**Grass Seed Data Collection Work Instruction**

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| Step | Operation | Person Responsible |
|  | Carcase Inspector / slaughter floor supervisor detects grass seed contamination that requires:  -Retain Rail trimming  or  -Slower chain speed  or  -Extra Trimmers | Carcase Inspector / slaughter floor supervisor |
|  | Notifies QA and / or Inspector recording carcase defects | Carcase Inspector / slaughter floor supervisor |
|  | QA or carcase inspector assesses average level of contamination using the table and chart attached as ;   * heavy * medium * light   NB The presence of infected grass seeds means a carcase is graded as heavily contaminated regardless of location of the grass seed | QA or carcase inspector |
|  | When the lot is finished the QA or carcase inspector then   1. estimates % of lot with heavy, medium and light grass seed 2. records grass seed scores for the lot eg 60% affected by grass seed  * 10% heavy * 15% medium * 35% light. | QA or carcase inspector |

**For each lot the meat inspector must know if the carcases will require extra trimming either on the retain rail or if extra trimmers be required on the chain?**



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**If extra trimmers are required or the chain speed decreased**

**to cope with the level of grass seed then the level of**

**contamination must be recorded.**

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**Step 1**

Any seed in ***Section 1*** means the carcase is described as

having ***heavy*** seed contamination.

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**Step 2**

If there is no seed in Section 1 but there is seed

in ***Section 2*** then the carcase is described as

having ***medium*** seed contamination.

**Step 3**

If there is only seed in ***Section 3*** then the carcase is

described as having ***low*** seed contamination

**NB: The presence of infected grass seeds means the carcase is graded as heavily contaminated regardless of location of the grass seed.**

**An Example:**

100 Sheep in the lot

100 Inspected

10% (10 animals) have grass seeds in the belly region (**Section 3**), 20% (20 sheep) have grass seeds on the belly and shoulder (**Section 2) with none infected**.

The inspector records for the lot

* 10% as **low** levels of grass seed contamination and
* 20% as **medium** levels of grass seed contamination.