



JAN-MAR 2021

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.
- 3rd 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 rd Party Date*
245E	Amarillo, TX	1/27/21	2/24/21	1/28/2021
245C	Dakota City, NE	03/22/21	2/24/21	09/16/2020
245D	Emporia, KS	2/23/21	N/A**	08/19/2020
278	Finney County, KS	1/21/21	No Sample Taken	09/16/2020
245J	Joslin, IL	1/26/21	2/15/21	10/28/2020
245L	Lexington, NE***	2/16/21	3/31/21	06/25/2020
9268	Pasco, WA	2/10/21	1/26/21	7/16/2020

*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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