



Assessing Fairground Animal Facilities

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Areas of Assessment

- Are there problems with your fair facilities for livestock?
- Are you able to properly move livestock safely at your fair?
- Are your facilities outdated for today's livestock?



Common SOPs & Site Requirements

SOP= Standard Operating Procedures

- Site should have a National Premises Number
- Each building should have signage
- Signage should include Zero Tolerance Policy
- Mechanism in place to report any act of abuse
- Emergency Contact Information
- Biosecurity requirements
- Caretaker training (Pork Quality Assurance, Beef Quality Assurance)
- Feeding and watering protocols
- Veterinary location and contact information

Buildings & Equipment Needed

for Good State of Repair, to Prevent Injury

- Penning
- Flooring
- Chutes
- Alleys and walkways
- Wash racks / fitting areas
- Feeders
- Waters
- Handling equipment
- Show ring, placement pens



Building Environment

- Proper air quality for animals and people
- Adequate air flow to maintain proper thermoregulatory behavior
- Proper flooring for each species
- Proper gating for each species
- Adequate space allowance (for animals, caretakers and spectators)
- Proper access to feed
- Proper access to clean water
- Dry space to lay down
- Proper pest control (rodents and flies)

Unloading & Loading

- Chutes and trailers
- Proper flooring type for each species
- Proper cleat spacing for size and species
- No possible areas that could cause injury – to persons or animals
- Properly aligned chute with trailer
- Trailer in good state of repair
- Properly equipped for weather
- Properly equipped for species and phase of production
- Loads not overcrowded

Show Ring & Persons Showing

- Proper hygiene – pen / stall, walkways, showring and showpersons
- Proper flooring for each species in all areas (dust control)
- Proper staging and show ring entrance area
- Proper size show ring for number in class / species type
- Proper penning when placing swine class or tying of cattle
- Proper showing equipment for each species; showpersons and show ring staff
- Proper showmanship in and out of show ring
- Proper audio equipment – in barns and show ring
- Proper show ring support staff to assist showpersons and judge
- Appropriate crowd control for entering arena and viewing of show



Questions & Discussion