire process of offloading. The offloading started on the top story of the truck. The ramp was adjusted to fit the truck's offloading ramp. The angle was not too steep and the pigs could comfortably offload. The abattoir worker ushering the pigs out the truck handled the pigs humanely and waved an empty feed bag behind the pigs to get them to move forward. No injured pigs were offloaded and no DOAs were present.

ACTIONS

NO ACTION REQUIRED

REPORT OUTCOMES

NO WELFARE CONCERNS FOUND - N

NO CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE APA -

CASE FINALISED - NFA

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

750 x PIGS (PIG) - UNSTERILISED CONDITION: SATISFACTORY