



April 10, 2019

Dear Customer:

This Letter is to convey the results of the STX Beef Company, LLC. Quarterly E. coli O157:H7 and Non-O157 STEC's (O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, O145) "Verification" testing. As part of our ongoing validation of our Food Safety System, as well as following the industry guidelines on "Best Practices" as delineated in FSIS Notice 65-07, and ongoing customer requests for non-O157 STEC verification testing we will perform verification testing of trimmings as a raw ground beef component as least quarterly.

Each quarter, STX Beef Company, LLC will take a "lot" of trimmings that has already been tested and found negative for E. coli O157:H7 and non-O157 STEC's using a statistical valid sampling plan and ground the product. This ground product will then be sampled using a statistically valid sampling plan and following USDA/FSIS guidelines for sample size, analysis and detection limits. This ground sample release will be used as our "Verification".

Current Results (Quarter 2 – 2019):

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 04/08/2019

Product: Ground 85% Lot D1

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: QNL-69338

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 04/08/2019

Product: Ground Hearts Lot A

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: QNL-69338

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 04/08/2019

Product: Ground Head Meat Lot A

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: QNL-69338

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 04/08/2019

Product: Ground Cheek Meat Lot A

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: QNL-69338

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				Report Date: 4/10/2019	
				Report No: QNL-69338	
IEH Lab ID#	Sample Date	Receive Date	Sample Description	E. coli STEC (E. coli O157, O145, O121, O111 O103, O45, O26)	
QNL41838-001	4/8/2019	4/9/2019	Verification Ground 85% Lot D1 (STEC)	Negative	
QNL41838-002	4/8/2019	4/9/2019	Verification Ground Hearts Lot A (STEC)	Negative	
QNL41838-003	4/8/2019	4/9/2019	Verification Ground Head Meat Lot A (STEC)	Negative	
QNL41838-004	4/8/2019	4/9/2019	Verification Ground Cheek Meat Lot A (STEC)	Negative	
Test Method: E. coli STEC (E. coli O157, O145, O121, O111 O103, O45, O26) = E. coli STEC MB217.01 (AOAC Cert # 100701)(PCR)					

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL SAMPLES WERE RECEIVED IN ACCEPTABLE CONDITION. THE RESULT(S) IN THIS REPORT RELATE ONLY TO THE PORTION OF THE SAMPLE(S) TESTED. THIS REPORT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A RELEASE OF PRODUCT FOR CONSUMPTION. THIS REPORT SHALL NOT BE REPRODUCED EXCEPT IN FULL, WITHOUT WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE LABORATORY. THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO 5 U.S.C. SEC. 552(b)(4).

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