

CATTLE INSPECTION PROCEDURES

CARCASS

1. Palpate superficial inguinal or supramammary, and internal iliac lymph nodes
2. Observe lumbar region
3. Observe and palpate kidneys
4. Observe cut surfaces of muscles and bones, the diaphragm's pillars and peritoneum
5. Observe and palpate diaphragm
6. Observe pleura, cut surfaces of muscles and bones, neck and carcass exterior (including the oxtail)

VISCERA

1. Observe mesenteric lymph nodes and abdominal viscera
2. Observe and palpate the R & R junction
3. Observe esophagus and spleen
4. **Incise** and observe lungs' lymph nodes:
Posterior, middle and anterior mediastinals
Left and right bronchials
5. Observe and palpate costal (curved) surfaces of lungs
6. **Incise** heart and observe cut and inner surfaces
7. Turn lungs over, observe ventral (flat) surfaces and heart's outer surface
8. **Incise** and observe hepatic lymph nodes
9. Open bile duct in both directions and observe its contents
10. Observe and palpate liver's ventral (flat) surface
11. Turn liver over, palpate renal impression, and observe and palpate parietal (back) surface

HEAD

1. Observe the head's surface and eyes
2. **Incise** and observe the 4 sets of lymph nodes:
Left and right mandibulars
Left and right parotids
Left and right medial retropharyngeals
Left and right lateral retropharyngeals
3. **Incise** and observe the cheek muscles
4. Observe and palpate the tongue