



CATTLE YARDS



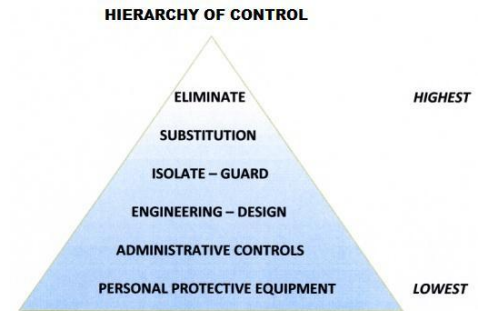
Business Name & Address: _____ **Property Name/PIC:** _____

Audit Team: _____ **Audit Date:** ____/____/____

Description: _____ **GPS Ref./Location:** _____ **Asset ID # (if applicable)** _____

RISK CALCULATOR	LIKELIHOOD – The likelihood of the exposure causing injury to a person given the frequency of exposure				
	ALMOST CERTAIN <i>Is expected to occur in most circumstances</i>	LIKELY <i>Will probably occur in most circumstances</i>	POSSIBLE <i>Might occur at sometime</i>	UNLIKELY <i>Could occur at sometime</i>	RARE <i>May occur in exceptional circumstances</i>
CONSEQUENCES How severely could it hurt someone					
CATASTROPHIC <i>Death or permanent disability</i>	EXTREME	EXTREME	EXTREME	EXTREME	HIGH
MAJOR <i>Serious bodily injury</i>	EXTREME	EXTREME	EXTREME	HIGH	HIGH
MODERATE <i>Casualty Treatment</i>	EXTREME	HIGH	HIGH	MODERATE	MODERATE
MINOR <i>First aid only, no lost time</i>	HIGH	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	LOW
INSIGNIFICANT <i>No injuries</i>	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	LOW	LOW

RISK CLASS	ACTION REQUIRED
OK or Not Applicable	No Foreseeable Risk - OK for now; Review if any equipment/people/materials/work methods or procedures change. Or this particular inspection item is Not Applicable to this workplace
EXTREME	Extreme Risk - Act Now Do something about these risks immediately. Stop the task until the hazard is controlled and the risk managed.
HIGH	High Risk - Act As Soon As Possible. Do something to manage these risks as soon as possible. Consultant with Management
MODERATE	Moderate Risk - Develop a PLAN to manage these risks / note any suggestions on how the risk might be managed.
LOW	OK for now Review if any equipment/people/materials/work methods or procedures change.



IDENTIFIED HAZARDS		OK or NA	EXTREME (Act Now)	HIGH (Act ASAP)	MODERATE (Plan)	LOW (Review)
YARDING UP AREA & RECEIVING YARDS						
1.	Is the Yarding-up area clear of obstacles and the surface and terrain suitable for horse and motorbike work?					
2.	Are receiving yards large enough for the mob size to be handled?					
3.	Are the yards sound, secure and capable of holding all classes of cattle to be handled?					
4.	Are all gates sound, swung clear of the ground and capable of being secured in both open and closed positions?					
5.	Are gate latches mounted at an appropriate height, of a design that doesn't create pinch or crush points and well maintained?					
6.	Are there any projections, such as nails, Cobb & Co's or bolts, which may injure humans or animals?					

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7. Are there any dug out or boggy areas that might pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
FORCING AND DRAFTING YARDS					
8. Do the yards have blind spots or areas where stock flow is restricted or cattle baulk?					
9. Are the yards sound, secure and capable of holding all the classes of stock to be handled?					
10. Are all gates sound, swung clear of the ground and capable of being secured in both open and closed positions?					
11. Are gate latches mounted at an appropriate height, and of a design that doesn't create pinch or crush points and well maintained?					
12. Are there any projections, such as nails, Cobb & Co's or bolts, which may injure humans or animals?					
13. Do the drafting and forcing yards have a safe area or effective escape route for yard workers?					
14. Are the yards clear of obstacles and are the surfaces suitable for working on foot so as not to pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
ROUND YARD					
15. Does the gate into the round yard swing easily and is it able to be quickly secured?					
16. Is the yard an appropriate size for the classes of stock being handled?					
17. Are there any projections, such as nails, Cobb & Co's or bolts, which may injure humans or animals?					
18. Are the yards clear of obstacles and are the surfaces suitable for working on foot so as not to pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
19. Do the drafting and forcing yards have a safe area or effective escape route for yard workers?					
20. Are all exit gates of an appropriate size, sound, swing easily and can be secured properly?					
21. Are gate latches mounted at an appropriate height, of a design that doesn't create pinch or crush points and well maintained?					
FORCING PEN					
22. Is the forcing pen of an appropriate shape, size and height for the classes of stock being handled?					

