

AMS Commodity Purchasing Overview

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Overview

- Commodity Purchases
- Contractual vs. Regulatory Requirements
- Technical Requirements
- AMS Designated Laboratories (ADL)
- Data Collaboration
- AMS Oversight
 - Standardization Division
 - Grading and Verification Division
- Child Nutrition Labeling
- Panel Discussion





COMMODITY PURCHASES

Background

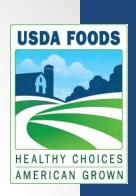


- AMS has delegated authority to purchase agricultural products to include:
 - Eggs
 - Fish
 - Fruits
 - Tree Nuts

- Meat
- Poultry
- Vegetables

Purchase about \$1.5 billion in product annually.

AMS Commodity Procurement Division (CPD)



- Accountable for all AMS Program Area Commodity Purchases.
- Comprised of Three Branches
 - Administrative Operations Branch
 - Contracting Branch
 - Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM)

Livestock & Seed (LS) Program



- Accountable for technical support, monitoring, certification and verification of purchases activities related to red meats and aquatic food commodities.
 - Beef
 - Pork
 - Lamb
 - Bison/Buffalo

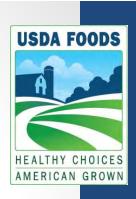
- Catfish
- Pollack
- Salmon
- Tuna

General Requirements for Contractors



- Work Closely with Designated Contract Specialist and COTR
- Read/Know the AMS Master Solicitation and Applicable Supplements (all commodity areas)
- Financial Responsibility
 - Credit Report
 - Dunn & Bradstreet
- Technical Proposal Submission (commodity dependant)
- Sample Submission

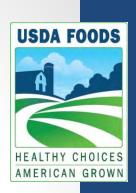
General Requirements for Contractors (cont'd)



- Onsite Capability
 Assessment
- WBSCM
 - Vendor RegistrationForm
 - 'Hub' for bidding and payment
 - Shipment Notification

- Qualification Documents
 Through WBSCM
 - CCR
 - ORCA
 - Payment Forms
- Approval/Denial

AMS Contractors/Suppliers - Covered by Dallas DO



- Est. 00675 M Caviness Beef Packers, LTD.
 - Supplement 211 & 212
- Est. 21171 MP Five Star Custom Foods
 - Supplement 703
- Est. 33999 M Four S Foods
 - Supplement 211
- Est. 02255 M Lone Star Beef Processors, LP.
 - Supplement 211

- Est. 07282 M Palo Duro
 - Supplement 211
- Est. 07209 MP San Angelo Packing
 - Supplement 211 & 212
- Est. 00245E M Tyson Fresh Meats
 - Supplement 211 & 212





CONTRACTUAL VS. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Examples



- Food Defense Plan
- Domestic Only Product
- Animal Handling & Welfare Plan (supplier)
- Approved Technical Proposal Various Provisions Within
- Audits G&V Division
- Grading & Certification (if necessary)



TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Supplement 211



PURCHASE OF FROZEN BEEF PRODUCTS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CHILD NUTRITION AND OTHER FEDERAL FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Example: Four S Foods Technical Proposal

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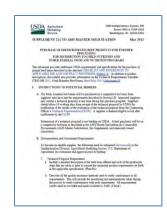


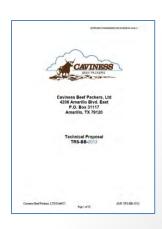
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PURCHASE OF FRESH BONELESS
BEEF PRODUCTS FOR FURTHER
PROCESSING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO
CHILD NUTRITION AND OTHER
FEDERAL FOOD AND NUTRITION
PROGRAMS

Example: Caviness Beef Packers Technical Proposal









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PROGRAMS

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Example: Five Star Custom Foods Technical Proposal





AMS DESIGNATED LABORATORIES (ADL'S)

ADL's



- Food Safety Net Services
 - San Antonio, TX; Fresno, CA; Commerce,
 CA; Covington, GA
- IEH Laboratories & Consulting Group
 - Omaha, NE; Greeley, CO; South St. Paul, MN; Lake Forest Park, WA
- Silliker, Inc.
 - Dimmitt, TX; Madison, WI; Chicago Heights, IL



