

FSA 22-09-18 Animal Welfare Report Annex 2

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Level 3 (major) and level 4 (critical) slaughterhouse animal welfare non-compliances

	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/21	2021/22
Total number of animals processed (throughput)	955,879,236	999,303,970	1,045,801,000	1,055,611,000	1,038,234,124	1,036,098,739
Animals processed in compliance with welfare	955,879,236	999,287,248	1,045,790,000	1,055,592,000	1,038,194,198	1,036,047,607
Animals processed not in compliance with welfare	N/A	16,722	11,000	19,000 *	39,926 **	51,132 ***
Percentage of animals processed compliantly	N/A	99.99833%	99.99895%	99.99820%	99.99615%	99.99506%
Percentage of animals involved in noncompliance	N/A	0.00167%	0.00105%	0.00180%	0.00384%	0.00494%

* includes a single incident involving 10,000 birds "Gas stunning equipment not optimised" scored as level 3 for potential to cause animal suffering.

** includes three instances, totalling 20,573 birds, of mechanical breakdowns that delayed processing. There was no evidence that the birds experienced suffering or distress.

*** includes three instances, totalling 46,281 birds where food / water / ventilation was not adequately provided. There was no evidence that the birds experienced suffering or distress.