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23. Is the forcing pen sound and secure, with no projections, which may injure humans or animals?					
24. Are the forcing pen gates sound, swung easily and capable of being secured in both open and closed positions?					
25. Are gate latches mounted at an appropriate height, of a design that doesn't create pinch or crush points and are well maintained?					
26. Are the yards clear of obstacles and are the surfaces suitable for working on foot so as not to pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
27. Does the forcing pen have a safe area or effective escape route for those ground working the stock?					
28. Does the forcing pen have blind spots or areas where stock flow is restricted or cattle balk?					
RACE					
29. Is the race height and width and rail spacing appropriate for the classes of cattle being handled?					
30. Does the rail spacing allow safe access to animals for tasks to be undertaken, such as vaccinating and bang tailing?					
31. Is the race sound and secure, with no projections, which may injure humans or animals?					
32. Are the race and gate caps secure and at a safe working height so as not to interfere with handling operations?					
33. Are all sliding gates sound, easily operated, and capable of being secured so that they will not open if kicked or struck?					
34. Are there any excessive gaps between the slide gates and support posts, which could be nip or crush points?					
35. Is there safe access to the work area to remove animals that might go down or become jammed?					
36. Are the yards clear of obstacles and are the surfaces suitable for working on foot so as not to pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
CRUSH					
37. Is the crush design and size appropriate for the classes of cattle being handled and tasks undertaken?					
38. Can the crush effectively restrain animals and allow safe access to the animal for veterinary tasks to be undertaken? (Check that gate latches can't be sprung open and/or latch securely during operation)					
39. Does the head bale clamp restrict safe access to the animals' neck for the administration of veterinary injections?					

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40. Is the crush sound and secure, with no projections, which may injure humans or animals? e.g. head bail handles, gate latches, etc					
41. Do gates and head bails operate properly in capturing and securing stock and do not fly open when kicked or struck?					
42. Can animals that go down or become jammed be quickly released safely without risk of injury to the operator?					
43. Are the crush gates, bail and latches free of nip or crush points?					
44. Are exit yards of sufficient size to allow processed animals to clear from the work area and settle down where they pose no threat to operators and equipment?					
45. Is the crush work area free of projection, slipping, tripping or falling hazards?					
46. Are the crush handling areas designed so as to eliminate dust, slips, trips and fall hazards in the work area around the crush?					
CALF PEN, RACE AND CRADLE					
47. Is the calf pen of an appropriate shape, size and height for the stock being worked?					
48. Does the calf pen have blind spots or areas where stock flow is restricted or cattle balk?					
49. Are gates and head bails designed so that they will not fly open when being used to capture and restrain calves?					
50. Are the calf handling areas designed so as to eliminate dust, slips, trips and fall hazards in the work area around the cradle?					
51. Is the race height, width and rail spacing appropriate for the class of calves being handled?					
52. Do rail spacing's allow easy access to animals for tasks to be undertaken, for example, vaccinating and bang-tailing?					
53. Are the cradle, crush, gates, bail and latches free of nip or crush points?					
54. Does the calf cradle operate efficiently and restrain animals effectively, allowing safe access for the tasks to be undertaken?					
55. Is the general work area free of projection, slipping, tripping or falling hazards?					
56. Are gas cylinders and branding furnaces properly secured, placed out of pedestrian walkways and in an area clear of flammable materials?					

