

Section 6.3

Dead Stock Removal

REFERENCED IN THIS SECTION:

Number/ Identifier	Name	Importance
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RECORDS

R-2	Incident Report	
R-4	Monitoring Record	Mandatory
R-M	Mortality Record	

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DEAD STOCK REMOVAL

REQUIREMENTS

1. Dead pigs must be removed from the pen as soon as reasonably possible, at least daily.
2. Mortalities must be recorded on the Mortality Record (R-M) and kept on file for a minimum of 12 months or since the last validation.

The mortality record must include

- a. date of pig's death
- b. type of death (found dead or euthanized), and
- c. number of dead pigs.

For your convenience, a template for the Mortality Record (R-M) has been developed for you to use.

RATIONALE

- a. Removing dead stock from pens prevents the spread of pathogens that cause disease and cannibalism.
- b. Sick pigs are one of the main sources of pathogens that can spread to healthy pigs.

GUIDANCE

The following are recommended:

- a. Develop a Dead Stock and Waste Removal SOP (see SOP 8.10) that includes the following:
 - i. when the dead stock is taken out of the pen and when the waste is disposed of
 - ii. where the dead stock and waste is to be disposed of
 - iii. the type of equipment used to dispose of the dead stock and waste
 - iv. how the equipment used to dispose of the dead stock and waste is cleaned
- b. Have a freezer in the barn to store dead pigs. Dedicate specific storage containers inside and outside of the building (choose separate colours or identify the containers).
- c. Have watertight containers (e.g., garbage bins) so that the surrounding land and nearby sources of water cannot be contaminated by any leaking fluids. This also provides secure protection from rodents, insects and scavengers.
- d. Clean the dead stock waste containers regularly.
- e. Dedicate a particular vehicle to move dead stock to the storage location for rendering pick-up.
- f. Assign a pick-up schedule that will not cross paths with the movement or planned movement of other vehicles on-farm.
- g. Keep computer records (such as PigChamp) or sow cards to document mortality.

AUDIT QUESTIONS

Q#	Audit Questions and Interpretations	Verification			
		Compliant	NC-Minor	NC-Major	N/A
Q6.3.1	<p>Verify whether dead pigs or remains are removed from the pen as soon as reasonably possible, and at least daily.</p> <p>The following elements must be included in the Dead Stock and Waste Removal SOP (SOP 8.10):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> when the dead stock is taken out of the pen and the waste is disposed of? where the deadstock and waste is disposed of? what type of equipment is used to dispose of the deadstock and waste? how is the equipment used to dispose of the deadstock and waste cleaned? 	<p>Full and Partial Validation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ observation ➤ interview ➤ SOP 8.10: Dead Stock and Waste Removal (highly recommended) 			
	<p>Are dead pigs removed from the pen as soon as reasonably possible, and at least daily?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q6.3.2	<p>Verify that mortalities are recorded.</p> <p>Mortalities can be recorded on a record other than the Mortality Record (R-M) as long as all required elements are included</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> date of pig's death type of death (natural or euthanized) number of dead pigs 	<p>Full and Partial Validation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ R-M: Mortality Record 			
	<p>Are mortalities recorded?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

N/A = not applicable; SOP = standard operating procedure



LEVELS OF COMPLIANCE – EXAMPLES

COMPLIANT

- Mortalities are recorded.

MINOR NON-COMPLIANCE – Not applicable.

MAJOR NON-COMPLIANCE **Timeline: 60 days**

- Mortalities are not recorded.
- There is an unacceptable level of decomposition in the general population or in a pen.



DEVIATION MEASURES

- If dead pigs are seen in the pen, the designated personnel must remove them as soon as reasonably possible, at least daily.
- If mortalities are not systematically recorded on the Mortality Record (R-M), the designated person must ensure the R-M is completed, includes all required elements and is kept on file.

Complete record R-2 Incident Report.

