

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Inspection Date	Description
M226+P4863+V226	Independent Meat Company	30-Jan-23	<p>On January 30, 2023 at approximately 2:50pm a truck carrying 221 hogs arrived at the plant and began to unload. As part of observing the truck unloading, I reviewed the paperwork associated with this truck. The paperwork indicated that this load of hogs was loaded on the truck at the farm at 6am on January 29, 2023. The truck finished unloading approximately 2 hours later at 4:50pm. Two hogs were dead on arrival and seven were either non ambulatory or disabled. Based on the paperwork, the hogs had been on the truck for approximately 33 hours. I asked the Plant Operations Manager if the hogs had been provided food and water. He did not believe they had been and indicated the truck had been delayed due to weather. As outlined in FSIS Directive 6900.2 Rev. 3, I notified the Plant Operations Manager that I would notify APHIS of the 28-hour law violation. The following morning during antemortem inspection 8 additional hogs from this load were observed to have died overnight.</p>
M226+P4863+V226	Independent Meat Company	3/10/2022	<p>On March 10, 2022 I went out to the yards at approximately 6:15AM to perform antemortem inspection. As I walked out to the yards, I observed a livestock truck backed up to the unloading dock. I asked the REDACTED if she was preparing to unload live swine from that trailer. The REDACTED stated that she had already unloaded the hogs at 5AM but that the truck was stuck due to ice because the truck arrived on premise at 1AM. The live hogs had been held on the truck for 4 hours on official establishment premise with no access to water. I confirmed the establishment employee's observations with the REDACTED and notified the REDACTED that all animals that are on the premises of the establishment, on vehicles that are on the premises, or animals being handled in connection with slaughter (e.g., livestock on trucks being staged for slaughter) are to be handled humanely. Establishment employees are to handle these animals in accordance with the regulations for the humane handling of livestock. If any areas on official premises, including livestock trailers, are being used as holding pens animals must have access to water as per 9 CFR 313.2.</p>