



April 18, 2024

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 have already been tested and found negative for E. coli O157:H7 and non-O157 STECs using a statistically 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 – 2024):

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 04/17/2024

Product: 65% Beef Trim Lot C 1

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: CCT-140480

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 04/17/2024

Product: Ground Hearts Lot B

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: CCT-140480

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 04/17/2024

Product: Ground Head Meat Lot A

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: CCT-140480

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 04/17/2024

Product: Ground Cheek Meat Lot B

N60 Sample Result: Negative

Report No: CCT-140480

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: 29466, 29467 Report Date: 6/25/2024 Report No: CCT-140480

| IEH Lab ID# | Sample Date | Receive Date | Sample Description | E. coli STEC (O157:H7, O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, O145) |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--|
| CCT041724-041 | 4/17/2024 | 4/17/2024 | 65% Combo Trim (GR) Lot C 1 (STEC) | Negative |
| CCT041724-061 | 4/17/2024 | 4/17/2024 | Beef Heart Lot B (STEC) | Negative |
| CCT041724-063 | 4/17/2024 | 4/17/2024 | Beef Head Meat Lot A (STEC) | Negative |
| CCT041724-067 | 4/17/2024 | 4/17/2024 | 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).

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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