

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Inspection Date	Description
M818+V818	HK Cooperative, Inc.	2-Sep-22	At approximately 1215 on September 2, 2022 while performing routine HATS activities in the barn at M818 REDACTED REDACTED made the observation herein. HATS category VI electronic prod/alternative object usage resulted in the following: an hourly establishment employee working in pen 11 which is used as the drive pen for hogs to the chute was observed to strike a market hog between the eyes with a rattle paddle. The employee was also observed to strike the previously mentioned market hog on the bridge of the snout with the rattle paddle. The hog vocalized both times after being struck on the face with the rattle paddle. This observation is non-compliant with 9CFR313.2 (b) which requires all implements used to drive animals be used in such a manner as to minimize excitement or injury. REDACTED, REDACTED, REDACTED, REDACTED, REDACTED, REDACTED, were all informed that a noncompliance record would be issued for the observation.
M818+V818	HK Cooperative, Inc.	12/15/2021	While walking through the barn, I, REDACTED, noted at least 3 hogs in various pens that were slipping while trying to get up. At first it was thought that it could be one specific hog that had stiffness, but once observing it in two other pens it was clear it was the condition of the floor. The floors in the pens had a 1 inch thick layer of fecal sludge in the front portions of the pens making them slick. This was observed by and discussed with REDACTED who explained that the establishment has future plans for better flooring in the new barn they are breaking ground on in April, but it could be a year or more until it is fully functional. The current flooring is less than ideal and could continue to be a concern until the new barn is functional.
M818+V818	HK Cooperative, Inc.	12/6/2021	At approximately 0820 hours on December 6, 2021 while conducting ante-mortem inspection, HATS category IV, in the barn at HK Cooperative, REDACTED made the observation contained herein. There was a loose board that was located between pens 2 and 3. The board was dropped down at one end into pen three at a level that created an opening where hogs could get their heads entrapped. This observation is non-compliant with 9CFR313.1 (a) which requires livestock holding pens to be maintained in good repair. The pen was tagged with US retain/Reject tag # B41225419. REDACTED and REDACTED were informed of the non-compliant finding.
M818+V818	HK Cooperative, Inc.	11/23/2021	Hogs managed to open a gate from pen REDACTED to pen REDACTED and walk into the stun room. The gates and doors in-between pen REDACTED and the stun room were all open. The coded door to the main building by the lard tanks was also open. They had chewed on electrical cords and one of the stunners. I placed U.S. Reject tag number B41225459 on this equipment to be further checked before use. It has since been re-inspected by establishment employees and the tag has been removed. The gate that the hogs opened does not latch. There is a metal bracket that rests against a post to "hold" the gate shut but it does not latch in any way.