



## **Operational Guidance for Substituting Information for Lost Slaughter Data**

**Issue:** Packers not submitting information when slaughter data is lost.

**Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News (LPGMN) Position:** If plants lose slaughter data on lots of animals due to malfunctions within their daily operating procedures beyond their control, and can't be recovered, the plants should leave carcass data and net price fields blank and only submit information for price paid and head count.

**LPGMN Guidance:** In cases where the slaughter data is lost as described above, plants will not be considered out of compliance when they leave the carcass data and net price fields blank. Packers should also document how the information was lost and that it was beyond their control.

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