

[BAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 27, November 19, 2012]

**GUIDELINES ON THE COLLECTION OF DATA ON ANIMAL
SLAUGHTER**

WHEREAS, the National Meat Inspection Commission renamed as the National Meat Inspection Service shall serve as the sole national controlling authority on all matters pertaining to meat and meat product inspection and meat hygiene.

WHEREAS, there is a need for NMIS to maintain a system of monitoring the number of animals slaughtered and volume of condemned animals/carcasses and primal parts from accredited and Locally Registered Meat Establishments (LRMEs) for statistical analyses, scientific research and guidance and information for decision-makers.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Executive Order No. 116 defines the functions of the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) as follows: (a) to collect, compile and release official agricultural statistics; (b) to exercise technical supervision over data collection centers; and (c) to coordinate all agricultural statistics and economic research activities of all bureaus, corporations and offices under the Department of Agriculture.

WHEREAS, BAS as the agency responsible for the compilation and release of all official agricultural statistics is mandated to maintain an orderly and reliable set of statistics on total number of animals slaughtered as basis for generating the country's total meat production.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Executive Order No. 137 provides that the NMIS, in coordination with the LGU concerned, shall monitor, conduct field inspection and may require those involved in slaughterhouse operation to submit periodic and special reports to the NMIS;

WHEREAS, under the current set-up, Regional DA agencies including the DA-RFUs collaborate with LGU counterparts to implement, collect data, and, monitor and assess DA programs and projects thus, LGUs are required to make reports and, in most cases respond all at the same time to the data information needs of different livestock groups under DA, particularly BAS and NMIS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Chairperson of the NMIS Meat Inspection Board (NMIS-MIB), by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order prescribing the Guidelines on the Collection of Data on Animal Slaughter.

SECTION 1. Scope – The guideline shall cover the accurate data collection and submission of the number of animals slaughtered, volume of meat produced, and number of animals condemned during ante-mortem inspection and condemned

carcasses and primal parts during post-mortem inspection in all accredited, locally registered meat establishments and “other areas”;

SECTION 2. Objectives - The guideline shall provide a means of accuracy in the documentation and submission of the number of animals slaughtered, volume of meat produced and condemnation of animals during ante-mortem inspection including the condemnation of carcasses and primal parts. It also aims to establish a unified methodology for data collection in order to facilitate the collection and consolidation procedures to have a unified database on animal slaughter.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms –

Carcass – the fresh meat of any slaughtered animal after bleeding and dressing with the offals removed from the body.

Carcass/Dressed Weight – the weight of the body of any slaughtered animal after bleeding, dressing and evisceration.

Farm Household - a household of which a member tends animals and slaughter or dressed them when necessary, either solely or jointly with other members of the household.

Key Informants – are persons such as meat inspectors, livestock and meat traders, meat butchers, Barangay officials, municipal veterinarian/agricultural officers, who are knowledgeable on slaughtering activity in the area.

Live Weight - the body weight of live animals.

Locally Registered Meat Establishments (LRMEs) – slaughterhouses, meat processing plants, poultry dressing plants, meat cutting plants and cold storages that are allowed to operate by the city/municipal government but are not accredited by the NMIS.

Meat Establishments – premises such as slaughterhouse, poultry dressing plant, meat processing plant, meat cutting plant, cold storage warehouse and other facilities in which food animals or meat products are slaughtered, prepared, handled, packed or stored.

Meat Inspector – a professionally qualified and properly trained officer, duly appointed by the NMIS or the local government unit for meat inspection and control of hygiene under the supervision of a veterinarian.

Offals – edible or non-edible other than carcass.

“Other Areas” – refers to farm households (backyard), commercial livestock and poultry farms and markets (e.g. wet markets and vicinities, talipapa, bagsakan, rolling stores, meat shops/stalls, lechon house and stands, ambulant meat stalls/vendors/peddlers, supermarkets and grocery stores, restaurants, canteens and eateries, catering services, hotels and other institutional buyers.

Poultry Dressing Plant (PDP) – the premises that are approved and registered by the controlling authority in which poultry are dressed for human consumption.

Slaughter Report Form – primary data collection sheet for monitoring/recording the number and status of animal slaughtered/dressed and condemned for statistical analyses.

Slaughterhouse (also, Abattoir) – premises that are approved and registered by the controlling authority in which food animals are slaughtered for human consumption,

SECTION 4. Strategies of Data Collection -

4.1 Meat Establishments

4.1.1 Data Source

- All slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants accredited by the National Meat Inspection Service;
- All Locally Registered Meat Establishments supervised by the Municipal Veterinarians/Agriculturist in all provinces;
- All Locally Registered Meat Establishments supervised by the City Veterinarians/Agriculturist in highly urbanized cities and independent component cities;

4.1.2 Main Data Items

- Number of animals slaughtered/dressed and destination
- Live weight of animals slaughtered/dressed
- Carcass/Dressed Weight of animals
- Number of animals/carcasses condemned including primal parts

4.1.3 Survey Instruments

- Daily Slaughter Report
- Monthly Summary Slaughter Report
- Daily Condemnation Report
- Monthly Summary Condemnation Report

4.1.4 Data Collectors

- NMIS Meat Inspectors of all the slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants to record on a daily basis the number of animals slaughtered and number of animals/carcasses condemned including primal parts in their respective assigned accredited slaughterhouse/poultry dressing plants on the daily slaughter and condemnation report forms.
- Local Meat Inspectors under the supervision of the Provincial Veterinarians and City Veterinarians to record in a daily basis the number of animals slaughtered and number of animals/carcasses condemned including primal parts in their respective assigned slaughterhouse/poultry dressing plants on the daily slaughter and condemnation report forms.

4.1.5 Frequency

4.1.5.1 Collection – Daily recording of number and destination of animals slaughtered/dressed as well as number of animals/carcasses condemned including primal parts in the slaughterhouse or poultry dressing plants.

4.15.2 Submission –

- Monthly submission of the daily slaughter report to PVOs and City Veterinarian Office every 15th of the month after the reference month.
- Quarterly submission of the monthly slaughter report to regional offices every 25th of the month after the reference quarter.

4.1.6 Encoding – A web based electronic processing system should be adopted by the concerned office in the summary and submission of reports.

4.2 “Other Areas”

4.2.1 Data Source

- Sample farm households and commercial farms covered in the Backyard Livestock and Poultry Survey (BLPS) and Commercial Livestock and Poultry Survey (CLPS) being conducted by BAS in their regular periodic surveys.
- Key informants for information on number of slaughtered/dressed animals in “Other Areas” of slaughtering in every municipality/city,

4.2.2 Main Data Items

- Number of animals slaughtered/dressed
- Live weight of animals slaughtered/dressed
- Carcass/dressed weight of animals

4.2.3 Survey Instruments

- BLPS/CLPS Survey Forms
- Key Informants Form

4.2.4 Data Collectors

- BAS POC Staff/Data collectors under the supervision of the Provincial Agricultural Statistics Officers for the BLPS and CLPS.
- BAS PASOs, together with the Municipal/City Agriculturists or Veterinarians as key informants, to gather information regarding the slaughtering in “Other Areas”.

4.2.5 Frequency

4.2.5 Collection

Quarterly conduct of BAS surveys and monthly for the slaughtering in “Other Areas” gathered from selected key informants.

SECTION 5. Responsibilites -

5.1 Local Government Units –

5.1.1. Local Meat Inspector