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# Is Creekstone Farms Beef Slaughtered Using the Vertical Cut?

[Photograph: Larry W. Smith, New York Times]

There are some concerns that arose in the Muslim community about some of the standards by which Creekstone Farms beef is certified Halal by the Halal Transactions of Omaha. [HTO has issued an update](#) on this issue addressing these concerns.

Regarding the vertical cut

HTO does not certify a vertical cut. Instead it allows plants to use a stabbing, as is the traditional Nahr method used by

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the neck followed by a full, traditional horizontal/transverse cut by hand that severs the major vessels in the animal's neck. The details of this are in HTO's update.

## Proof of Muslim employment

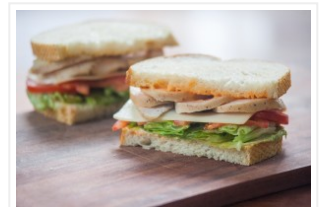
HTO's update also responds to concerns that there are no Muslim slaughtermen who work at Creekstone Farms. HTO has responded that there are Muslim employees they train to work as slaughtermen in the plants they certify. Specifically for Creekstone Farms, HTO has attached copies of weekly Halal Slaughter Reports that are required to be completed in addition to their regular inspections and audits.

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## HALAL SLAUGHTER REPORT - LIVESTOCKS

Slaughterhouse Name: Creekstone Farms Premium Beef Est. No.: 217  
 Location (City & State): Kansas City MO 64605  
 Type of Animals Slaughtered: Beef

Date of Slaughter	Start Time	End Time	No. of Animals Slaughtered	Notes
8:30:14	4:45	11:57	1086	Saturday
9:02:14	4:45	12:45	1094	
9:03:14	4:45	11:32	1015	
9:04:14	4:45	11:42	1050	
9:05:14	4:45	11:52	1076	

Halal Slaughterman/ Inspector:

*Abdirahman*

Plant Representative:

*[Signature]*

*Please fill in all information and fax or email a copy to Halal Transactions*

Halal Slaughter Report completed weekly at Creekstone Farms, part of the process of Halal inspection HTO requires at all plants it certifies Halal.

[Photo: Halal Transactions Omaha]

See HTO's full article on their standards overall and the specifics of what they certify at Creekstone Farms [here](#).

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