

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Description
M96	Florida Beef, Inc.	<p>At approximately 1015 hours, while conducting inspection task in the barn, I observed animals being unloaded from a cattle truck. The last cow was not cooperative and stayed at the front loading/unloading of the trailer. The truck driver, behind the middle trailer divider, struck the cow with rattle paddle four consecutive times in the face. I immediately took regulatory control action by applying U.S. Reject tag No. B34733427 on the trailer. I notified Mr. REDACTED Cattle Procurement Manager, that the truck driver cannot hit the animal in the face with blunt force. As the operations continue, one of the truck driver's kid got up in the stairs and started poking the animal with a rattle paddle in the nose three consecutive times. Mr. REDACTED quickly stopped the kid from doing what he's doing. The establishment was able to unload the animal without further deviation. I notified Mr. REDACTED that I will issue an NR for failing regulation 9 CFR 313.2(b) by using rattle paddle excessively which could lead to animal injury. (July 9, 2024)</p>
M96	Florida Beef, Inc.	<p>At around 1255, while conducting inspection activity in the barn. I noted commotion in the final chute near the knock box. Multiple plant employees were working to move a cow that was balking. They used a rattle paddle multiple times, they also used a hot shot six times on the animal. The pattern was rattle paddle use then hot shot repeated. The rattle paddle was applied with blunt edge repeatedly striking the animals flank. The animals back leg, kicked multiple times after use of hot shot. The plant then used low pressure water on the animal to get it to move forward.</p> <p>A review of the facility Humane Handling plan indicates that prodding will not be continuous or multiple times in rapid succession.</p> <p>The facility failed to minimize the excitement and discomfort when moving the animal to the stunning area. Mr. REDACTED, Barn Manager was notified. (December 15, 2023)</p>