



JAN-MAR 2019

Dear Valued Customer,

Tyson Fresh Meats utilizes the N60 program to sample beef trimmings and offal for *E. coli* O157:H7 [EC7] and non-O157 STEC pre-grinding. The N60 program has been both scientifically and statistically validated to ensure that material intended for raw ground beef products meet FSIS Directive 10,010.1REV3.

As part of our on-going validation, a verification program has been developed to provide on-going assurance that the HACCP system is functioning in accordance with 9CFR§417.4(a).

**VERIFICATION PROGRAM DESIGN**

- Company Verification Samples
  - Taken monthly APR-SEPT “Hot Season”.
  - Taken quarterly OCT-MAR.
  - Samples of both ground beef (trim) and offal (as applicable) are selected for testing.
  - These verification samples are collected after receiving negative *E. coli* O157:H7 results through routine N60 testing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Verification Samples (trim)
  - Conducted annually per calendar year

**RECENT STEC VERIFICATION RESULTS**

The plants listed below have completed verification sampling with **negative results** for both *E. coli* O157:H7 and non-O157 STEC (last sample date shown).

EST	Plant	Ground Beef/Trim Date	Offal Date	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Date*
245E	Amarillo, TX	03/22/19	02/13/19	06/05/2018
245C	Dakota City, NE	01/21/19	03/18/19	05/03/2018
245D	Emporia, KS	02/07/19	N/A**	04/04/2018
278	Finney County, KS	03/13/19	03/22/19	05/16/2018
245J	Joslin, IL	01/21/19	02/13/19	05/10/2018
245L	Lexington, NE***	02/05/19	02/21/19	06/29/2017
9268	Pasco, WA	03/05/19	03/26/19	7/23/2018

\*conducted annually per calendar year

\*\*Est. 245D is a processing only and not harvest facility [no offal products produced]

\*\*\*Est. 245L does not produce raw ground beef but a ground blend for cook only at other federal establishments

Respectfully submitted,

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