



December 15, 2023

Quarterly STEC Verification

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 3 – 2023):

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 12/14/2023

Product: Ground Chuck Lot D 29

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: CCT-138265

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 12/14/2023

Product: Ground Hearts Lot A

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: CCT-138265

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 12/14/2023

Product: Ground Head Meat Lot B

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: CCT-138265

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 12/14/2023

Product: Ground Cheek Meat Lot B

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: CCT-138265

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Jacobs".

David Jacobs

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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WO: 28781		Report Date: 12/15/2023		Report No: CCT-138265
IEH Lab ID#	Sample Date	Receive Date	Sample Description	E. coli STEC (O157:H7, O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, O145)
CCT121423-193	12/14/2023	12/14/2023	Verification Chuck Combo Trim (GR) Lot D 29 (STEC)	Negative
CCT121423-194	12/14/2023	12/14/2023	Verification Beef Heart Lot A (STEC)	Negative
CCT121423-195	12/14/2023	12/14/2023	Verification Beef Head Meat Lot B (STEC)	Negative
CCT121423-196	12/14/2023	12/14/2023	Verification Beef Cheek Meat Lot B (STEC)	Negative
Test Method: 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).

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