



SPCA CERTIFIED Self-Assessment Checklist Turkeys

Farm name:

Person(s) conducting self-assessment:

Telephone number:

Date:

General Farm Details:

Type of Operation: Free-run Free-range Organic

Flock Size:

Total birds sold annually (# birds and/or kg):

Member Statement

As part of this self-assessment, I have carefully reviewed the SPCA Certified Standards for the Raising and Handling of Turkeys, relevant records from my farm and updated the required registration forms to reflect any changes to my operation. All information submitted to the Certification Body is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that additional unannounced visits by representatives of the SPCA Certified Labelling Program may be required, for which I hereby give my permission.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FARM SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST: TURKEYS

Space, Equipment, and Systems 2.1	Response	Comments
Feed & water availability checked daily; consumption checked daily	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Area around drinkers free of standing water or other signs of flooding	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Feeder & drinker heights checked daily and adjusted to bird growth when needed	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is anti-perch wire installed over feeders/water?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, is perch wire free of electricity? 	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Emergency water supply available (1 day)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Birds travel less than 4m to feed & water	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Type of feeder		
Feeder space (cm/bird or # of bells/pans per bird)		
Type of drinker		
Drinker space (cm/bird or # of nipples/bells/cups per bird)		

Feed Management & Nutrition 2.2	Response	Comments
Feed available at all times	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Feed free of mammalian & avian proteins	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
List of feed supplements provided	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed; <input type="checkbox"/> records attached
Feed ingredient breakdown & analysis provided	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed; <input type="checkbox"/> records attached
Current list of feed suppliers provided	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed
Assess and comment on feed quality, noting concerns regarding contamination or infestation.		

Water Management 2.3	Response	Comments
Fresh, clean water available	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Water quality monitored regularly (assess and comment on quality, noting any concerns regarding colour or odour)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Annual water test results available	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed; <input type="checkbox"/> records attached
List of water additives and application guidelines provided	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> / n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed; <input type="checkbox"/> records attached

Housing & Space Allowance 3.1-3.2	Response	Comments
Birds are housed in cages or on wire flooring	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Type of flooring		
All birds have access to well-drained resting area	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is operation considered free range? (if yes, be sure to complete section 3.7)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Facilities sanitized and prepared prior to receiving birds	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Bird density (in kg slaughter weight per m ² or ft ² , or birds/m ²)	
Flock thinning conducted? If yes, please explain.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>

Environmental Enrichment 3.3	Response	Comments
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Type of enrichments provided		
Enrichments provided to all groups	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Enrichments washed & disinfected, or disposed of, between flocks	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Litter 3.3.1

All birds have access to litter at all times	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Calculate and list % of floor space with litter	
Type of litter	
Litter condition (too wet (clumps), too dry (dusty), adequate, other)	
Average depth of litter	
Litter allows dust bathing	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Litter regularly replaced or topped up (list frequency)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>

Perches 3.3.2

Perching objects provided (list all types used)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
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Total horizontal perch space <u>and</u> calculated perch space per bird (m or ft)	
Deteriorated objects replaced	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Perches are at low and varying heights (should not exceed 41 cm high)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Wide perches available (e.g. bales, blocks, bricks)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Perches spread throughout indoor area	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>

Lighting 3.4	Response	Comments
List type of lighting used (full spectrum, natural, incandescent, etc.)		
Indoor light intensity during daylight hours (lux, at bird height – can you easily read a newspaper anywhere in the barn?)		
Light intensity during dark period – is it less than the light emitted from a full moon on a clear night?		
Lighting adjustable to simulate dawn & dusk	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> / n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hours of light provided every 24 hours		
Consecutive hours of darkness provided every 24 hours		
Light program records available	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed
Light control systems inspected regularly to ensure working order (list frequency)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Temperature 3.5	Response	Comments
Are birds distributed evenly throughout barn	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If not, are they gathered in close proximity to heat source? 	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If not, are they avoiding the heat source? 	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Daily maximum and minimum barn temperature records kept	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed
Temperatures taken at bird height	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Were temperatures ever above or below acceptable range (see Standard)? If yes, comment on how often.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Heating systems inspected regularly to ensure working order (list frequency)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Ventilation & Air Quality 3.6	Response	Comments
Ventilation system inspected regularly to ensure working order (list frequency)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventilation circulates fresh air indoors 	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhausts contaminants (e.g. dust) to barn exterior 	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal drafts, uniform air movement 	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humidity levels maintained (50-70%) 	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Weekly ammonia test records available?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Comment on number of tests over 20ppm		<input type="checkbox"/> test records viewed
All ammonia tests taken at bird height	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validator ammonia test result (in ppm) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas powered equipment used near barn air inlets 	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> / n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	