Statement of Work



- Third-Party Independent Laboratory
 - No affiliation with AMS or potential contractors/suppliers
- Technical Proposal Submission
 - Reviewed by AMS
 - Contracts Awarded by APHIS Contracting Officer
- AMS Onsite Capability Assessments
 - Pre-production & Bi-annually
 - GVD and STP Personnel

Accountabilities



- Microbiological Analysis
 - Supplements 211, 212 & 602
- Fat Analysis
 - Supplements 211 & 602
- Sampling Plans/Protocols to Vendors
- Data Management/SPC Calculations
- Contractor/Supplier Status Change Communication

Example Data





- Caviness Beef Packers
 - Boneless Beef Micro Spreadsheet



- Four S Foods
 - Finished Product Micro Spreadsheet



- Palo Duro
 - Finished Product Fat Spreadsheet



DATA COLLABORATION

History



- AMS and FSIS have coordinated through data sharing for many years. More recently,
 - 2010 MOU reinforcing the commitment to timely data sharing.
 - FSIS provided input to AMS' 2010 Technical Requirements Schedule for ground beef.
 - FSIS participated in the NAS review of AMS' purchase program.

FSIS Policies on H7 testing



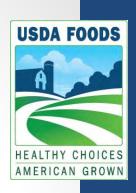
- FSIS Directive 10010.1 discusses FSIS actions in response to an AMS *E. coli* O157:H7 positive test result.
 - http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations & Policies/10000 Series-Laboratory Services/index.asp
- ESIS Notice 22-12 clarifies that:
 - FSIS inspectors should collect samples for FSIS testing, even if the establishment collects a sample for AMS testing.
 - Includes routine sampling and follow-up sampling.
 - Prioritizes non-AMS product, if available.
 - http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations & policies/FSIS Notices Index /index.asp



- Contract lab pathogen test results shared with FSIS.
 - FSIS is notified of all *E. coli* O157:H7 and *Salmonella* positive test results.
 - FSIS may take follow up action such as testing suppliers, follow-up testing at the establishment that tested positive and/or conducting a food safety assessment.
 - Isolates are sent to FSIS for serotyping and PFGE.
 - FSIS and AMS have a MOU to facilitate information exchange.
 - Place positive results in better context.
 - Improve FSIS' and AMS' overall assessment of establishments.



- FSIS evaluation of indicator organisms.
 - FSIS is interested in learning more about the utility of indicator organism data in predicting *E. coli* O157:H7 or *Salmonella* positives.
 - AMS has shared this data with FSIS.
 - Analyses in progress to compare with pathogen data and sanitation inspection results.
 - FSIS is also supporting NACMCF work to analyze AMS data.



- FSIS Inspection results shared with AMS quarterly
 - Jointly developed report summarizing
 - 4 year data
 - High-level non-compliance rates (SSOP, HACCP, SPS)
 - Comparisons to reference groups
 - Nation-wide, District-wide, matched on operation type and size
 - Recalls and/or Enforcement actions
 - FSIS pathogen testing results



- Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigations
 - FSIS does consider AMS testing information (as well as plant testing data or any other relevant information) in investigating the cause or source of a foodborne illness outbreak

Data Sharing Outcomes



- The information exchange has served to:
 - Improve the availability of information to both agencies
 - Add information to FSIS data-driven decision-making process
 - Enable exploratory analyses to further FSIS' understanding of indicator organisms



AMS OVERSIGHT – STANDARDIZATION DIVISION

Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR)



- Specification Development
- Technical Proposal Review Desk Audits
- Non-Conformance Responses
- Data Analysis Contractor Performance
- Customer Complaint Review/Investigation
- Product Reviews/Development

