

Country report on animal welfare during slaughter

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There are more than 400 slaughterhouses in Ukraine:

Animal species	Number of slaughterhouses	Average throughput of slaughter animals per year	Basic stun techniques
Birds	94	More than 2000000	Electrical waterbath
Pigs	90	More than 5000	Head-to-Body electrical stunning
Big ruminants	180	More than 5000	Non-penetrative captive bolt device
Small Ruminants	5	More than 5000	
Other	5		Different Allowed Methods

Regulatory framework and competent authorities

Animal welfare legislation:

- ✓ Law of Ukraine "On State Control over Compliance with the Legislation on Food , Feed, Animal By-Products, Animal Health and Welfare»;
- ✓ Law of Ukraine "On Veterinary Medicine";
- ✓ legal acts approved in accordance with them.

The system of executive authorities in the field of animal welfare includes:

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

The central executive body that ensures the formation and implementation of state policy in the field of animal welfare

Central executive body that implements state policy in the field of animal welfare (Competent Authority)



Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine



State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (the SSUFSCP)

The main tasks of the state in the field of animal welfare are:

- ensuring the development, approval and implementation of requirements for animal welfare;
- ensuring the functioning of the system of training of personnel, facilities and testing of knowledge and skills in compliance with the requirements of the legislation on animal welfare;
- ensuring humane treatment of animals throughout their lives and during killing, in particular through state control in order to verify compliance with the requirements of legislation on animal welfare;
- ensuring that the measures are taken to eliminate the identified violations of the legislation on animal welfare;
- ensuring that the analyzing of compliance with the requirements of animal welfare legislation is carried out on a regular basis;
- ensuring the making and implementation of action plans to prevent violations of animal welfare legislation in the future.

National Animal Welfare Standards

By the Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine dated 29.08.2022 No. 628, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on October 14, 2022 under No. 1244/38580, the following was approved:

Requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals during slaughter and killing



Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of slaughter



Competency training for slaughterhouse/abattoirs personnel

Business operators carrying out the slaughter of animals are obliged to ensure the execution of the following operations in accordance with the requirements:

- 1) handling and caring for animals before immobilization;
- 2) immobilization of animals for the purpose of stunning or killing;
- 3) stunning animals;
- 4) checking the effectiveness of animal stunning;
- 5) restraint;
- 6) bleeding of animals;
- 7) slaughter of animals in accordance with religious rites

Competency training for slaughterhouse/abattoir personnel

What is the level of awareness and understanding of animal welfare among slaughterhouse staff in your district?

We assess the level of awareness as average in the country.

The level of awareness is high for slaughterhouses that have implemented welfare standards

What is the established training system for animal trainers and other personnel, including personnel conducting containment, stunning, and bleeding operations, in your country?

Centralized training is provided with the issuance of appropriate certificates and maintenance of a single register of persons who have received a certificate

Training and competence among veterinarians

The State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (competent authority) provides training for inspectors of the competent authority at the central, regional, local levels, as well as organizes targeted information campaigns and trainings for business operators



Program for the implementation of the system of state control over the welfare of farm animals by the SSUFSCP

**Development
check lists for
control
(inspection acts)**

**Development
of standard
operating
procedures/
Guides**

**Organization of
cascading training
at the central
level (trainers for
trainers)**

**Organization of
cascade training
for the local
level (for
inspectors)**

**Practicing practical
skills (simulated
inspection),
identifying gaps,
corrective actions**

**Organization of
targeted
information
campaigns**

**Organization of
training for
business
operators**

**Creating and
maintaining a
register of
certificates
about the
availability of
sufficient knowledge
and skills**

Are there any market operators in Ukraine that already adhere to EU standards for well-being?

Facilities that export livestock products comply with EU standards for animal welfare, in particular during slaughter.





Implementation of standards

The CA implements standards on animal welfare during slaughter by implementing a roadmap for the implementation of standards on animal welfare during slaughter and monitoring business operators' compliance with welfare requirements

Monitoring and evaluation

The competent authority monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of animal welfare standards during slaughter by analyzing the official reporting forms received from the territorial authorities of the competent authority.

What data on animal welfare during slaughter do you collect and how?

Information on the number of slaughterhouses, the number of state control measures carried out and inconsistencies were revealed during the measures of the state control.

Information is collected by receiving reports from the territorial bodies of the competent authority



Conclusions - gaps/weaknesses or problems

In general, do you think your country adheres to WOAH standards for animal welfare during slaughter?

Ukraine is at the stage of implementing WOAH standards for animal welfare during slaughter

Please list the main gaps/weaknesses or challenges for the competent authority(s) in your country regarding the implementation of WOAH standards and country legislation and animal welfare requirements during slaughter.

Низька мотивація фермерів

Необхідність додаткових інвестицій для впровадження вимог щодо благополуччя

Conclusions - support requirements and next steps

What support or assistance does your county need to effectively implement a national animal welfare training program for slaughterhouse staff and/or veterinary services?

Unified training programs (which provided unified training topics, the number of training hours for each topic, the number of theoretical and practical hours)

Which stakeholders and partners (government agencies, NGOs, farmers, veterinary professionals, educational institutions) should be involved in the development of an animal welfare training program for slaughterhouse staff and/or veterinary services?

National and international experts who are authorized for such purposes by the competent authority

Thank you

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