

WGBC Animal Handling Guidelines :

Dead, immobile, or condemned animal Protocol

The WGBC takes official possession of an animal once it has been killed, weighed, and passed of inspection at a WGBC approved state or federally inspected site. Up to that point, they are the property and responsibility of producer members.

Animals may be rejected at the owners expense if they die in transit, are not mobile enough to enter the processing facility, or if they are condemned due to illness by the inspector on site.

If an animal is condemned, state and federal protocols declare it unfit for human consumption and require that it is immediately disposed of.

In the case of condemnation, carcasses are not available for viewing or retrieval. In such cases, the WGBC will attempt to reach the producer by phone as soon as possible following our notification by the processing plant.

In the event of a perceived hanging weight discrepancy, official challenges can only be entertained with weight records from a certified scale and matching ear tags documentation.

Best regards,

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