

M44985	Bowman's Butcher Shop, LLC	12/10/2021	<p>HATS Category VIII- Stunning Effectiveness:</p> <p>Today, December 10, 2021, at approximately 9:43am, I, [REDACTED], was informed by[REDACTED] that the establishment took 2 shots to render a steer unconscious and was confirmed by a slaughter floor employee that the stunning required 2 shots. After the first shot was fired the employee took approx. 10 seconds to line up an accurate follow-up shot due to the movements of the steer.</p> <p>Upon inspection of the head, I observed two holes that clearly penetrated the skull. One of the holes appeared to be high, approx. 1 ½ inches from center. The second hole appeared to be directly in the center of the skull. Upon questioning, the head restraint was not used to prevent movement from the steer.</p> <p>The Establishment did not render the beef unconscious on the first shot, this is non-compliance with regulation 9 CFR# 313.16(a)(1). This noncompliance is similar to previous NR#ZOP3014112112N, Dated 11/12/2021.</p> <p>The establishments corrective/preventative measures response of re-educating employees on the importance of properly securing the head restraint and having one person operate the restraint while the other stuns the animal did not prove to be effective in preventing the reoccurrence of this non-compliance.</p> <p>This NR serves as written notification of the establishments failure to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.16 (a) (1). Continued failure to meet the regulatory requirements may result in additional regulatory and/or administrative action(s).</p>
M44985	Bowman's Butcher Shop, LLC	11/12/2021	<p>HATS Category VIII- Stunning Effectiveness:</p> <p>Today, November 12, 2021, at approximately 1130 hours, I, REDACTED and REDACTED, were informed by REDACTED that the establishment took 2 shots to render a heifer unconscious. Establishment Manager, Jose Gonzalez confirmed the stunning required 2 shots. Upon inspection of the head, I observed two holes that clearly penetrated the skull. One of the holes appeared to be high, aprox. 2 inches from center. The second hole appeared to be directly in the center of the skull.</p> <p>The Establishment did not render the beef unconscious on the first shot, this is non-compliance</p>

			<p>with regulation 9 CFR# 313.16(a)(1). This noncompliance is similar to previous NR#ZOP2007100321N/1, Dated, 10/21/2021. The establishments corrective/preventative measures response of re-educating employees on the proper stunning techniques and posting a diagram of proper stunning location was ineffective in preventing the reoccurrence of this non-compliance.</p> <p>After speaking with REDACTED, she indicated that the head restraint may not have been secured tightly and the head abruptly moved.</p> <p>This NR serves as written notification of the establishments failure to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.16 (a) (1). Continued failure to meet the regulatory requirements may result in additional regulatory and/or administrative action(s).</p>
M44985	Bowman's Butcher Shop, LLC	10/20/2021	<p>HATS Category VIII- Stunning Effectiveness</p> <p>On October 20, 2021 at approximately 1000 hours, I, REDACTED was informed by REDACTED, the establishment took two shots to render a steer unconscious. I was informed immediately after the incident occurred. Establishment Manager, Jose Gonzalez confirmed the stunning of the animal required two shots and the steer remained standing after the first shot. Inspector Northrup observed the establishment immediately taken the 2nd shot that rendered the steer unconscious. Inspecting the head, I observed two holes that clearly penetrated the skull. One of the holes appeared to be high and off center by approximately 1 inch. The establishment did not render the beef unconscious on the first attempt. This is a noncompliance with regulation 9 CFR 313.16(a)(1). A copy of this noncompliance will be supplied to the establishment for record keeping purposes.</p>

