

LAMENESS ASSESSMENT



Operation name: _____

Protocol:

Assess 100 birds from each flock 1 - 7 days prior to slaughter

Assess birds in 4 different locations

Watch one turkey walk at a time

(a gentle nudge from behind might be needed to get the bird moving)

Put a mark next to the lameness score observed

Flock ID: _____

Date: _____

Score 0	Score 1	Score 2
Normal	Moderately Lamé	Severely Lamé
Foot may or may not curl when lifted by the turkey Smooth gait typically with even steps that may be uneven at times Well-balanced Able to walk quickly and/or run Difficult to identify any abnormality when walking or running	Uneven gait Foot does not curl when lifted by the turkey Irregular, short strides Poor balance The turkey: ~ may use one or both wings to help balance while walking ~ squats within 15 seconds of standing or being forced to move by gentle nudging ~ may lie down after several steps	The turkey: ~ is reluctant or unable to move, or shuffles on the ground if forced to move by gentle nudging ~ uses wings to help with movement ~ takes at most a few steps, if any

Location 1				
Bird #	Lameness Score			
	0	1	2	
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Location 2				
Bird #	Lameness Score			
	0	1	2	
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Location 3				
Bird #	Lameness Score			
	0	1	2	
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Location 4				
Bird #	Lameness Score			
	0	1	2	
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<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>Total number of Score 1 birds = _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B</p> <p>Total number of Score 2 birds = _____ x 2 = _____</p> <p>Lameness Sum = <i>(A + B = lameness sum)</i></p>	<p>GUIDANCE</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">If a flock's lameness sum exceeds the following thresholds, you must complete an intervention plan to reduce levels in subsequent flocks:</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Steps 1 and 2: 20 Step 3: 15 Step 4: 10 Steps 5 and 5+: 1</p>
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