Free Range Production 3.7, 3.7.1	Response	Comments
Outdoor access occurs by 4 weeks of age	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum 8 hrs/day of outdoor access	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Periods of restricted access to outdoors documented, with reason	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed
Height of popholes (cm)		
Length of popholes (cm)		
Number of popholes		
Popholes evenly distributed along outdoor access wall(s)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Distance to a pophole from anywhere in the barn should be under 15m (49 ft). Is this the case?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Indoor housing sufficient for whole flock if necessitated due to government order	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does outdoor area have vegetation? Describe.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

List size of outdoor area (use hectares, acres, kg/m ² or lb/ft ²)	
Outdoor area is free of debris	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Range is well drained and maintained, including around any feed/water areas	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Bird density outdoors allows range/pasture to maintain vegetation	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> / n/a <input type="checkbox"/>
Range/pasture use/rotation allows for regrowth of vegetation	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> / n/a <input type="checkbox"/>
Feed & water accessible only to flock (i.e. inaccessible to scavengers)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> / n/a <input type="checkbox"/>
Range provides protection from ground and overhead predators? Describe type.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Range provides shade and shelter sufficient for whole flock	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>

Health Management 4.1-4.6	Response	Comments
Vet Client/Patient Relationship 4.1		
Farm owner has VCPR with licensed vet	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Flock Health Plans 4.2		
Stockpeople are familiar with flock health plan	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Monitoring Flock Health 4.3		
Flock inspected minimum of twice daily	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dead birds removed immediately	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Disease diagnostic performed when needed and records kept on file	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> append copy of records & vet report

Instances (or suspicion) of reportable disease in flock? If yes, describe. Y / N append copy of records & vet report

Managing Sick & Injured Birds 4.4

Sick or injured birds treated or euthanized immediately Y / N

Hospital area provided for birds undergoing treatment Y / N

Birds in hospital area monitored a minimum of 3 times/day Y / N

Medication and treatment records kept up to date Y / N records viewed; records attached

Flock lameness must be scored by Validator (see attached scoring form) Y / N completed lameness scoring form attached

Medications & Vaccines 4.5

Flocks are vaccinated (if yes, describe) Y / N

Antibiotics are added to feed or water? If yes, include supporting vet prescription. Y / N

Are homeopathics used to treat flock? If yes, list type and reason used. Y / N

Date of last veterinary visit and reason:

Culls & Mortalities 4.6

Culls and mortalities recorded daily and indicate cause/reason Y / N records viewed

Calculate total mortality (including culls) per production cycle

Did mortality ever exceed 0.5% of the flock in 24-hour period? Y / N

• If yes, was a vet investigation conducted? Explain: Y / N

Biosecurity 4.7-4.8	Response	Comments
Stockpeople are familiar with the Biosecurity Plan	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
All-in/all-out system used for restocking (each flock is same age and species)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Between flocks and before restocking:		
• Feed & water equipment flushed	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Barns and permanent fixtures cleaned/disinfected	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Litter and disposable enrichment objects replaced	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Mortalities disposed of in a way that prevents access by other animals	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Farmer keeps written records of all farm visitors (vets and Validators included)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• If yes, describe how record is kept	n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	
Visitors & staff required to wear appropriate footwear & clothing on site	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Foot dips or sanitation stations and hand sanitizer or hand wash stations are available at each barn	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Nuisance Animal Control 4.9	Response	Comments
Facilities monitored monthly for signs of rodent/bird/insect infestation	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Fly & insect population control used	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Describe: (fly paper, zap traps, etc.)		
Feed storage is rodent proof	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rodent control used? Describe method (& list frequency traps are checked, if applicable)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Wild bird control used? Describe method (& list frequency traps are checked, if applicable)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Rodents & birds found injured in traps are euthanized immediately	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Guardian animals used • List species, breed and number used	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Guardian animals appear in good health and form	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>

General Management	Response	Comments
Record Keeping 5.1		
Farm records (per Appendix A of Standard) up to date and available	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Records kept between assessments (the past 3 years, minimum)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	
Staff Knowledge and Training 5.2		
Staff can access & are familiar with <i>BC SPCA Standards for Turkeys</i>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Staff can access & are familiar with <i>Code of Practice for Turkeys</i>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Written Code of Conduct developed & communicated to staff	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Staff are provided with on-farm training on turkey behaviour, husbandry, and health	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Poultry Management 5.3-5.5	Response	Comments
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Physical Alterations & Identification 5.3-5.4
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Are any of the following performed:		
• Beak trimming	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Caponization	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Toe trimming	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• De-snooding	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Comb/wattle trimming; dubbing	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Hole punching (for ID)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Pinioning/de-winging	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Describe type of identification used for individual birds, if applicable	n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Purchase & Sale of Turkeys 5.5

Are birds purchased at auctions or markets?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• If yes: origin & history documentation for each bird is available	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	

