



Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	06/13/2023	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	CWA, NPDES, CAFO	
Company Name:	Bar H Livestock Marketing, LLC	
Facility Name:	Elk City Livestock Auction (35.381028, -99.398969)	
Facility Physical Location:	3202 OK-6	
(city, state, zip code)	Elk City, OK 73644	
Mailing address:	PO Box 687	
(city, state, zip code)	Elk City, OK 73648	
County/Parish:	Beckham County	
Facility Phone Number	(580) 497 - 6095	
Facility Contact:	Brandon Hickey	Owner
	Brandonhickey74@gmail.com	
Facility Registry ID:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	OKU002189	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	424520	
SIC:	5154	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Lucas Bomar	EPA/6ECAD-WA	Inspector(lead)
Brandon Hickey	Elk City Livestock Auction	Owner
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	{Inspector name}	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	{Supervisor name}	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspector, Lucas Bomar, arrived at Elk City Livestock Auction the “Site” or “Facility” located at 3202 OK-6 Elk City, OK 73644 at 12:52 p.m., on June 13, 2023, for an unannounced inspection. Inspector met with Mr. Brandon Hickey (Owner) at the Opening Conference. Inspector presented their credentials to Mr. Hickey and informed him that this was an EPA inspection to determine the facility’s compliance status with the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) regulations as authorized by Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 308. The scope of the inspection included a compliance evaluation of the facility’s site operations and record keeping determining the designation of the facility as a CAFO. For biosecurity purposes, the inspector toured the site in over-boots. Inspector was accompanied by Mr. Hickey.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Elk City Livestock Auction reported that they have sold a total of 73,797 combined cattle in 2022. They sell beef bovine and a few dairy cattle. Auctions are held Friday every week forty-eight weeks out of the year unless it is a holiday. Animals are housed for approximately 48 hours for each sale. Animals are housed in open pens with a few covered pens. Pens are cleaned via scraping as needed using a skid steer. Lot scrapings are piled and then given away to 3rd party farmers. Mortalities are hauled off and buried as needed within 24 hours. The livestock market uses hay and pellet feed. Pellet feed is stored in sacks and some hay is covered.

The site pumps to the city sewer system. The facility is sloped to direct all runoff to a grated manhole at the west end of the facility and pens. There are also drainage channels in the center of the pens that help direct runoff to the grated manhole. There is a large berm on the north side that prevents runoff from entering the nearby city drainage ditch. Before the inspection, city workers had chopped down a lot of vegetation on the north berm. Berms also surround the other perimeters of the facility to keep runoff from flowing offsite.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

Elk City Livestock Auction has the animal numbers required to meet the large CAFO regulatory definition based off their 2022 reported sales. Elk City Livestock Auction is well managed and organized. No potential issues were found during the inspection.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

There were no areas of concern found at the time of the inspection.

EPA Region 6 inspector conducted a closing conference for the Elk City Livestock Auction inspection at approximately 1:34 p.m. on June 13, 2023. During the closing conference, the inspector reviewed findings with Mr. Hickey and provide him with a compliance assistance brochure.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No follow up has occurred since the inspection.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Inspection Photo Log – twelve photos taken June 13, 2023

Appendix 1

Inspection Photograph Log



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010019.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:06 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the east. South edge of the facility. Notice topography creating a flowpath for drainage and berm on the south end.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Photo No. 2

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010020.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:13 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west-northwest. Taken from the eastern edge of the facility to show grade of pens towards the photographer.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Photo No. 3

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010021.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:14 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the north. East edge of facility. Notice berm outside of the pens to contain runoff and runoff.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Photo No. 4

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010022.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:15 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west-northwest. Photo of manure pile in the drainage of the grated manhole.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Photo No. 5

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010023.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:16 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west. Photo of the manhole where water is pumped to the city.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010024.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:19 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the south. Photo of the berm on the east edge of the facility to control runoff and runon.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010025.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:22 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west. North edge of the facility along Cattleman Road with drainage flow toward the photographer.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010026.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:22 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the east. North edge of the facility with drainage flowing to the east toward Elk Creek.



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Photo No. 9

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010027.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:26 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the southeast. Commodity and hay storage.



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Photo No. 10

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010028.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:28 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the south. Cement alley in pens that directs runoff to the grated manhole.



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Photo No. 11

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010029.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:29 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the west. Cement alley that directs runoff to the grated manhole.



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Photo No. 12

Location: Elk City Livestock Auction		
City: Elk City	County: Beckham	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010030.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/13/2023

Time of Photo: 1:29 PM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the east. Cement alley that directs runoff to the grated manhole.