

## CATTLE INSPECTION PROCEDURES

### CARCASS

1. Palpate scrotal or mammary and internal iliac lymph nodes
2. Observe lumbar region
3. Observe and palpate kidneys\*
4. Observe diaphragm's pillars and peritoneum
5. Observe and palpate diaphragm
6. Observe pleura, cut surfaces of muscles and bones, neck, and carcass exterior

\*Plant employee should adequately expose all kidneys of livestock carcasses from the fat covering and capsule

**NOTE:** IPP are to observe all ox tails.

### VISCERA

1. Observe mesenteric lymph nodes and abdominal viscera
2. Observe and palpate the R & R junction
3. Observe esophagus and spleen
4. **Incise** and observe lungs' lymph nodes (mediastinal and right and left bronchial)
5. Observe and palpate costal (curved) surfaces of lungs
6. **Incise** heart and observe cut and inner surfaces
7. Turn lungs over, observe ventral (flat) surfaces and heart's outer surface
8. **Incise** and observe hepatic lymph nodes
9. Open bile duct and observe its contents
10. Observe and palpate liver's ventral surface
11. Turn liver over, palpate renal impression, observe and palpate parietal surface

### HEAD

1. Observe all surfaces of the head
2. **Incise** and observe the 4 sets of lymph nodes:
  - Left and right parotids
  - Left and right medial retropharyngeal
  - Left and right lateral retropharyngeal
  - Left and right mandibulars
3. **Incise** and observe the cheek muscles
4. Observe and palpate the tongue