M44985	Bowman's Butcher Shop, LLC	8/12/2021	<p>On August 12, 2021, while performing a Humane Handling review and observation task to verify compliance with HATS Category III, Water and Feed Availability, I, REDACTED, observed the following: The barn held two beef in pen #1 and 20 lamb in a 2nd pen at the time of performing the task. The beef had a water container in the stall with wet straw in the bottom, no water was available to drink. The pen containing the lamb did not have water or a water container. This observance is noncompliant with regulation 9 CFR 313.2(e), which requires that water be accessible to livestock in all holding pens, and that animals held longer than 24 hours have access to feed. I informed two slaughter employees regarding my findings and I observed the employees supply the animals with water. I later informed REDACTED, Owner of the findings. This NR is similar to previous noncompliance #ZOP1309072516N/1, documented on 7/16/2021. The establishments preventive measures of instructing employees to periodically check pens to ensure animals always have access to water was either not implemented or ineffective in preventing reoccurrence of this noncompliance. Upon speaking with REDACTED, REDACTED on the reoccurrence of this noncompliance, she stated that she will specifically have her trained REDACTED in charge of visually verifying water availability at an increased frequency daily when animals are present. She also stated that she will immediately ensure that all water containers are properly secured to the pen so that animals held-over cannot tip them over or kick them around into another pen. A copy of this noncompliance will be supplied to the establishment for record keeping.</p>
M44985	Bowman's Butcher Shop, LLC	7/16/2021	<p>On 07/16/2021 at approximately 07:04hrs REDACTED observed the following non-compliance while performing Humane Handling. Upon entering the holding pen area REDACTED observed 3 cattle that were being held. During further observation REDACTED noted that the 2 cattle being held in the smaller pen did not have access to water due to the blue bucket in the pen was turned upside down. REDACTED was immediately notified of the non-compliance and the cattle were released from the smaller pen into the larger pen that had a container of water available. This is a non-compliance with 9 CFR 313.2 (e). 313.2 Handling of livestock. (e) Animals shall have access to water in all holding pens and, if held longer than 24 hours, access to feed. There shall be sufficient room in the holding pen for animals held overnight to lie down.</p>

M44985	Bowman's Butcher Shop, LLC	4/28/2021	<p>On April 28, 2021 at approximately 1220 hours, while performing the Livestock Humane Handling Verification Task on the Kill Floor, I, REDACTED, along with REDACTED, observed the following: A heifer was driven into the knock box and shot by REDACTED for the purpose of stunning. Immediately afterwards, REDACTED came out from the stunning area and released the animal from the knock box onto the Kill Floor to prepare it for hoisting. During this process, as REDACTED moved in to shackle the back legs, REDACTED and I observed that, although the animal was quiet at this point, it appeared to only be disoriented as there was back and forth movement of the eyes and the animal was attempting to right itself with its leg movement and by its rocking back towards the knock box. Being that this process was moving along very swiftly, the animal was shackled and partially hoisted when we called out to REDACTED letting him know that there was eye movement and that complete unconsciousness had not been achieved. At that point, REDACTED quickly retrieved the rifle, a .22 magnum, and shot the animal a second time. Afterwards, we pointed out that there was still eye movement, however, with the animal fully hoisted, REDACTED delivered the kill cut to the carotid artery/jugular vein. As he did so, we heard what sounded like a bellow coming from the animal as the cut was initially being made. Observations of the head after skinning revealed that one shot administered for stunning was properly located while the other was way off to the right above the eye. According to owner REDACTED, REDACTED believes that the first shot was on target and that the animal was unconscious, however, with the back and forth eye movement (even without evident tracking) along with the animal's attempt to right itself, the stunning process was shown to not be fully effective. For this reason, REDACTED was informed of the forthcoming Noncompliance Report at approximately 1230 hours. Following correlation with REDACTED, the eye movement observed after the animal was fully hoisted was determined to be nystagmus, which is not a sign of consciousness. The noise/bellowing we heard was determined to be residual noise produced when the animal expelled air over the vocal chords and was not an active bellow which would have been indicative of a conscious pain response. For this reason, the incident described is not being considered as egregious and no additional enforcement actions are currently being considered. This is noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.16(a)(3) which states: "Immediately after the firearm is discharged and the projectile is delivered, the animal shall be in a state of complete unconsciousness and remain in this condition throughout shackling, sticking and bleeding."</p>
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