



# Animal Care & Handling

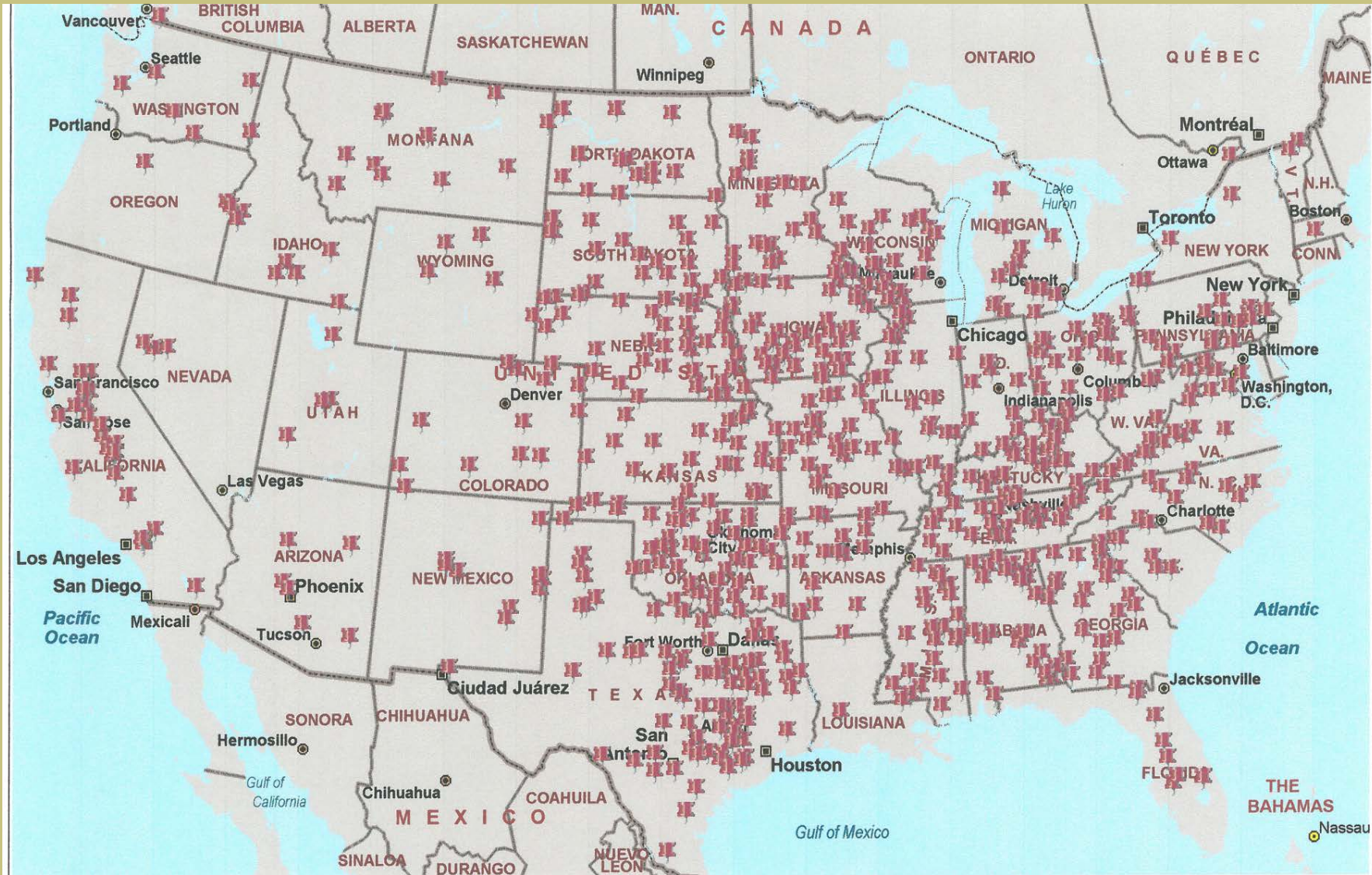
## *Livestock Auction Markets a National Perspective*

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# Where are our 820+ members located?





# LMA's Livestock Handling & Employee Education Program

- 2008 – Guide to Animal Handling & Employee Training for Livestock Marketing Businesses
- 2009 – LMA staff began voluntary On-Site Assessments of member auctions
- 2010 – Launched online training and certification modules with Beef Cattle Institute
- 2012 – Membership voted to make LMA livestock handling program a requirement for all members with expulsion provision in bylaws.
- 2014 – Entered into an agreement with Validus to provide third party assessment of market handling practices.



# LMA's Livestock Handling & Employee Education Program

2014 – Published an update to the Guide to Animal Handling – focusing on improved information for Euthanasia practices and movement of non-ambulatory animals.

2017 – We are beginning a new edit period for our guidelines.

2017 – LMA Board approved creation of an Animal Care Advisory Group made up of industry experts to review, edit and advise on changes to the LMA guidelines.



# The Assessment Process

- These are not surprise assessments for facility managers, employees may not be informed in advance.

*Why? We want buy in from the management to use the assessment as an opportunity to improve their auctions.*

- Last year LMA's REO's conducted 77 assessments (1st round and follow-up)
- Conducted training with at least 924 employees.

[LMA Assessment Form](#)



# Working to improve safety conditions for livestock and employees

- Recommend a trained market employee be present for loading & unloading.
- All livestock should be assessed by a trained employee.
- The footing at the loading and unloading area needs to be maintained to limit slips or falls.
- The loading and unloading area should be in good repair.
- Gates should be kept properly secured at all times during loading and unloading to keep animals from escaping the facility.



# What role do producers have in animal handling at the auctions?

- Proper handling starts on the farm
- “Don’t bring problems to town”
- Respect restricted area signs and stay clear of working areas in the auctions.



## Questions?

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