

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Inspection Date	Description
M47273+V47273	Prairie Meats, Inc.	28-Jun-22	<p>At approximately 1000 hours, while verifying HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness, I/REDACTED REDACTED, observed the following noncompliance: A beef steer walked to the restrainer but would not place its head through the head restrainer. REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED, performed the first stunning attempt using a hand-held captive bolt device (HHCB) while the animal's head was out of the restrainer, looking up to the ceiling. The first stun attempt failed to render the animal unconscious, it was standing and bleeding was observed from the nose and skull area where the stun device was discharged. The establishment employee then used a second pre-loaded HHCB device to attempt a second stun, with the head of the animal inside the head restrainer. The second stun attempt also failed to render the animal unconscious, the animal was observed tracking the people around the restrainer with its eyes, the animal was still standing, and more bleeding was observed from the nose and skull area. The establishment employee then reloaded the hand-held captive bolt device and performed a third stun, the animal fully dropped to the floor, at which point it was verified insensible. REDACTED REDACTED then performed the sticking procedure to initiate bleed out. On post-mortem examination, three head wounds were observed. One hole was observed in the middle of the head right between the eyes. The second and third holes were in approximately the same location on the skull, one being 4 inches below the top of the poll and half an inch higher than the other one. I placed U.S. Reject tag number B40213046 on the restrainer and temporarily stopped slaughter operation. Also REDACTED REDACTED was verbally informed of my observations regarding the establishment's inability to render the animal unconscious with the first and second stunning attempt. The establishment failed to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) and 313.15(a)(3). I notified establishment management that I would be contacting the Des Moines District Office through supervisory channels for further guidance regarding possible enforcement action.</p>
M47273+V47273	Prairie Meats, Inc.	20-Apr-22	<p>At approximately 1100 hours, while verifying HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness, I/REDACTED REDACTED, observed the following noncompliance: A large lamb walked into the knock box that is usually used to kill cattle, standing freely with no manual head restrainer in use, the plant employee was holding the head of the animal with his left hand and the stunning equipment with his right hand. REDACTED REDACTED, REDACTED, stunned the lamb using a hand-held captive bolt device (HHCB), on the left lateral side of the head, caudal to the eye. Following the stun, the animal was still conscious. The lamb was still standing, breathing rhythmically, and exhibiting controlled head and eye movement. Bleeding was observed from the left lateral area of the skull where the stun device was discharged. The establishment employee then re-loaded the same HHCB device to attempt a second stun on the top of the skull. After the second stun the animal immediately dropped to the floor, and at about the same time an establishment employee walked to the knock box looking for signs of consciousness in the animal, and at which point I verified the animal was insensible. I placed U.S. Reject tag number B40213044 on the knock box and verbally notified REDACTED REDACTED, REDACTED, of my observations regarding the establishment's inability to render the animal insensible with the first</p>

			stunning attempt. The establishment failed to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1). I notified establishment management that I would be contacting the Des Moines District Office through supervisory channels for further guidance regarding possible enforcement action. After the establishment provided preventive measures, I removed my tag from restrainer.
M47273	Prairie Meats, Inc.	3/25/2022	At approximately 0800 hours, while verifying HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness, REDACTED, observed the following noncompliance: After the first stunning attempt by REDACTED, using a hand-held captive bolt device (HHCB) on a beef cow in the head restrainer, the animal was still conscious. The beef cow was still standing and vocalizing, bleeding was observed from the skull area where the stun device was discharged. The establishment employee then used a second pre-loaded HHCB device to attempt a second stun. After the second stun bleeding could still be observed from the wound, the animal's body didn't fully drop and no vocalizing was observed. At about the same time, an establishment employee walked to the left side of the animal and was looking for signs of consciousness. They proceeded to touch the eyes and noticed the eyes twitched with hand contact. The establishment employee decided to reload the HHCB and performed a third stun, at which point I verified the animal was insensible. It was the only animal that was scheduled for slaughter today. I placed U.S. Reject tag number B40213044 on the restrainer and verbally notified REDACTED of my observations regarding the establishment's inability to render the animal unconscious with the first stunning attempt. The establishment failed to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) and 313.15(a)(3). I notified establishment management that I would be contacting the Des Moines District Office through supervisory channels for further guidance regarding possible enforcement action. After the establishment provided preventive measures, I removed my tag from restrainer.
M47273	Prairie Meats, Inc.	11/23/2021	On November 23, 2021, approximately 0845 hours, while performing a Livestock Humane Handling task, Stunning Effectiveness (HATS Category VIII), the following regulatory noncompliance was observed:  I observed REDACTED. REDACTED (REDACTED) use a hand-held captive bolt to stun a steer in the head restrainer and the steer was moving his head. Following the shot, the steer was still conscious, as it was standing and vocalizing. Bleeding was observed from the skull area where the stun device was discharged and could be seen from the nose, and mouth. REDACTED immediately took the back up captive bolt and performed a second knock and the steer fell and stopped vocalizing. I verified that the steer was insensible. I then took regulatory control and stop the

