

# RATITE SLAUGHTER PROCEDURES

## CARCASS

1. Observe the external and internal surfaces

## VISCERA

1. Observe and palpate the heart\*
2. Observe and palpate the lungs on all external surfaces
3. Observe the abdominal and thoracic airsacs
4. Observe and palpate the liver and spleen
5. Observe the kidneys with the carcass, then observe and palpate the kidneys after removal to an inspection tray
6. Observe all other visceral organs
7. Observe the neck, trachea, and esophagus

**NOTE:** The establishment incises the heart through the interventricular septum prior to inspection

## HEAD

1. Observe the head, eyes and sinus openings