



January 18, 2019

To: Cargill Customers

Re: Quarterly *E. coli* O157:H7 Check Samples – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

Dear Valued Customer:

Thank you for your request for information on our N=60 verification program. Cargill Meat Solutions, dba Cargill Protein Group (hereinafter “Cargill”) has a quarterly *E. coli* O157:H7 check sample program in place to ensure our N=60 sampling and testing programs are working as designed. To verify our programs, product that has tested negative is sampled and tested.

Cargill has completed fourth quarter 2018 *E. coli* O157:H7 check samples on ground beef components at its facilities. Samples were also conducted for the STEC 6. Results were below detection levels for *E. coli* O157:H7 and STEC 6<sup>1</sup>. Cargill utilizes BioControl GDS test methods. The following facilities completed testing on these dates:

- o 86E – Friona, TX – 10/2/2018
- o 86K – Dodge City, KS – 12/5/2018
- o 86M – Schuyler, NE – 11/6/2018
- o 86R – Fort Morgan, CO – 11/14/2018
- o 93 – High River, AB Canada – 10/3/2018
- o 9400 – Wyalusing, PA – 10/1/2018
- o 354 – Fresno, CA – 12/6/2018
- o 51 – Guelph, ON Canada – 11/9/2018

Cargill will continue to strive for excellence in providing our customers with a high-quality product manufactured under strict food safety standards. For additional information and/or updates please visit our website <https://www.cargill.com/meat-poultry/meat-food-safety>. However, should you have any specific questions please contact our office at 316-291-2500 or [Techsvs\\_Requests@cargill.com](mailto:Techsvs_Requests@cargill.com). As a valued customer, we appreciate your partnership and are pleased to help meet your needs.

Sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> Corrective Actions are taken on any non-conforming samples/results.

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