



HACCP and SSOP

Operating under the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HAACP) and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedure (SSOP) has proven to be beneficial in several aspects:

- Preventative approach to food safety
- Can identify inefficiencies and/or processing improvements
- Facilitates a better understanding of food safety
- Reduces the likelihood of product recall



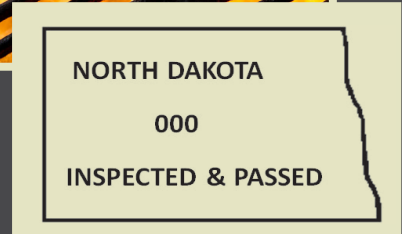
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BENEFITS OF OPERATING AN OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT UNDER THE NORTH DAKOTA MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAM



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Benefits of Slaughtering Animals

Under State Inspection:

- Inspectors perform a visual and physical evaluation of every animal to ensure a safe and healthy product
- Carcasses and parts can be sold at retail or wholesale within North Dakota
- Bones and fat trim can be used for further processing and/or be sold
- Creates additional control measures that promote safer products and may extend the shelf life of products
- Allows producers to directly market carcasses and/or meat products to consumers
- Reduces the likelihood of consumer complaints



Benefits of Processing Under State Inspection:

- Products can be sold at retail or wholesale within North Dakota
- Products can be sold to be served at restaurants, catered events, and feeds
- Most consumers prefer products that have third party verification (inspection)
- Uses a science-based approach to create safe and high quality products
- Reduces the likelihood of consumer complaints

Potential for Expanded Market:

State inspected facilities have the option of participating in the Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program, which allows state inspected product to ship anywhere in the U.S.



Free of Charge:

All state inspections conducted during normal hours are paid with state and federal tax dollars; there are no fees for livestock, poultry or product inspection.

