

EU Pork Heart Data Sheet

For market hogs (animals up to 1 year old), randomly select approximately six (6) swine hearts per week from inspected and passed carcasses at each approved slaughter establishment. Adjust the rate to yield at least 300 hearts per establishment per year. IICs should randomly select one time per week to conduct the inspection. Each of the hearts should be laid open for examination of the endocardium in all chambers and associated valves. Although the best location for conducting the inspection may vary from plant to plant, an appropriate location may be in the offal packing area near or at the heart washer exit. IICs should arrange for relief veterinarians to perform this task in their absence providing instruction as necessary.

Describe any finding of gross pathological lesions, including lesions of endocarditis under "Gross Pathological Lesions" below along the date of the finding. If none are found, indicate "No Lesions found," then the IIC should sign and date this data sheet. Begin a new sheet each quarter.

The Data Sheets should be maintained on file by the IIC. Plant management should submit a fax copy of completed quarterly data sheets to the Export Staff of the Technical Service Center. The Fax number for the TSC is (402) 221-7479.

Quarter:		Est. No.	Est. Name:
Week	Date of Inspection	Inspector Initials	Gross Pathological Lesions
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IIC Signature _____ Date _____