

G.A.P.'s Animal Welfare Standards Audit Prep Tool

Meat Sheep/Goat Collection Points v1.1

When Should I Use the Audit Prep Tool?

The purpose of this tool is to provide meat sheep/goat collection points with a simple checklist to help identify where they may have issues with compliance to G.A.P.'s Animal Welfare Standards for Meat Sheep/Goat Collection Points v1.1. While this Audit Prep Tool covers many of the key requirements in our Meat Sheep/Goat Collection Point Standards, it does not cover every standard. Using this tool does not guarantee that you will pass an audit, but should help you prepare for one. This tool can be used if you are preparing for a new audit or if you are getting ready for a renewal audit. Being prepared for the audit helps to identify and resolve issues before the auditor visits your collection point, which in turn, helps the certification process go more smoothly.

Who Should Complete It?

Since this Audit Prep Tool was designed to help you get organized for your audit, it would be most beneficial if it were completed by the person(s) responsible for managing the collection point and/or an animal caretaker.

How Do I Know if My Collection Point Might Have Issues with Compliance?

This tool covers the core requirements through a series of yes/no questions. If you tick the shaded green boxes, then there is a good chance that you are in compliance with the Standard. In certain circumstances, a specific standard may not apply to your system, in which case you will also have the option to tick the 'NA' box. If you tick any non-shaded boxes, or are uncertain about any of the questions, we recommend reviewing our resources in the Meat Sheep or Meat Goat area of the G.A.P. website or checking in with your certifier for additional help before scheduling the audit.

Where Can I Get More Help?

You can find additional information, including additional resources and templates, on the Meat Sheep and Meat Goat area of the G.A.P. website. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your certifier or the Farm Animal Welfare team (standards@globalanimalpartnership.org) at G.A.P.

Requirements

		Yes	No	NA
COLLECT	ION POINT STANDARDS			
C1.1	Certification			
C1.1.1	Do you have a way to segregate G.A.P. and non-G.A.P. animals?	0	0	0
	Do you have a way to segregate G.A.P. animals with different Step levels?	0	0	0
	Is your segregation plan written down?	0	0	0
C1.2	Employees			
C1.2.1	Do you have a training program for all employees that:			
	a. Is written and/or hands-on	0	0	
	b. Is presented in employees' language	0	0	
	c. Covers individual's responsibilities	0	0	
	d. Describes normal and abnormal sheep/goat behavior	0	0	
	e. Covers emergency procedures	0	0	
	f. Is provided before the individual handles sheep/goats	0	0	
	g. Is on-going	0	0	
C1.3	Condition and Monitoring of Animals			
C1.3.1	Do you check sheep/goats at least twice a day?	0	0	
C1.3.2	If a sheep/ goat arrives with one of the following conditions, is it immediately euthanized			
	on the truck?			
	a. sick, injured, weak, disabled or fatigued	0	0	
	b. a lameness score of 2*	0	0	
	c. a body condition score <2**	0	0	
C1.3.3	If a sheep/goat develops one of the following conditions on site, are they either			
	euthanized or given additional care?			
	a. sick, injured, weak, disabled or fatigued	0	0	
	b. a lameness score of 2*	0	0	
	c. a body condition score <2**	0	0	
	* see Appendix I for Goats and Appendix II for Sheep in the Standards			
	** see <u>Appendix III for Goats and Appendix IV for Sheep in the Standards</u>			
C1.4	Feed and Water			
C1.4.1	Do all sheep/goats have continuous access to water?	0	0	
C1.4.2	If you keep sheep/goats overnight, are they fed?	0	0	0
C1.5	Shelter			
C1.5.1	Do you give sheep/goats shade, fans, or other ways to stay cool in hot weather?	0	0	0
	Do you give sheep/goats bedding, windbreaks, other ways to stay warm in cold weather?	0	0	0
C1.6	Handling			
C1.6.3	Do you use electric prods on sheep?	0	0	0
C1.6.4	If you use electric prods on goats, are they used:			
	a. Routinely	0	0	0
	b. As a last resort	0	0	0
	c. On the head, shoulders, or barrel	0	0	0
	d. On the hindquarters	0	0	0

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	e. By giving goats time to respond before it is re-applied	0	0	0
C1.7	Loading/Unloading			
C1.7.2	Do ramp slopes for the first trailer deck have more than a 20-degree incline?	0	0	0
C1.7.3	Are ramps designed to minimize slips and falls? (e.g., made with cleats, treads, or stair steps)	0	0	0
C1.8	Records			
C1.8.1	Do you keep records of each shipment of sheep/goats that includes: a. The name of the operation they came from b. Number and type of animals c. Step-level	000	000	
C1.9	Euthanasia			
C1.9.1	Are the people who perform euthanasia trained?	0	0	
C1.9.4	Does the person euthanizing sheep/goats remain with them until they are sure the animal is dead?	0	0	
C1.9.5	When you find a sheep/goat that needs to be euthanized, is it euthanized within 24 hours?	0	0	
C1.9.6	Do you euthanize sheep/goats using:			
	a. Firearm shot to the head	0	0	0
	 b. Penetrating or non-penetrating captive bolt (followed by exsanguination or pithing) 	0	0	0
	c. Anesthetic overdose	0	0	0
	d. Blunt force trauma	0	0	
	e. Other	0	0	
C1.9.8	Once you've euthanized an animal, do you take it out of the pen right away?	0	0	