

INSPECTOR NOTE

**Building:** -34.01118387973621, 18.547941889640455

**Street:** 22 GEORGE SMIT ROAD

**Suburb:** HIGHLANDS ESTATE

**Postal Code:** 7781

**Date:** 2025-06-07

**Time:** 15:44

**Inspector:** JASON PAGE

**Type:** CASE DISCUSSION NOTE

**Follow-Up Date:**

**Comments:**

Case Number: INSP216260  
Property Owner Moegamat Damon  
Tel 082 578 1724  
Address 22 George Smit Rd, Highlands Estate  
Farm name (if applicable) Damon Farm  
Inspector/s Ayanda Ngcofe-Carelse, Peace Mkololo  
Date 07/06/2025  
Time 08:30  
No. of Sheep 900  
Goats 130  
Cattle 20  
Was transportation observed Yes  
1. Type of transport used Various  
3. Average distance travelled Less than 15km  
4. Number of vehicles inspected Various  
Detail problems Animals loaded in car boots, no non slip flooring - concerns addressed and rectified immediately  
Were the facilities and handling inspected Yes  
5. Are animals off loaded humanely Yes  
6. Are suitable ramps provided Yes  
7. Are animals handled and moved humanely Yes  
8. Are holding pens provided or are animals tied up Holding pens  
9. Are pens overcrowded No  
10. Is food provided Yes  
Type of food: Lucerne  
11. Is water provided Yes  
12. Are there downers, sick or injured animals No  
Were the downers slaughtered Not applicable  
13. Do holding pens overlook slaughter areas No  
14. Is shade provided No \*\*\*  
Comments, if any Shelter not available to all animals.  
Was slaughter of small stock observed? Yes  
15. Are animals handled humanely (no dragging / kicking etc) Yes  
Describe the handling if inhumane N/A  
16. Type of animals being used (heavy woolled, shaved, etc) Woolled, shaved  
Yes  
18. Is bleeder ready to slaughter Yes  
19. Is knife sharp and adequate size Yes  
20. Is knife sharpened regularly Yes  
21. Is slaughterer competent Yes  
22. If more than 2 strokes, describe why N/A  
23. Does dressing of the carcass take place once bleeding is complete and there are no signs of life Yes  
24. The sides of bleeding pit where cut takes place - is it cleaned, hosed or blood covered with sand (no pools of blood) between cuts Yes  
Was slaughter of large stock observed? They do not slaughter large stock  
Comments 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.

Signed

MAGDALENE MARSHALL 2025-06-07 15:44

**Captured By:**