			<p>knocking process.</p> <p>I informed REDACTED and REDACTED. REDACTED (REDACTED) and verbally informed them of the forthcoming noncompliance record.</p> <p>The establishment is not in compliance with regulation 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1).</p> <p>Continued failure to meet regulatory requirement can lead to enforcement actions as described in 9 CFR 500.4</p>
M47273	Prairie Meats, Inc.	9/16/2021	<p>At approximately 10:45 hours, while verifying HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness, I/REDACTED, observed the following noncompliance: After the first stunning attempt by REDACTED. REDACTED, REDACTED Assistant, using a hand-held captive bolt device on a steer in the head restrainer, the animal was still conscious. Bleeding was observed from the skull area where the stun device was discharged and could be seen from the nose, and mouth. The steer eyes were open, blinking and tracking movement. Also, the body of the animal did not fall completely down. The REDACTED then used a second pre-loaded hand-held captive bolt device to attempt a second stun. After the second stun bleeding and particles of brain tissue were coming out of the wound, at which point the animal was verified insensible. I verbally notified REDACTED. REDACTED of my observations and issuance of the Noncompliance Report. Establishment employees had taken immediate corrective actions and no enforcement action needed to be performed. The establishment failed to meet the regulatory requirements of 313.15(a)(1).</p>
M47273	Prairie Meats, Inc.	8/11/2021	<p>At approximately 7:30 hours, while verifying HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness, I/REDACTED, observed the following noncompliance: After the first stunning attempt by REDACTED. REDACTED., REDACTED, using a hand-held captive bolt device on a lamb in the head restrainer, the animal was still conscious. Bleeding was observed from the skull area where the stun device was discharged and could be seen from the nose, and mouth. The lamb moved its head, neck, and tracked objects around him. The REDACTED then used a second pre-loaded hand-held captive bolt device to attempt a second stun. After the second stun bleeding could still be observed from the wound, nose, and mouth. The lamb lost mobility of the head, the head and neck dropped, and it discontinued tracking objects with its eyes. The REDACTED took the lamb out of the restrainer and it regained consciousness, it stood up on four legs and walked around the harvest floor taking approximately six steps toward the nearby livestock pens. An REDACTED then restrained the lamb using his hands and legs while another REDACTED performed a third stunning attempt with a re-loaded hand-held captive bolt device. Bleeding continued to be observed from the stun wound, nose, and mouth. The lamb lost mobility and was dragged to the shacking area. At about the same time, an REDACTED touched the eyes and noticed the eyes twitched with hand contact. The REDACTED then reloaded the hand-held captive bolt device and performed a fourth stun, at which point the animal was verified insensible. The REDACTED then performed the sticking procedure to initiate bleed out. On post-mortem examination, two head wounds were</p>

			<p>observed. The wounds were in approximately the same location on the skull, just slightly overlapping. All wounds were approximately half-way between a line drawn between both ears and the medial canthus of the opposite eye. I placed U.S. Reject tag number B43041586 on the restrainer and verbally notified REDACTED. REDACTED of my observations regarding the establishment's inability to render the animal unconscious after multiple stunning attempts and allowing the lamb to regain consciousness. The establishment failed to meet the regulatory requirements of 313.15(a)(1), REDACTED, and REDACTED). I notified establishment management that I would be contacting the Des Moines District Office through supervisory channels for further guidance regarding possible enforcement action.</p>
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