



aWISH
ANIMAL WELFARE INDICATORS AT
THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Footpad Inspection (CLK GmbH)

TASK

The system automatically measures and analyses the size of footpad lesions, providing an objective indicator of animal welfare and farm management quality. It can be used for chickens, turkeys, and ducks, supporting improvements in hygiene, welfare, and production standards. Footpad health is one of the most widely used animal welfare indicators in Europe and is becoming increasingly important in Asian markets.



Fig.1 - Camera image



Fig.2 - Installation



CLK ChickenCheck
Systems

Assessment

- The camera system has been successfully operating since 2011 and is installed in more than 30 processing plants across Europe. It provides reliable and objective footpad assessment for chickens, turkeys, and ducks.
- Each foot is individually classified into up to five categories. Twisted, double, or tilted feet are automatically detected and excluded from the evaluation to ensure reliable and consistent results.
- The system can also be used for automatic sorting of poor-quality feet and processes up to 18,000 birds per hour.
- The technology has been scientifically validated by leading institutions and organisations, including QS (Bonn), AutoWohl (BLME), Wageningen University (NL), and aWish (EU).

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