

Quarterly E. coli O157:H7 Check Samples – 1st Quarter

Issue Date: April 2025

Product Category(s): Amimal Protein

Region: North America

Maufacturing Location: Multiple

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 weekly *E. coli* O157:H7 verification 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 is reporting verification test results of ground beef components at its facilities during the fourth quarter of 2024. Products were sampled and tested each week for *E. coli* O157:H7 and STEC 6. Results were below detection levels for *E. coli* O157:H7 and STEC 6. Cargill utilizes BioControl GDS test methods. The following facilities completed testing on these dates:

- 86E Friona, TX 01/02/2025
- 86K Dodge City, KS 02/04/2025
- 86M Schuyler, NE 03/05/2025
- 86R Fort Morgan, CO 01/23/2025
- 93 High River, AB Canada 03/19/2025
- 9400 Wyalusing, PA 02/19/2025
- 51 Guelph, ON Canada 01/15/2025

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 http://www.cargill.com/products/meat-food-safety. However, should you have any specific questions please contact us at NA-FSQRinfo@cargill.com. As a valued customer, we appreciate your partnership and are pleased to help meet your needs.

Sincerely,

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