



Operational Guidance for Substituting Information for Lost Slaughter Data

Issue: Packers not submitting information when slaughter data is lost.

Livestock and Grain Market News Position: If plants lose slaughter data on lots of animals due to malfunctions within their daily operating functions or procedures and it is beyond their control and can't be recovered, the plants should leave carcass data and net price fields blank and only submit information for price paid and head count.

Livestock and Grain Market News Guidance: In cases where the slaughter data is lost as described above, plants will not be considered out of compliance when they leave the carcass data and net price fields. Packers should also documentation showing how the information was lost and that it was beyond their control.