



January 17, 2020.

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 1– 2020):

Establishment #337
Sample Date: 1/16/2020
Product: Ground 65% Lot B1
N60 Sample Result: Negative
Report No: CCT-124056

Establishment #337
Sample Date: 1/16/2020
Product: Ground Head Meat Lot A
N60 Sample Result: Negative
Report No: CCT-124056

Establishment #337
Sample Date: 1/16/2020
Product: Ground Hearts Lot A
N60 Sample Result: Negative
Report No: CCT-124056

Establishment #337
Sample Date: 1/16/2020
Product: Ground Cheek Meat Lot A
N60 Sample Result: Negative
Report No: CCT-124056

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronnie Trammell Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Ronnie Trammell Jr.
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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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WO: 20564		Report Date: 01/17/20		Report No: CCT-124056	
IEH Lab ID#	Sample Date	Receive Date	Sample Description	E. coli O157	E. coli STEC (O157:H7, O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, O145)
CCT011620-080	01/16/20	01/16/20	Verification Ground 65% Lot B 1 (STEC)	Negative	Negative
CCT011620-081	01/16/20	01/16/20	Verification Ground Hearts Lot A (STEC)	Negative	Negative
CCT011620-082	01/16/20	01/16/20	Verification Ground Head Meat Lot A (STEC)	Negative	Negative
CCT011620-083	01/16/20	01/16/20	Verification Ground Cheek Meat Lot A (STEC)	Negative	Negative

Test Method: E. coli O157 = E. coli O157 MB217.01 (AOAC Cert # 100701)(PCR), E. coli STEC (O157:H7, O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, O145) = 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).

MEAT SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT USING N60 EXCISION OR EQUIVALENT METHOD AND SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY; 100% OF SAMPLE IS ANALYZED.

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