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# Audit Report

## Beef Animal Welfare Transportation Addendum

**Iowa Premium, LLC**

3337 L Avenue  
Tama, Iowa 52339

**Audit Date:** November 14, 2023

**Auditor:** Curtis Pittman

Audit criteria are based on the January 2021, NAMI Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines - Please refer to Guidelines for further explanation of criteria requirements.



## Audit Summary

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Audit ID:	AO-007424
Audit Date:	November 14, 2023
Audit Type:	Unannounced
Audit Result:	Passed

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Category	# Points Received	# Possible Points	Percentage (%)
Transportation Policy & Preparedness for Receiving Animals (Core Criteria 1)	100	100	100.00
Setup and Loading of Trailer (Core Criteria 2)	100	100	100.00
Timeliness of Arrival & Unloading (Core Criteria 3)	100	100	100.00
Falls at Unloading (Core Criteria 4)	100	100	100.00
Electrical Prod Use at Unloading (Core Criteria 5)	100	100	100.00
Condition of Animals (Core Criteria 6)	100	100	100.00
Willful Acts of Abuse (Core Criteria 7)	100	100	100.00
<b>Overall Score</b>	700	700	100.00

\*\* Denotes a Core Criteria.

Any failure of a Core Criteria or a score below 90% results in an Automatic Audit Failure.

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## Score

Result

### Score Summary

	#Cattle in Question	Total Cattle Observed	Percent Acceptable
Electric Prodding ( prodded) - Unloading	0	132	100
Slips (slipped) - Unloading	0	132	100
Falls (fell) - Unloading	0	132	100

### Comments

The site harvested 157 head per hour during a single ten hour shift, harvesting approximately 1,200 head per day, five to six days per week.

## 1 Transportation Policy & Preparedness for Receiving Animals (Core Criteria 1)

Result

**1.1** A written animal welfare policy for transporters hauling livestock to the facility must be in place. An in-house policy, a policy referencing the Canadian Livestock Transporter Certification Program, BQAT, or a combination of these may be used. yes

Comment: Transporters were made aware of Iowa Premium/National Beef humane guidelines through the Head Count Verification form, which was required to be signed during each delivery. Drivers were required to be BQAT certified and abide by Iowa Premium/National Beef, and USDA cattle welfare requirements. BQAT cards were checked at security for all trucks allowed onto the premises

**1.2** Must provide extreme temperature management tools for both hot and cold weather. In hot weather air movement or other temperature management tool such as natural ventilation or keeping trucks moving. yes

Comment: Pens were fully covered and had drop curtains for regulating ventilation. Pens were equipped with sprinklers. Portable fans were available if required. Trucks were required to keep moving in hot weather, and slats were required during colder weather months. Cattle observed were comfortable during this assessment.

**1.3** A policy is in place assisting in the arrival management process, minimizing the waiting time at the plant, (plant should have the lairage space and personnel to meet the requirements of the policy). Note any extenuating circumstances if written policy is not met at the time of the audit. yes

Comment: The Iowa Premium Cattle Welfare Program defined the arrival management process. Deliveries were scheduled for a window of arrival time to avoid excessive waiting. Based on the current average live weight, barns could hold approximately 850 head of cattle.