

Food chain Information & Collection (FCI) and Communication of Inspection Results (CCIR)

User Personas



Ivan

Official Veterinarian (OV)

"Food safety, welfare, disease - it all stops with me."

Role & Responsibility

- Receiving and checking FCI from Farmer (via FBO)
- Conducting & recording Ante Mortem (AM) inspections in the lairage.
- Official release of animals for slaughter
- Record AM and PM inspection results into the IRIS system (end of shift).

Context & Technology

- 80% of time in the lairage, visit the MHI line 2-3 times a shift. Time poor for office work.
- Usually have a mobile on me, regularly called away.
- Way of working heavily paper driven (FCI printed, AM forms, clipboards, pen cards)
- Don't use hellenic or similar FBO systems.

Primary Goals

- Identify and enforce animal welfare issues at both producer site and FBO premises.
- Ensure animals for slaughter are traceable and safe to enter the food chain.
- Flag possible disease before slaughter for further post-mortem inspection.

Pain Points

- Communicating with the MHIs on the line (must first change overalls and get clean).
- IRIS data entry - painfully slow by producer batch, precious little time for for data entry.
- FBO hostility at times, objecting to my decisions and I have to be authoritative.



Clare

Meat Hygiene Inspector (MHI)

"My job is physical and fast paced. I have to be focussed."

- Conduct post mortem inspections.
- Record tallies of disease or rejection reasons per producer batch or shift.
- Report condition / rejection volumes to the OV & FBO.
- Maintain ID of an animal along the line to point of grading & weighing.

- Work in MHI pair shifts of 30-45minutes on a production line before rotating/ break.
- Often noisy, damp and confined spaces.
- Hands occupied, gloved with chainmail, ear protection, hard hats, wellies, knife holster
- Recording variably on metal clicker banks, tally boards or sheets or digital terminals.

- Spot diseased or contaminated meat and remove it from the foodchain (food safety).
- As much as possible, work quickly to avoid holding up the line with inspection tasks.
- Keep tabs on which carcasses and offal / other trims go together (traceability).

- Speed & mental load to remember to record every rejection reason accurately
- Variable inspection point ergonomics make it harder to record accurately, consistently.
- Having to convert FBO PM data reports to align with IRIS input fields.
- Suspect tampering/errors in FBO PM data.



Neil

Abattoir Manager (FBO)

"We're here to run our business, not the FSA's business."

- Maintain efficient slaughter operations (line speed, staffing, hygiene, admin, etc.)
- Verify receipt of FCI & identity docs and provide FCI and kill plans to the OV
- Health & welfare of live animals at plant
- Maintain animal, carcass and meat traceability (1 step forwards and back).

- Large office admin overheads, lots of paperwork, email, fax from & to producers.
- Proliferation of systems recording different operational data (atmospheric, grade etc.)
- Slowly upgrading and integrating more technology and data as we can afford it.
- Same day price and grade data for farmers.

- Balance legal responsibilities with commercial drivers.
- Max 'up-time' of the kill line (throughput speed vs. product damage+staff costs).
- Optimise or pivot kill plans to manage supply (farmers) and demand (retailer).

- Having to wait anything from a day to a week to get the FSA IRIS report back.
- Data in FSA report isn't attributable to a producer (recorded by day totals) so I can't use it to charge the right farmer for rejections.
- Paying for expensive FSA staff to do manual data entry.



Jeff

Farmer (Sheep & Cattle)

"Farming is not a desk job. I need more feedback, not red tape."

- Responsible for welfare and health of animal at farm and in transit.
 - Complete & supply accurate / timely FCI
- Adhere to movement and food chain laws:
- Provide animal identity documentation
 - Observe drug treatment withdrawal limits.
 - Declare disease or movement restrictions.

- Physical outdoor job, away from office PC, no printer, smartphone increasingly used.
- Familiar with DEFRA movement forms (but never seen a MOC / MIG)
- Self professed luddite but growing interest in apps and online tools to manage farm admin and reduce paperwork.

- Turn a profit (carcass weight & grade) amid a competitive market.
- Fulfil my legal obligations when selling for slaughter (avoid fines or detained carcasses).
- Monitor my herds' health (assess my rearing practices on productivity).

- Non-standard forms - The financial consequences of me missing / ticking the wrong FCI box can be huge.
- It's a rare bonus if I get a 'health report' back. Even rarer for it to be useful. I get nothing from markets at all.
- Distrustful of FBOs trying to pass on bogus charges and costs that are not my doing.



Saskia

Ops Manager Producer- Processor (Poultry)

"I need better quality data, quicker and more of it."

- Centrally gather data from agri-managers at rearing sheds daily (inc. health & FCI)
- Devise optimal weekly kill plans (managing bird age, condition, drug withdrawal periods).
- Monitor slaughter data in near real time, feedback to producer and react quickly to pivot production plan.

- Highly data driven, office based, expert spreadsheet literacy.
- Access to own full lifecycle of data, (from hatchery to slaughter).
- Produce large printed FCI and kill plan packs for FSA (mismatched maturity)
- Provide and maintain hellenic digital terminals for MHI's to enter PM data.

- Maintain tight traceability - reduce potential scale and cost of product recalls.
- Monitoring large data sets for the smallest of productivity gains (rearing and health).
- Meet/exceed quality and welfare agreements for assurance schemes and retail clients.

- FSA's digital immaturity, holding us back from fully digitising our methods and tools.
- Slow turnaround of data, we have to collect our own in parallel to remain reactive to supply quality or welfare issues.
- Condition ID and/or recording inconsistencies between FSA teams - training issue.