

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Inspection Date	Description
M47200+V47200	Star Valley Meat Block	6-Sep-22	<p>HATS Category VIII: Stunning Effectiveness</p> <p>On September 6, 2022 at approximately 2:20 PM, I, the REDACTED acting as IPP, was performing a Raw-Intact HACCP Task in the production room. Custom exempt beef slaughter activities were being performed adjacent to the production room. I heard a firearm discharge three times in quick succession. I proceeded through the slaughter room and went outside to the stun box to directly observe the bovine. The bovine was turned around in the stun box and therefore was not contained in the head catch. I observed the bovine in sternal recumbency lifting its head and moving it side to side. The REDACTED had vacated the vicinity of the stun box and I observed the handgun in the basket used to hold handguns during operations. I climbed onto the catwalk over the alleyway to determine sensibility. The bovine continued to move his head and have a palpebral reflex. Three holes were readily visible in target range of the front of the skull. I asked the REDACTED to return to the stun box and apply a 4th stun attempt. The REDACTED retrieved the 9 mm handgun and applied a 4th stun. The bovine appeared insensible after the 4th stun attempt. There was a delay between when I heard the firearm first discharge and observed the final stun.</p> <p>The REDACTED was contacted, and the Denver District Management Team notified through supervisory channels. The establishment management was verbally notified that a Memorandum of Interview would be documented for inhumane handling of Custom Exempt Livestock.</p> <p>Custom exempt livestock slaughter operators must comply with the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) which specifies that all livestock are to be rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or an electrical, chemical, or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut. Further failure to comply with the HMSA may result in additional administrative actions.</p>
M47200+V47200	Star Valley Meat Block	29-Jul-22	<p>HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness On 07/29/2022 at approximately 0920 hours, I, the REDACTED, while performing HATS verification of stunning effectiveness, directly observed the establishment attempt to stun a beef cow in the stun box utilizing the head catch. The initial stun, applied with a 9 mm handgun with REDACTED, was ineffective at rendering the animal unconscious, as the animal remained standing; eyes were tracking; and the animal exhibited rhythmic breathing. There were no signs of distress or vocalization. The establishment REDACTED immediately applied a second stun attempt using the same 9 mm handgun. The second stun was immediately effective at rendering the animal unconscious, and the animal remained unconscious throughout the shackling, hoisting, and bleeding process. USDA Reject tag #B 41004707 was applied to the stun box and the Denver District Office was contacted through supervisory channels. The REDACTED was verbally notified of the noncompliance. Upon inspection of the dressed head, I observed two stun</p>

			holes had penetrated the skull within the target zone. This noncompliance record is being associated with NR# KVD1600073629N / 1 issued on 7/28/2022 for same root cause. The 9 mm REDACTED used in this event was chosen as a corrective action by the establishment in response to an ineffective stun on 07/28/22 using a 9 mm REDACTED. The establishment is currently operating under a Resumption of Voluntary Services. The establishment has recently implemented a robust systematic approach to humane handling and stunning of livestock.
M47200+V47200	Star Valley Meat Block	28-Jul-22	HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness On 07/28/2022 at approximately 1315 hours, I, the REDACTED, documented the following noncompliance. I was on the slaughter floor performing post-mortem inspection and heard a firearm discharge twice when the REDACTED attempted to stun an adult beef cow with a 9 mm handgun utilizing REDACTED. I moved into sight of the stun box and observed the conscious animal restrained in a head catch. The animal remained standing; eyes were tracking; there was blood dripping from the nose; and the animal exhibited rhythmic breathing. There were no signs of distress or vocalization. The establishment REDACTED immediately applied a third stun attempt with the same 9 mm handgun without needing to reload the firearm. The third stun was immediately effective at rendering the animal unconscious, and the animal remained unconscious throughout the shackling, hoisting, and bleeding process. I did not need to instruct the REDACTED to attempt to take immediate corrective actions. USDA Reject tag #B 245297040 was applied to the stun box and the Denver District Office was contacted through supervisory channels. The REDACTED was verbally notified of the noncompliance. Upon inspection of the dressed head, I observed three stun holes had penetrated the frontal bone. The metal jacket of the projectile was observed in the most caudal stun hole. The copper fragment was lodged within the frontal sinus, and I was not able to probe communication from the frontal sinus to the neurocranium. The more rostral stun holes had penetrated deeper into the skull. The head was not split for further assessment. This noncompliance record is being associated with NR#KVD5715050826N/1 issued on 5/25/2022 for same root cause. The establishment is currently operating under a Resumption of Voluntary Services. The establishment has recently implemented a robust systematic approach to humane handling and stunning of livestock.
M47200+V47200	Star Valley Meat Block	26-Jul-22	HATS Category VII - Slips and Falls On Tuesday July 26, 2022, at approximately 0925 hours I, the REDACTED, while performing a verification visit observed the following noncompliance. I was observing two establishment employees utilize a combination of rattle paddles and the animals' flight zones to drive one of the two cattle from the northwest holding pen into the chute then to the stun box. I observed the black steer slip at the entrance of the chute and fall onto his sternum and ventral abdomen with the animal's front legs stretching forward and its hind legs going out behind him. The animal immediately regained it's footing and proceeded up into the chute. I did not observe the animal to have sustained any injuries. I verbally notified the REDACTED that a noncompliance record would be issued for slips and falls. There have been no noncompliance records of the same root cause issued within the past 90 days.

M47200+V47200	Star Valley Meat Block	25-May-22	<p>HATS Category VIII: Stunning Effectiveness On 05/25/2022 at approximately 1200 hours, I, the REDACTED directly observed the establishment attempt to stun a bovine in the stun box utilizing the head catch. The initial stun applied with a 9 mm handgun was ineffective as I observed the animal remain standing with eyes tracking and rhythmic breathing. There were no signs of distress or vocalization observed. The handgun was already loaded with another round of ammunition and I observed the establishment REDACTED immediately apply a second stun attempt. The second stun was effective at rendering the animal unconscious. I observed the animal remain unconscious throughout the shackling, hoisting, and bleeding process. The Denver District Office was contacted through supervisory channels. Upon inspection of the dressed head, I observed two stun holes had penetrated the skull. There have been no noncompliance records issued within the past 90 days for the same root cause.</p>
M47200+V47200	Star Valley Meat Block	2/16/2022	<p>Livestock Inhumane Handling Event On 02/16/2022 at approximately 10:45 AM, while performing online slaughter inspection, I overheard the firearm discharge three times at the stun box located outside. I did not overhear any vocalizations and when I arrived at the stun box, the bovine was unconscious. The stun operator reported the initial stun applied with the pistol to the poll of the animal caused the bovine to drop but the animal continued to have a blink response. The establishment stun operator reported to have reloaded the pistol and apply a second stun attempt to the forehead and then a security stun. No regulatory control action was taken because the inhumane handling event was not observed by IPP. Upon review of the dressed head, I observed three stun holes had penetrated the skull. I verbally notified establishment management that an ineffective stun is a non-compliance with 9 CFR 313.16 (a) (1) The firearms shall be employed in the delivery of a bullet or projectile into the animal in accordance with this section so as to produce immediate unconsciousness in the animal by a single shot before it is shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut. The animal shall be shot in such a manner that they will be rendered unconscious with a minimum of excitement and discomfort. There have been no inhumane handling events for the same root cause within the past 90 days.</p>