

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building: -34.01118387973621, 18.547941889640455

Street: 22 GEORGE SMIT ROAD

Suburb: HIGHLANDS ESTATE

Postal Code: 7781

Date: 2025-06-07

Time: 15:42

Inspector: JASON PAGE

Type: CASE DISCUSSION NOTE

Follow-Up Date:

Comments:

Case number INSP216260
Name of Operation Damon Farm
Area Philippi (Schaapkraal)
Address of site 22 George Smit Rd, Philippi
Name & surname of hawker Moegamat Damon
Cell number of hawker 082 578 1724
Describe operation Animals sold from farm
Date of inspection 07-06-2025
Time 08:30 - 17:00
Inspector/s name & surname Ayanda Ngcofe-Carelse, Peace Mkololo

Comments

Were animals handled with care and consideration Yes
Details N/A
Were electric prodders used correctly N/A
Were animals handled well Yes
Were animals handled/chased excessively No

Comments

Were problems observed with the transport/vehicles (detail problems) Yes No non slip flooring, animals loaded in car boot
Were vehicles/containers overloaded No
Were species transported separately Yes
Were animals transported in suitable containers/vehicles and rectified immediately No When this was seen, it was addressed
Were animals tied/restrained in an acceptable manner Yes

Animals inspected: Number
Cattle 20
Calves 0
Sheep 900
Goats 130
Equine 9
Pigs 0
Poultry 0
Other 0

Warning issued No
Warning Number N/A
Which days/times are the best to inspect? Sells animals throughout the year
Comments by Inspector: Sheik Ibrahim (Son) - Cutting
Sheik Zakaria (Son) - Cutting

08H30 - Arriving at Damon farm accompanied by Thembi we were granted access by Sheikh Muhammad who is the owner of the farm. Sheikh Muhammad admitted that they will be slaughtering today roughly around 100 goats(Angora and Boer goat) based on the Client's request. In addition, he stated that there would be some that would be sold and he made arrangements with his clients to collect them at different times to avoid chaos .

At the main entrance, we observed about Bulls on the left side in an open camp, with no shelter

provided exposed to all weather elements and one of the workers was feeding them with a Lucerne, and about 9 horses on the right side also in open camp with no shelter provide exposed to all weather elements. We addressed the concerns we observed and the owner mentioned that he won't be slaughtering bulls in his facility since he does not have the proper equipment to do so and slaughtering a cow requires a lot of manpower he will take the bulls to the back where there is shade and the horses will be let out to graze.

Mr Mohammed started to slaughter his first 5 sheep, while observing the slaughtering I noticed vehicles loading sheep. I was later joined by Inspector Ayanda and Farrent who also raised the concerns of a shelter and the owner requested to be granted an hour to remove them as he was finishing up with slaughtering. The farm was occupied with different farm animals, cattle, Sheep, Goats, and Chickens in different camps, but chickens were freely roaming. A truck arrived with 40 sheep, workers organized a ramp to be used when offloading, but it was not adequate as it was too steep. I suggested that they should at least place 2 pellets to elevate the ramp but it was deemed inadequate inspector Ayanda instructed them to use other options.

We encountered a lot of issues on the farm especially when other people wanted to slaughter the sheep that they bought, and a group of guys wanted to slaughter the sheep in front of the ones that were being skinned, we did address them, but they stated that the owner allowed them to slaughter at the back of the farm. As we raised the concerns with the owner he stated that he was not aware that they would be slaughtering in front of the carcasses. The owner of the farm was verbally warned on the day.

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