



Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	06/12/2023	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	CWA, NPDES, CAFO	
Company Name:	Woodward Livestock Auction Inc	
Facility Name:	Woodward Livestock Auction	
Facility Physical Location:	900 N. Lakeview	
(city, state, zip code)	Woodward OK, 73801	
Mailing address:	PO Box 1092	
(city, state, zip code)	Woodward OK, 73801	
County/Parish:	Woodward County	
Facility Phone Number	(580) 256-5547	
Facility Contact:	Cathy Dodd	Office Manager
	woodwardlivestockauction@gmail.com	
Facility Registry ID:	110007730651	
Identification/Permit Number:	OKU000880	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	424520	
SIC:	5154	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Lucas Bomar	EPA/6ECAD-WA	Inspector(lead)
Cathy Dodd	Woodward Livestock Auction	Office Manager
Mario Gutierrez	Woodward Livestock Auction	Lot Manager
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date		
	Lucas Bomar	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date		
	Esteban Herrera	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspector Lucas Bomar arrived at Woodward Livestock Auction the “Site” or “Facility” located at 900 N. Lakeview Woodward OK, 73801 at 9:36 a.m., on June 12, 2023, for an unannounced inspection. Inspector met with Ms. Cathy Dodd (Office Manager) at the Opening Conference. Inspector presented their credentials to Ms. Dodd and informed her 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 and used a company vehicle. Inspector was accompanied by Mr. Mario Gutierrez (Lot Manager).

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Woodward Livestock Auction sale records showed that the facility housed and moved a total of 204,314 combined cattle in 2022. They sell beef cattle and calves. Auctions are held Tuesday and Thursday every week unless it is a holiday. Animals are housed for around 72 to 96 hours for each sale. Animals are housed in open pens (Appendix 1, Photos 2-4). Pens are cleaned via two bobcat skid steers every Friday. Lot scrapings are piled and then given away to 3rd party farmers. Mortalities are hauled off and disposed of by a 3rd party. Feed is stored in silos and hay piles (Appendix 1, Photos 5-6).

The facility has no lagoons or retention control structures.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

Woodward Livestock Auction’s 2022 sale numbers qualify the facility as a large CAFO by regulatory definition. There are two runoff channels that run through the open pens. They connect with large standing bodies of water on the north end of the property. These bodies of water are near the manure storage piles (Appendix 1, Photos 7-13). The lot manager said the facility was in the process of pumping the water out. Woodward Livestock Auction is well managed and organized with the only concern being the runoff channels coming off the pens and the large standing body of water. No other potential issues were found during the inspection.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

There were runoff channels coming off the pens that connected with large standing bodies of water. (Agriculture Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Discharges from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in Oklahoma Part II.A.1.a.i: “The production area is properly designed, constructed, operated and maintained to contain all manure, litter, process wastewater plus the runoff and direct precipitation from the 25-year, 24-hour storm event for the location of the CAFO.”)

EPA Region 6 inspector conducted a closing conference for the Woodward Livestock Auction inspection at approximately 10:41 a.m. on June 12, 2023. During the closing conference, the inspector reviewed findings with Ms. Cathy Dodd and Mr. Mario Gutierrez and provide the facility with compliance assistance brochures.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No follow up has occurred since the time of the inspection.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Inspection Photo Log – fourteen (14) photos taken June 12, 2023

Appendix 1

Inspection Photograph Log



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010001.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:02 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the southwest. Southwestern corner of the facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010002.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:02 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the northwest. Northwest pens with feed silos in background.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Photo No. 3

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010003.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:02 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the northeast. Pens and facility.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010004.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:03 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the north. Shot of the open pens from catwalk.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 5

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010005.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:12 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the northeast. Feed silos with pens in the background.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 6

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010006.JPG

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:14 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the north. Hay pile north of pens.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 7

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: R0010007 (2).JPG

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:15 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the north. Standing ponds north of the pens.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 8

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: IMG-3301.jpg

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:17 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the east. Runoff coming from the pens on the northern edge of the facility to the standing ponds.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 9

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: IMG-3302.jpg

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:17 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the north. Standing ponds north of pens and manure pile in background.



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Photo No. 10

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: IMG-3303.jpg
Date of Photo: 06/12/2023
Time of Photo: 10:20 AM
Photographer: Lucas Bomar
Description: View to the south. Runoff coming from pens.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Photo No. 11

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: IMG-3304.jpg

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:20 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the north. Runoff coming from pens heading to standing ponds.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 12

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: IMG-3305.jpg

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:22 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the southwest. Runoff coming from pens on the north end.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 13

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: IMG-3306.jpg

Date of Photo: 06/12/2023

Time of Photo: 10:22 AM

Photographer: Lucas Bomar

Description: View to the northwest. Runoff from pens heading to standing ponds.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Photograph Log

Photo No. 14

Location: Woodward Livestock Auction		
City: Woodward	County: Woodward	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: IMG-3307.jpg
Date of Photo: 06/12/2023
Time of Photo: 10:24 AM
Photographer: Lucas Bomar
Description: View to the South. Eastern edge of the facility.