

# DEPOPULATION CHECKLIST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PRE-PLANNING

	Number	Avg. weight of pig	Approx. total weight
List the number and average weight of pigs to be euthanized by type, then calculate approximate total weight and final totals. (Available from the National Pork Board)	Suckling:		
	Weaner:		
	Feeder:		
	Market:		
	Sows:		
	Boars:		
	Total:		

Question	YES	NO
Have you reviewed the depopulation guidance resources?		
Have you reviewed all required state regulations regarding euthanasia?		
Have you reviewed all state animal cruelty/welfare laws?		
Have you reviewed all required state and federal regulations regarding disposal of animals?		
Are you required to contact any local or federal agencies prior to conducting the depopulation?		
Do you have the ability to assign safety officers? • If Yes, Name:		
Do you have the ability to assign a logistics expert? • If Yes, Name:		

## BIOSECURITY

Question	YES	NO
Can you implement social distancing?		
Do you have the required personal protective equipment? • If no, can you acquire the required PPE?		
Are you screening all employees for COVID-19 symptoms?		
Do you have the necessary sanitary equipment?		
Do you have a plan to adjust if someone shows symptoms?		

## PIG MOVEMENT

Question	YES	NO
Have you determined if pigs will be sorted out or if you are taking full pens?		
Have you identified the best route to move the pigs?		
If needed, do you have additional equipment to help move pigs (extra gates, hurdles/sort boards, etc.)?		
Have you determined how many pigs you can move at a time?		
Have you determined the distance you have to move the pigs?		
Can employees move within the working area without creating bottlenecks?		
Do you have the required number of people needed to move pigs from pens to euthanasia location?		
Have you communicated this to everyone involved?		
Do you have a lead on this portion? • If Yes, Name:		

## DEPOPULATION

Question	YES	NO
Do you have a preferred euthanasia method? • If Yes, preferred method: • Is this method compliant with state laws? • Does this method require a secondary step, if so: • How will you safely determine death/unconsciousness?		
Do you have a backup euthanasia method? • If Yes, backup method: • Is this method compliant with state laws? • Does this method require a secondary step, if so: • How will you safely determine death/unconsciousness?		
Have you determined the number of people required to perform the euthanasia?		
Do you have the required resources (devices, ammunition, etc.) available for the number of pigs to be euthanized?		
Have you determined if euthanasia should be done in groups or individually?		
If needed, do you have a method for restraint? If yes, Do you have a trained person responsible for doing so? Have you reviewed how to protect the employees during this process?		
If using electrocution or CO2, have you determined the length of time it will take for the animal to be rendered insensible?		
Have you determined the time it will take to euthanize the required number of animals (per barn, location, farm, etc.)?		
Have you determined if the work will be performed in multiple shifts?		
Has everyone been trained in the primary and backup euthanasia methods?		
Does everyone understand the process and how to remain safe during the process?		
Do you have someone assigned as a safety officer to ensure all personnel are safe?		

## DEPOPULATION LOCATION

Question	YES	NO
Have you determined a location where euthanasia can be safely applied?		
Can the animals walk to the location?		
Does the location allow for easy carcass removal?		
Do you have a carbon source to remove bodily fluids from the location? • If Yes, carbon source:		
Do you have a method to transport carcasses to a disposal location?		
Do you have a location to stage resources needed (food and water for employees, ammunition, cartridges, heavy equipment, etc.)		

## DISPOSAL

Question	YES	NO
Have you confirmed your depopulation method will not affect your disposal method? • Renderers/Compost facilities may not accept certain chemical euthanasia methods		
Have you reviewed the carcass disposal guidance resources (here)?		
Have you determined your preferred disposal method? • If Yes, Method:		
Have you determined your preferred disposal location? • If Yes, Location:		
Have you determined how you will transport carcasses?		
Do you have enough transport vehicles?		
Do you know how many carcasses you can transport at a time?		
Have you determined the time & distance to the preferred disposal location?		
Can the transportation and disposal method keep up with euthanasia process?		
Have you determined how many people are required to operate the equipment?		
Did you factor in shifts/breaks for employees?		
Have you determined a staging area for resources (fuel, etc.)?		
Have you briefed each employee on their responsibilities and roles?		

## COMPOST

Question	YES	NO
Do you have the proper state and federal guidelines to be compliant?		
Do you have the required equipment?		
Do you have the required carbon source?		
Have you determined where to acquire your carbon source and how long it will take?		
Do you have the required space?		
Do you have an area to stage the resources needed for composting?		
Do you have a backup plan?		