

# Slaughter waste as bait for hunting and trapping

## On-farm slaughter operation

The [Meat Inspection Regulation](#), Section 31.7 enables on-farm slaughter operations (OFSOs) to gift or sell uninspected slaughter waste consisting of butcher scrap and byproducts (e.g., trimmings, organs such as liver, heart, lungs, etc.) as bait in hunting and trapping.

### Meat Inspection Regulation

#### Section 31.7, Disposal

- (1) Except as provided in this section, the operator of an uninspected slaughter operation shall dispose of any carcass or portion of a carcass that is not provided to a producer in accordance with the Disposal of *Dead Animals Regulation* (AR 132/2014).
- (2) The operator of an uninspected slaughter operation may, in accordance with this section, dispose of portions of a carcass that are not provided to a producer by offering them for sale, selling them or otherwise providing them for use as bait in accordance with this section.
- (3) The following portions of a carcass may not be offered for sale, sold or otherwise provided for use as bait:
- (a) the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, palatine tonsils, spinal cord or dorsal root ganglia of cattle aged 30 months or older;
  - (b) the distal ileum of cattle of all ages;
  - (c) material coming from an animal that is known or suspected to have a disease that is reportable under the Animal Health Act or the Health of Animals Act (Canada) or both.
- (4) The operator of an uninspected slaughter operation shall identify all portions of a carcass offered for sale or sold or otherwise provided for use as bait by affixing tags on them stating “UNINSPECTED — FOR USE AS BAIT, ONLY”.

### What this means for on-farm slaughter operations

If an individual does not wish to take the slaughter waste from their animal(s), an OFSO operator can sell or otherwise provide their slaughter waste as bait for hunting and trapping.

As per Section 31.7 (4), since the slaughter waste is uninspected, all portions of slaughter waste used for bait must be labelled as “UNINSPECTED - FOR USE AS BAIT, ONLY”.

### What cannot be used as bait

Portions of a carcass that may not be used as bait, or otherwise sold or gifted, include the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, palatine tonsils, spinal cord or dorsal root ganglia from cattle aged 30 months or older.

Additionally, the distal ileum from any aged cattle and any animals with a reportable disease may not be sold or gifted for the purposes of bait.

As slaughter waste is uninspected, it cannot be gifted or sold for human consumption at commercial food establishments (retail, wholesale and restaurants), to other individuals or at farmers' markets.

### What this means for Albertans

The regulation gives outfitters, hunters and trappers opportunities to obtain uninspected slaughter waste from OFSOs to use as bait when hunting or trapping.

The use of slaughter waste for hunting and trapping adds additional economic value to each carcass.

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