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Livestock Handling Pen And Gate Safety Safety Audit Checklist

Operational Scope: This audit checklist defines the inspection criteria for livestock handling pens, alleyways, and swing gates to mitigate crushing, goring, and entrapment hazards. Compliance is mandatory prior to heavy operational cycles to ensure worker protection and animal welfare.

MANDATORY PPE:	Steel-Toe Boots (ASTM F2413), Cut-Resistant Work Gloves, High-Visibility Vest, Safety Glasses (ANSI Z87.1), Hearing Protection
PREREQUISITES:	Ensure all livestock are securely cleared from the immediate pen or alleyway under inspection. | Verify secondary escape routes and man-gates are fully unobstructed before entry. | Inspect all manual latching tools and locking pins for immediate functionality.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND GATE HARDWARE

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Pen Panels and Posts**	All vertical posts and horizontal rails are securely anchored without rust-through, sharp edges, or loose structural welds.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
2	**Gate Latches and Hinges**	Swinging gates operate smoothly without sagging; self-locking latches engage fully and securely without requiring manual force.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
3	**Anti-Back-Up and Squeeze Mechanisms**	Ratchet stops, friction locks, and sliding squeeze chutes lock in position securely and release smoothly without binding.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

WORK ENVIRONMENT AND ESCAPE ROUTES

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Emergency Escape Pass-Throughs (Man-Gates)**	All man-gates and emergency slots are unobstructed, open easily inward/outward as designed, and provide adequate clearance for an adult worker.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
5	**Flooring and Traction Surfaces**	Concrete floors feature intact grooving or rubber mats to prevent livestock slipping; earthen alleys are free of deep ruts and standing water.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
6	**Lighting and Visibility**	Natural or artificial illumination meets minimum standards (20 foot-candles minimum) to eliminate shadows that startle livestock or hide pinch points.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

OPERATIONAL SAFETY AND SIGNAGE

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
7	**Pinch Point and Hazard Signage**	High-visibility warning signs indicating crushing zones, moving gates, and bull/maternal hazards are posted clearly at all primary entry points.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
8	**Hydraulic and Pneumatic Lines (if equipped)**	Hoses, valves, and cylinders on automated crowding gates show no signs of hydraulic leaks, chafing, or pressure drops.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

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