Breed & population of flocks recorded	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Source of all purchases & sales recorded	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Year-end inventories of birds available	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Emergency Preparedness 5.6	Response	Comments
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Written emergency plan that covers flock care in event of a natural disaster, power outage, or mechanical failure is in place and reviewed with staff	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Emergency back-up generator or similar in place in case of power outage	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• System tested regularly (list frequency)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Facility/equipment maintenance & alarms inspected regularly to ensure working order (list frequency)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Waste storage facilities maintained to prevent contamination of streams / groundwater	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
A responsible employee is available to contact at all times in case of emergency	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
• Contact info readily available on site	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>

Pre-Transport	Response	Comments
Training & Preparation 6.1		
Hauler has SOP & Emergency Protocol	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Viewed and verified
Transport personnel have read & understand:		
• Health of Animals Act	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Codes of Practice re: Transport	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• SPCA Certified Turkey Standard	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Hauler SOP & Emergency Protocol	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Stockpeople briefed on trip details & related care requirements before transport	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Fitness of Turkeys for Transport 6.2		
Birds too sick/injured to be transported are euthanized on site	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Birds still in withdrawal period from medication are held back from transport	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Avoids loading wet birds in cold weather	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

Catching 6.3	Response	Comments
Feed & water available until catching? If not, describe:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Number of hours water is withdrawn prior to catching	n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Number of hours feed is withdrawn prior to catching	n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	
Catching contracted out If yes, name company:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Automated (mechanical) turkey catchers are used	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Feeders & waterers removed/lifted before catching	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Lights dimmed at time of catching	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Describe how turkeys are carried/held:		
Farm representative present during catching to observe protocols	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Death and injuries resulting from catching and loading are recorded	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> records viewed

Loading 6.4	Response	Comments
Transport containers used?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, are they loaded inside the barn?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Once loaded, all turkeys are upright, able to rest simultaneously, & have no parts protruding from container	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conveyors (if used) avoid tilting containers of birds	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/>	

Vehicle & area checked for loose birds prior to departure Y / N

Transport Conditions 6.5 **Response** **Comments**

Transport contracted out (if yes, list company) Y / N

Transport time under 12 hours Y / N

Transport density in containers (kg/m²)

Birds sheltered from wind & weather extremes while on trucks Y / N

Deaths and injuries resulting from transport recorded Y / N records viewed

Calculate and list average % of DOA's over all shipments in last year

Unloading & Placement of Poults 6.6 **Response** **Comments**

Farm staff on site at time of poult delivery to assess birds' condition Y / N

Euthanasia 7.1-7.4 **Response** **Comments**

Staff trained to recognize when euthanasia is appropriate & how to do it Y / N

List methods of euthanasia used (including size of birds for each type used)

Birds checked for consciousness after euthanasia is attempted Y / N

Euthanized birds removed immediately Y / N

Equipment kept clean & maintained (list frequency) Y / N

Mass depopulation plan in place Y / N

Slaughter & Processing Response Comments

Slaughter age (list in days or by weight)

Where are birds slaughtered/processed?
Provide name and contact information.

Producer has access to slaughter records Y / N

Processing facility follows a HACCP program Y / N

Processing facility classification (federal, provincial, other)

Product Traceability Response Comments

Certified products are labelled with SPCA Certified label Y / N

Copies of product logo attached to checklist / report

Products labelled free-range Y / N

Producer keeps processing facility receipts on farm Y / N

Other Animals On Site (if applicable) Response Comments

Note: this section applies to farm animals raised for their products, but which are not to be SPCA Certified

Species and Number of Animal(s)

Reason(s) for keeping the animal(s) – e.g. personal use, commercial use, etc.

Adequate food and water	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Well-maintained environment	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Animal(s) appear healthy	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>
Validator observations consistent with Member's Standard Operating Procedures	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>

Other Audits / Inspections

Since the previous SPCA Certified Assessment, have there been any audits / inspections from government or regulatory agencies (e.g. CFIA, provincial marketing board, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, etc.)? Y / N

If yes, list the name of the agency(ies), the date and the purpose of the visit:

Other Information	Response	Comments
Information contained in registration forms was accurate	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Barn / room diagrams are accurate	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Farm map represents an accurate picture of the farm	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Since the previous SPCA Certified Assessment, have non-compliance issues been verified as completed?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Since the previous SPCA Certified Assessment, have complaints been received?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	
- If yes, please explain how they	Y <input type="checkbox"/> / N <input type="checkbox"/>	

were rectified:

SPCA Certified Lameness Scoring Form

Instructions: Score a total of 100 birds from at least two opposite corners of the barn.

BARN #: _____ FLOCK SIZE: _____ FLOCK AGE: _____ STRAIN: _____

Score	Number / tally of birds	Total
0		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
	Total number of birds assessed:	

Overall Flock Mobility

Score →	0	1	2	3	4	5
Number of birds						
Percent (%) of birds assessed						

NOTE

Documents to append:

- Water quality tests
- Feed and water ingredients and additives
- Lameness assessment
- Product labels
- Mortality records
- DOA and condemnations report from processor
- Standard Operating Procedure and Emergency Protocol from hauler
- Other documentation, as requested above

Expanded Comments:

Notes / changes since last assessment: