

Certified Safe Farm - Checklist for Animal Handling Facilities

<i>Instructions: 1) Mark the approximate age of the facility; 3) Assign points for each safety related problem (expressed as recommendation) using the point value in red (5 points for each problem/recommendation).</i>	Point value	Assigned
Approximate age of the facility		
1 Are walkways and transportation areas in safe condition?		
Reduce slipperiness of the floor	5	
Improve/replace floor materials	5	
Remove obstacles	5	
Replace/improve door	5	
Remove door sill	5	
Raise low milkingline	5	
Cover openings near walkways	5	
Improve loading chute	5	
Improve lighting	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
2 Is access between elevations safe?		
Repace steps with ramp	5	
Replace temporary ladder with permanent stairs	5	
Improve ladder	5	
Improve stairs	5	
Build guardrails for stairs	5	
Build guardrails for platforms	5	
Build guardrails for floor openings	5	
Provide steps/platform for milk bulk tank	5	
Improve lighting	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
3 Are animal handling facilities in safe condition?		
Improve headgates	5	
Improve headlocks	5	
Improve stalls	5	
Improve pens	5	
Improve doors/hinges/latches	5	
Improve feeding areas	5	
Improve waterers	5	
Have kick bar available for milking dangerous cows	5	
Improve sick animal handling facilities	5	
Construct emergency escape pass throughs for pens	5	
Improve lighting	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
4 Are tools and equipment stored properly and is good housekeeping followed?		
Arrange appropriate storage for pressure washer	5	
Arrange appropriate storage for pitch forks, shovels, brooms	5	
Arrange appropriate storage for feeding equipment	5	
Arrange appropriate storage for water hoses	5	
Arrange appropriate storage for ropes, halters	5	
Arrange appropriate storage for cleaning equipment	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
5 Are stationary machines and equipment in safe condition?		
Reduce dust from feed mills/mixers	5	
Reduce noise from milking machine	5	
Guard unguarded feeding equipment	5	
Guard unguarded manure removal equipment	5	
Have well marked emergency stops for hazardous machinery	5	
Replace/improve wiring	5	

Remove other hazard:	5	
6 Are electrical safety hazards present?		
Replace receptacles / switches	5	
Install circuit breaker box cover	5	
Mark circuit breakers	5	
Replace heat lamps/cords	5	
Replace extension cords	5	
Improve/replace wiring	5	
Replace light fixtures (appropriate type)	5	
Correct polarity/grounding in receptacles	5	
Install GFCI protection for circuits where moisture is present	5	
Install lightning rods	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
7 Are chemicals and medications stored properly?		
Store chemicals in a safe location	5	
Store medications in a safe location	5	
Store chemicals and medications in marked containers	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
8 Are air quality problems present?		
Improve ventilation	5	
Improve venting of possible silo gas	5	
Reduce feed dust from equipment	5	
Reduce CO2 by better ventilation	5	
Provide venting for heaters	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
9 Are PPE, first aid supplies, fire extinguishers, and emergency information available?		
Have two-strap dust masks or half masks for dust available	5	
Have half masks with dust and ammonia cartridges available	5	
Have hearing protection available	5	
Have gloves available for wet work	5	
Have face shield available for power washing	5	
Have safety boots available for milking	5	
Have first aid kit available	5	
Have fire extinguisher charged and available near the main entrance	5	
Post emergency numbers near phones	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
10 Are there other safety hazards present?		
Improve roof structure	5	
Improve structural elements	5	
Repair leaking roof	5	
Repair/improve wall structures	5	
Clean up and organize the area	5	
Replace/improve heaters	5	
Improve chimney	5	
Improve building access areas to avoid mud/ice buildup	5	
Remove other hazard:	5	
Points deducted		0
Score % (calculated as: 100 - Points deducted)		-