

AUDITS MEAN NOTHING TO ANIMALS

99% of UK slaughterhouses recorded non-compliances, according to Food Standards Agency (FSA) audits, confirming what many of us already know: it's a broken system that's failing animals.

Whether animals are raised on intensive factory units or small local, 'free-range' farms, the system is rigged to keep production lines moving at all costs.

THE SCALE OF FAILURE



246 UK slaughterhouse sites audited, **only 1** achieved a clean record.

3,716 Total violations — an average of **15 non-compliances** per facility.

102 Facilities committed major violations towards animals, such as exposing them to **avoidable pain, distress or suffering.**

> **The failures I witnessed were not isolated incidents; they were predictable consequences. Success is measured by production.**
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> — David Magna
> Former Slaughterhouse Inspector

These audits show a broken system that cannot be reformed, because treating living beings as commodities is inherently wrong.

Animals are not property or units of production. They are individuals who want to live a life free of exploitation.

EXPOSING THE FSA RATINGS

Sites with as many as **29 non-compliances** were still rated "good" by the FSA - showing the audit system is **unfit for purpose.**



ABP STURMINSTER NEWTON

In 2010, Animal Aid found multiple breaches at this Dorset slaughterhouse, including cows left in stunning boxes for up to 65 minutes and a stun operator beating cows with a mop.



More than 15 years later, ABP Sturminster Newton continues to operate, despite recently recording 15 non-compliances, including:

- Lairage conditions
- Inadequate CCTV cameras
- Movement of animals & misuse of instruments
- Hygiene practices & staff training and supervision

ABP GUILDFORD

Over 12 months, official FSA audits show performance worsened in 12 areas, with non-compliances rising to 8 Major and 19 Minor findings.



Deteriorating Audit Areas (2025 vs 2026):

- Staff competency
- Restraint process
- Lairage conditions & handling of animals
- Animal arrival & waiting times

Ongoing Major Non-Compliances:

- Animals exposed to avoidable pain, distress or suffering during the killing process
- Improper handling & movement of animals, including risks from misuse of instruments

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