

GUIDANCE AND SAMPLING

Measures in the lairage	
1. Ocular Health	50 animals per lorry, sampled randomly at the lairage area. 10 animals from 5 different crates should be assessed.
2. Nostril Health	
Measures at the processing line	
1. Feather cleanliness	100 animals per lorry, sampled randomly at the processing line. These indicators may not be able to be assessed all at the same time. If that is the case 100 animals should be assessed at one point for feather cleanliness and coverage and 100 animals should be assessed for feet health at another point in the line. The locations of the assessment should be chosen based on a good assess to the ventral side of the duck for feather cleanliness and for the feather coverage, and the dorsal side of the duck for the feet health assessment. Also, feet should be assessed before removal of the skin. The 100 sample can be assessed continuously.
2. Feather coverage	
3. Feet Health	

1. Ocular Health

Sample: 50 ducks selected randomly.

Assess using the CIWF scoring. Observe ducks at the lairage area. 10 animals from 5 different crates.

Observe the right and left eye and score according to the worst score.



Scoring:

0= Healthy eye

Eyes are clear, clean and bright

1 = Slightly affected eye

Presence of presence of crust around the eye and/or feather loss around the eye

2= Inflamed and/or infected eye

eyes are wet and weepy, or red rimmed
There may be active infection and in extreme cases the eyes stay closed

2. Nostril Health

Sample: 50 ducks selected randomly.

Assess using the CIWF scoring. Observe ducks at the lairage area. 10 animals from 5 different crates.

Observe the right and left nostrils and score according to the worst score.



Scoring:

0= Clear and clean nostril

Clear and clean nostril. May be able to see through the beak. Some dirt may be present on the beak.

2 = Blocked nostrils

Moderate blockage, or severe blockage and dirt. Ducks may be with their beak open (difficulty breathing due to blockage)

3. Feather Cleanliness

Sample: 100 ducks selected randomly.

Assess using the CIWF scoring. Observe ducks on the slaughter line, in a location where the ventral side of the ducks' torso is visible. 100 animals per lorry.



Scoring:

0= Clean ventral feathers

Feathers are dry with no or minor discoloration (soiling) on the surface of the feathers

1 = Slightly dirty ventral feathers

Soiling is moderate with the dirt beginning to penetrate the upper layer of the feathers

2= Very dirty ventral feathers

Soiling is heavy with dirt penetrating the underlayer of the feathers with some clumps forming. Feathers are wet

4. Feather Coverage

Sample: 100 ducks selected randomly.

Assess using the CIWF scoring. Observe ducks on the slaughter line, in a location where the ventral side of the ducks' torso is visible. 100 animals per lorry.



Scoring:

0= Good feather coverage

Feather cover is full and even. No broken feathers or bare patches (except for 1 or 2 small (<2cm) patches)

1 = Moderate feather coverage

Feather cover is uneven. Some broken feathers and several or extended bare patches.

2= Bad feather coverage

Feather cover is poor. Extended areas totally devoid of feathers (usually along the midline from the breast to the cloaca region).

5. Feet Health

Sample: 100 ducks selected randomly.

Assess using the CIWF scoring. Observe ducks on the slaughter line, in a location where the plantar side of the ducks' feet is visible. 100 animals per lorry. Observe the right and left feet and score according to the worst score.



Scoring:

0= No lesions

No lesions or very small and superficial lesions, slight discoloration, mild hyperkeratosis, old scars.

1 = Mild lesion(s)

Substantial discoloration of the footpad, superficial lesion, dark papillae, raising of papillae.

2= Severe lesions

Ulcers or scabs of significant size, signs of haemorrhages or severely swollen footpad.