

## Natural Valley Farms Investigation – Feb 2008 Slideshow



Massive mound in Natural Valley Farms' Rendering Pit. From a distance we thought these high berms were composed of dirt and mud but on closer inspection it became clear that they were comprised of horse remains. In this photo you can see at least 2 horse heads and numerous limbs.



Full-term foal discovered in Natural Valley Farms' Rendering Pit on February 26, 2008. The foal had been born alive, as indicated by the bruising on his face in the shape of tire tracks (bruising does not occur unless the heart is able to pump blood to the surface). His abdomen had been ripped into by the coyotes who frequent the Pit but his ears had been cut cleanly from his head. The foal did not have a captive bolt pistol wound hole on his head - we are not sure how he died.

The presence of a foal at the slaughter plant though indicates that his mother was likely loaded and transported too close to term - which is illegal in both the US and Canada. It must have been a very difficult ride for her and the circumstances of the foal's birth are painful to even consider.



Another of the massive berms at Natural Valley Farms' Rendering Pit as seen on February 26, 2008. There are at least 9 horse heads visible in this hill.



At least 3 horse heads discovered in Natural Valley Farms' Rendering Pit on February 26, 2008.



Photo showing the location of the Rendering Pit from Natural Valley Farms horse slaughter plant in Neudorf, Saskatchewan (plant in the background, Pit in the foreground).

Management at Natural Valley Farms has denied having such a Pit - this photo clearly establishes its presence and proximity to the slaughter plant.



Processed horse head found in Natural Valley Farms' Rendering Pit on February 26, 2008. Note the absence of a captive bolt pistol hole.

There are only 2 legally approved methods for slaughtering horses in Canada - by .22 or penetrating captive bolt pistol. Both would leave a hole in the skull. What is concerning is that this horse was slaughtered and processed but it is unclear how he was killed as no hole is present.



Cut-off leg from a young horse discovered in Natural Valley Farms' Rendering Pit on February 26, 2008.



Fresh processed horse head found in Natural Valley Farms' Rendering Pit on February 26, 2008. Again, note the absence of a captive bolt pistol hole on the head.





Intact horse found in the Condemned Pit at Natural Valley Farms' Rendering Pit. The horse is intact as he arrived on the trailer dead and therefore could not be processed.

Note the white USDA sticker still on the horse's back. White USDA stickers indicate that the horse was not labeled as a slaughter horse (those are lime green). Was he misleadingly labeled as a "feeder" horse to avoid the regulations set out to protect the welfare of slaughter-bound horses (no regulations exist for feeder horses)?



Row upon row of internal organs from horses slaughtered at Natural Valley Farms.