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57. Are exit yards of sufficient size to allow processed animals to clear from the work area and settle down where they pose no threat to operators and equipment?					
LOADING RACE AND RAMP					
58. Does the forcing pen, race or loading ramp have blind spots or areas where stock flow is restricted or cattle baulk?					
59. Are the loading race and ramp gates sound, swung or slide easily and are capable of being secured in both open and closed positions?					
60. Is the race and ramp height, width and rail spacing appropriate for the stock being handled so that safe access to animals is allowed?					
61. Is the race and ramp sound and secure, with no projections or holes that pose trip, slip or fall hazards?					
62. Does the ramp have an apron of 1-1.5 m at the end to allow the opening and closing of truck gates?					
63. Is there a sliding gate at the top of the ramp that can be accessed safely, to secure animals on the truck once loaded?					
64. Are gates, equipped with chains so they can be secured to the truck, attached to both sides at the end of the ramp to prevent cattle escaping through the gap between the truck and ramp?					
65. Does the ramp have a catwalk of 1-1.5 m minimum width on at least one side of the ramp?					
66. Are the ramp and gate caps secure and at a safe working height so as not to interfere with handling operations?					
67. Are all sliding gates sound, easily operated, and capable of being secured so that they will not fly open if kicked or struck?					
68. Are there handles and guarding provided on sliding gates, so as to prevent the operators' hand entering any gaps between the slide gates and support posts, which could be nip or crush points?					
69. Is the loading ramp area designed so as to eliminate dust, slip, trip and fall hazards in the work area around the loading ramp?					
DIP AND DRAINING PENS					
70. Is the draining-pen floor, sound and free of holes and projections that might pose slipping, tripping or falling hazards to both livestock and humans?					
71. Is the dip adequately shielded so that no chemical splashback occurs over the side of the dip from the cattle plunge?					

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72.	Is the draining pen backing gate designed to be operated from outside the draining pen, without the operator being exposed to hazardous substance splash from cattle exiting the dip?					
73.	Are the dip and draining areas designed so as to eliminate dust, slip, trip and fall hazards in the work area around the dip and draining pens?					
74.	Are the draining pen areas designed with sufficient bunding to contain the chemical runoff?					
75.	Does the person, supervising the use of veterinary chemicals and drugs, hold a current AusChem certificate?					
76.	Are there Safety Data Sheets (SDS) available for all Ag and Vet chemicals used on site?					
LETTING GO AREA						
77.	Does the layout of yards, gates, and fences allow stockman to let cattle out under control?					
78.	Is the immediate turn out area clear of obstacles and the surface and terrain suitable for horse and motorbike work?					
OTHER HAZARDS						
79.	Are watering points and troughs in sound order and situated in a position where they do not pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
80.	Are there dust control measures in place, including an adequate water supply for sprinkler or irrigation systems?					
81.	Are water pipes buried, or placed overhead or along railing systems so as not to create a trip or impact hazard?					
82.	Are cap rails, shade tree branches and structures at a safe height for riding or driving under?					
83.	Is there a first-aid kit provided for use at the cattle-yards when there is work being carried out?					
84.	Where a Risk Assessment deems it necessary, has appropriate PPE been supplied for tasks such as branding, dipping, pregnancy testing and animal husbandry activities?					
85.	Are all staff instructed in the correct fitment and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that has been issued to them?					
86.	Are mechanical lifting devices available for moving heavy objects (sick stock, 44's, fence posts)?					
87.	Are veterinary drugs and medications, including those in cool storage, kept separate from human foodstuffs?					

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88. Have workers been made aware of the risks associated with zoonotic diseases; i.e. Leptospirosis, Q Fever, Tetanus etc... and are they vaccinated where appropriate?					
89. Have dogs, where used, been routinely wormed for the control of hydatids and other parasites that may be transferred to humans?					
90. Are the yard power circuits, where applicable, protected by a residual current device (RCD)?					
91. Are there appropriate warning / hazard alert signs erected in or around the dip area?					
92. Are portable RCD units available for use with electrical equipment when such equipment is not being used on a protected outlet?					
Child Safety around the Cattleyard Complex					
93. Has the location of the Cattleyard / dip complex been risk assessed in relation to its proximity to dwellings or other domestic/public places where children or other unauthorised persons could become exposed to drowning, hazardous substances or animal impact injuries?					
94. Is there adequate childproof guarding that restricts unauthorised entry to the cattle dip, draining pens or sumps particularly when the dip is not in use?					
95. Are small children (under 5 years) prohibited from entering the dipping complex?					
96. If small children have to accompany an adult to the Cattleyard complex; is there a designated safe play area for the children to be supervised in?					
97. Is there a known policy that prohibits persons from entry into the Cattleyard complex unless their competency to do so safely has been assessed by the Management of the Business or Undertaking?					

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT RECORD

HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS PLANNED OR IMPLEMENTED

Item #	Date	Identified Hazard	Assessed Risk Level	Control 1 Eliminate	Control 2 Substitute	Control 3 Isolate or Guard	Control 4 Redesign or Engineering	Control 5 Administration	Control 6 PPE

IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTROL SHEET

Item #	RISK MANAGEMENT ACTION REQUIRED	Responsible Person	Cost \$	Target Date	Date Actioned	Revised Risk Level after Action