

Fact sheet – Carcase Hygiene Inspection Training Resources

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In this project, AMPC has funded the development of an e-learning program to improve the ability of industry staff to identify physical contamination on carcasses. In recent years 'port of entry' red meat inspection has become more stringent and there have been an increased number of "rejections" associated with physical contamination on both carcasses and carton meat.

As part of the industry's response, it was decided to review the resources available to processors for the training of staff in the identification of physical contamination of carcasses. As a consequence of the review undertaken, AMPC funded this project to upgrade the existing resources used to train trimmers and Meat Hygiene Assessment (MHA) carcase monitors.



Bruising identified on a carcase

The new materials are species specific and are a self-paced e-learning training program designed to equip industry personnel with the skills necessary to identify and describe physical contamination.

The training focuses on the types and causes of physical contamination and the importance of identifying and removing all physical contamination from carcasses.

The e-learning materials also include comprehensive theory and image recognition quizzes.



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The training materials can be used as a stand-alone resource for in-house training or used to support the delivery of accredited training for trimmers and MHA monitors. While designed for self-paced computer based training it can also be utilized as a power point presentation for face to face conventional training programs.

As an additional part of this project, an electronic library has been created which contains 2560 digital images showing a variety of physical carcase contaminants and disease pathology. The electronic library has been constructed as a resource for trainers and educators and new images can be easily added.

Further information

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