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Livestock Handling Pen And Gate Safety Inspection Checklist

Operational Scope: Establishes a mandatory weekly inspection protocol for all livestock holding pens, alleys, and gate mechanisms to prevent structural failure and worker crush injuries. Ensures compliance with occupational safety standards and protects handlers from unpredictable animal movements.

MANDATORY PPE:	Steel-Toe Boots (ASTM F2413), Hard Hat (ANSI Z89.1), Safety Glasses with Side Shields, Cut-Resistant Work Gloves, High-Visibility Safety Vest
PREREQUISITES:	Verify all livestock are safely cleared and isolated from the immediate inspection zone. | Ensure adequate lighting and check that emergency escape routes are unobstructed. | Assemble necessary hand tools for tightening hardware and clearing debris.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF PENS AND PANELS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Perimeter Posts and Anchors**	All vertical posts must be firmly anchored in concrete or deep soil with zero lateral play or rusted-through base plates.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
2	**Railings and Solid Sheeting**	Tubular rails and solid sweep panels must be free of sharp edges, excessive bending, protruding welds, or gaps that could trap animal limbs.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
3	**Alleyway Flooring and Traction**	Concrete surfaces must feature deep grooved non-slip scoring; rubber mats must be securely fastened without curled edges posing trip hazards.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

GATE MECHANISMS AND LATCHES

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Gate Hinges and Pivots**	Hinges must support full gate weight without sagging, binding, or allowing vertical lift-off by livestock.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
5	**Automatic and Manual Latches**	Latches, drop pins, and spring-loaded locks must engage fully and smoothly without requiring excessive force or manual hammer adjustments.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
6	**Anti-Backstop and One-Way Mechanisms**	Working swing panels and gravity flappers must move freely in the designated direction and automatically reset to prevent animal reverse-flow.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
7	**Chain and Cable Securing Restraints**	Secondary safety chains or tie-backs must be unfrayed, free of rust scale, and rated to prevent gate swing blowouts.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

ESCAPE ROUTES AND EMERGENCY SYSTEMS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Man-Gates and Personnel Escape Slots**	All personnel pass-through slots and emergency man-gates must open outward instantly with zero obstruction from manure buildup or equipment.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
9	**Hydraulic or Pneumatic Controls (if applicable)**	Hoses, valves, and squeeze chute actuators must show no fluid leaks, pressure drops, or exposed wiring hazards.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

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