

Energy Efficiency – ABP Kingswinford

The key energy uses at the installation are:

- Refrigeration (electricity)
- Compressed air (electricity)
- Steam/hot water (gas fired boiler)
- Line motors (electricity)
- Lighting (electricity)

The specific energy consumption has been calculated (see item 4 in the table below) based on units (where 1 unit is 5 sheep). ABP Kingswinford specific energy consumption (kWh/unit) is **54 kWh/unit** which is below benchmark range of 70 - 300 kWh/unit set in the BAT guidance. Hence our energy usage is highly efficient, but at ABP Food Group we strive for continual improvement.

- 5,955,620 KWH of energy used in 2022
- 551,428 sheep in 2022 = 110,286 animal units

The refrigeration plant in use at the installation is all of a modern type, regularly inspected and subject to a service contract. Operational procedures ensure chiller doors are open for the minimum amount of time.

Compressed air systems are operated at the minimum pressure required to adequately operate the installations equipment and is regularly inspected and subject to a service contract. Routine air leakage detection is undertaken.

The steam and hot water pipework is, as far as possible, lagged to increase efficiency. Water usage is minimised by knee and operated washes, trickle feed sterilisation, trigger operated lances, gross cleaning, and adequate blood capture – all of which reduce water heating requirements.

Line motors are where possible on Variable Speed Drives to improve efficiency.

Lighting is, where possible, of an energy efficient type. Replacement units when fitted will be of an energy efficient type.

Water is often used extensively in slaughterhouses. This is partially a result of the stringent hygiene standards imposed by UK and EU meat rules, which call for the use of potable water in practically all washing and rinsing procedures.



The table below demonstrates compliance with BAT requirements for the Red Meat Processing (Cattle, Sheep and Pigs) Sector:

Ref	Requirement	Comment
1	Consider the following techniques to reduce energy	
	consumption:	
	Minimisation of water use. Typically, about half of the total water	Water usage is minimised by knee
	usage at an abattoir is heated to between 40°C and 60°C. Heating	and operated washes, trickle feed
	this water requires substantial energy consumption, and adds a	sterilisation, trigger operated lances,
	significant cost	gross cleaning, and adequate blood capture
	Efficient operation of the refrigeration system – consider heat	Operational procedures ensure
	recovery from refrigeration system, reducing heat load, efficient	chiller doors are open for the
	operation on part load and fast closing doors/alarms on chilled	minimum amount of time
	storage areas	
2	You should meet the energy benchmarks shown in Table 1 - Heat	For 2022:
	and electricity (kWh/animal) - 250 kg cattle = 70 – 300	• 551,428 sheep were slaughtered
		(assume divide by 5 to match weights
		= 110,286 units)
		Total slaughter of 110,286 units
		• Electricity usage was 2,124,340 x
		2.4* = 5,095,410 kWh
		(*Conversion factor for delivered
		electricity to primary energy)
		• Gas usage was 612,430 kWh
		• Kerosene usage was 244,780 kWh
		• Total energy usage was 5,955,620
		kWh
		• kWh/unit = 54 which is below
		benchmark range



	- 230 litres per animal, Sheep 100 – 150 litres per animal.	
	Water consumption Cattle 700 - 1000 litres per animal, Pigs 160	head of sheep
	3. Meet the water consumption benchmarks below.	Water consumption = 55 litres per
	that dosing does not continue after cleaning is complete.	
	2. Interlock chemical dosing pumps with cleaning operations, so	30,329,000 Litres
	(Once-through cooling systems should not be used.)	• Total water usage 2022 –
	1. Use recirculating systems to recycle water.	units
3	You should where appropriate:	• Total slaughter 2022 – 551,428