Oversight Documentation



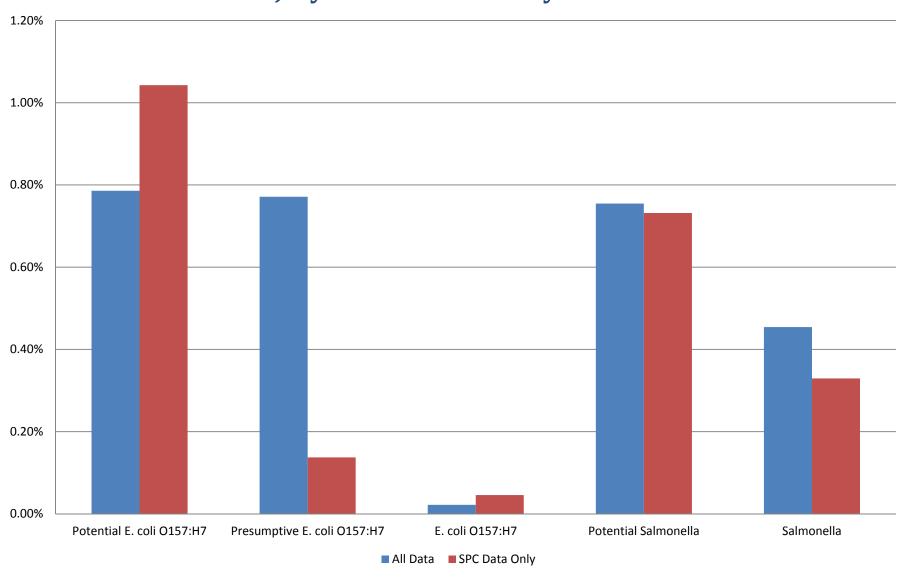
- Daily Status Report (DSR)
- Technical Directory for Commodity Purchases (TDCP)
- Contractor and Supplier Production Oversight Program (CASPOD)
- Review of Quarterly FSIS Data WIP
- Ad Hoc SPC Analysis
 - Recent Contractor/Supplier Performance....

AMS Boneless Beef - Indicators: July 2011 - February 2012

All Data Combined									
Attribute	Total Samples	Results Meeting USL	Results Meeting CL	Percent of Results Meeting USL	Percent of Results Meeting CL	Max	Min	Mean	St. Dev
APC	54,585	54,524	54,545	99.89%	99.93%	4,400,000	999	1,706	33,754
Coliform	54,592	54,398	54,565	99.64%	99.95%	20,000	9	12	156
Generic E. coli	54,592	54,542	54,577	99.91%	99.97%	2,200	9	10	21

				SPC Data Only					
Attribute	Total Samples	Results Meeting USL	Results Meeting CL	Percent of Results Meeting USL	Percent of Results Meeting CL	Max	Min	Mean	St. Dev
APC	10,932	10,918	10,923	99.87%	99.92%	1,000,000	999	1,434	11,770
Coliform	10,933	10,877	10,924	99.49%	99.92%	20,000	9	14	200
Generic E. coli	10,933	10,920	10,931	99.88%	99.98%	2,200	9	10	28

AMS Boneless Beef - Pathogen Incident Rates: July 2011 - February 2012



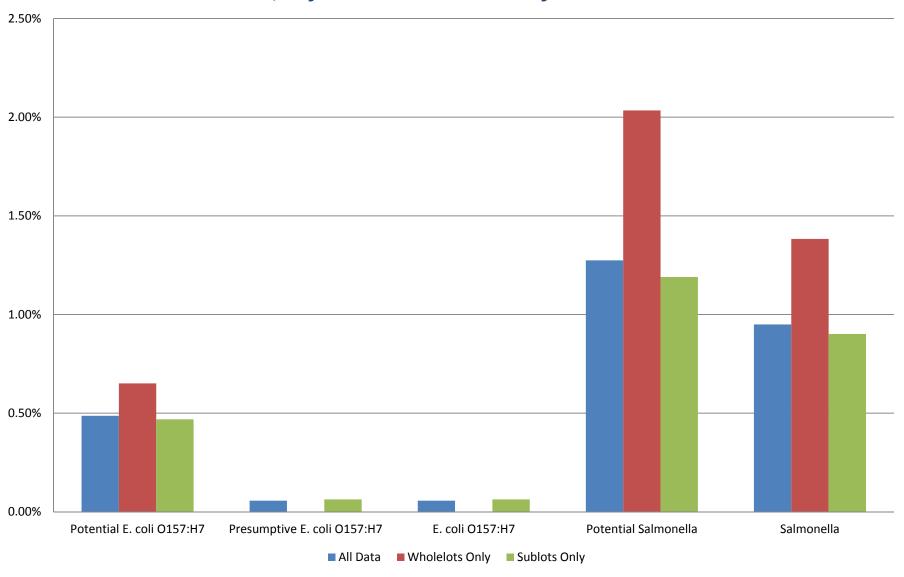
AMS Finished Product - Indicators: July 2011 - February 2012

				All Data Combined					
Attribute	Total Samples	Results Meeting USL	Results Meeting CL	Percent of Results Meeting USL	Percent of Results Meeting CL	Max	Min	Mean	St. Dev.
APC	12,322	12,310	12,313	99.90%	99.93%	840,000	999	1,393	9,856
Coliform	12,322	12,174	12,311	98.80%	99.91%	72,000	9	21	653
Generic E. coli	12,322	12,269	12,313	99.57%	99.93%	72,000	9	17	651
S. aureus	12,322	12,321	****	99.99%	****	710	9	10	11

				Whole Lots Only					
Attribute	Total Samples	Results Meeting USL	Results Meeting CL	Percent of Results Meeting USL	Percent of Results Meeting CL	Max	Min	Mean	St. Dev.
APC	1,229	1,225	1,227	99.67%	99.84%	840,000	999	2,095	24,470
Coliform	1,229	1,204	1,227	97.97%	99.84%	72,000	9	75	2,054
Generic E. coli	1,229	1,218	1,227	99.10%	99.84%	72,000	9	70	2,054
S. aureus	1,229	1,228	****	99.92%	****	710	9	10	21

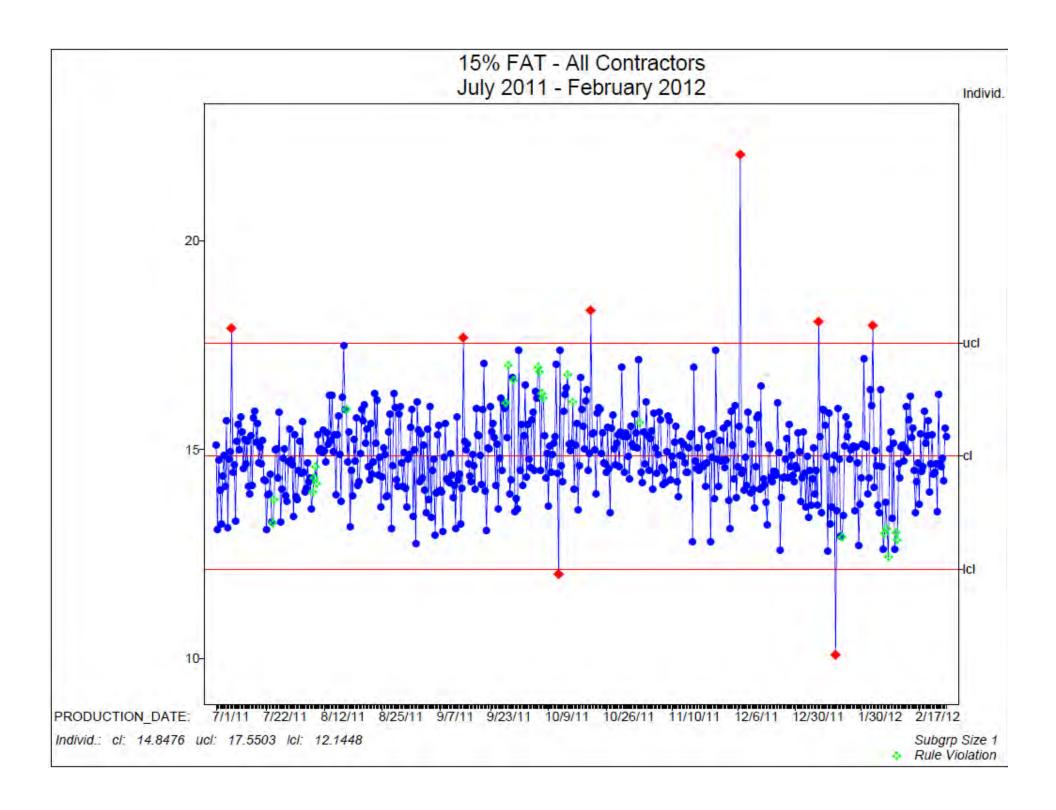
				Sublots Only					
Attribute	Total Samples	Results Meeting USL	Results Meeting CL	Percent of Results Meeting USL	Percent of Results Meeting CL	Max	Min	Mean	St. Dev.
APC	11,093	11,085	11,086	99.93%	99.94%	390,000	999	1,314	6,446
Coliform	11,093	10,970	11,084	98.89%	99.92%	4,600	9	15	80
Generic E. coli	11,093	11,051	11,086	99.62%	99.94%	4,400	9	11	58
S. aureus	11,093	11,093	****	100.00%	****	440	9	10	9

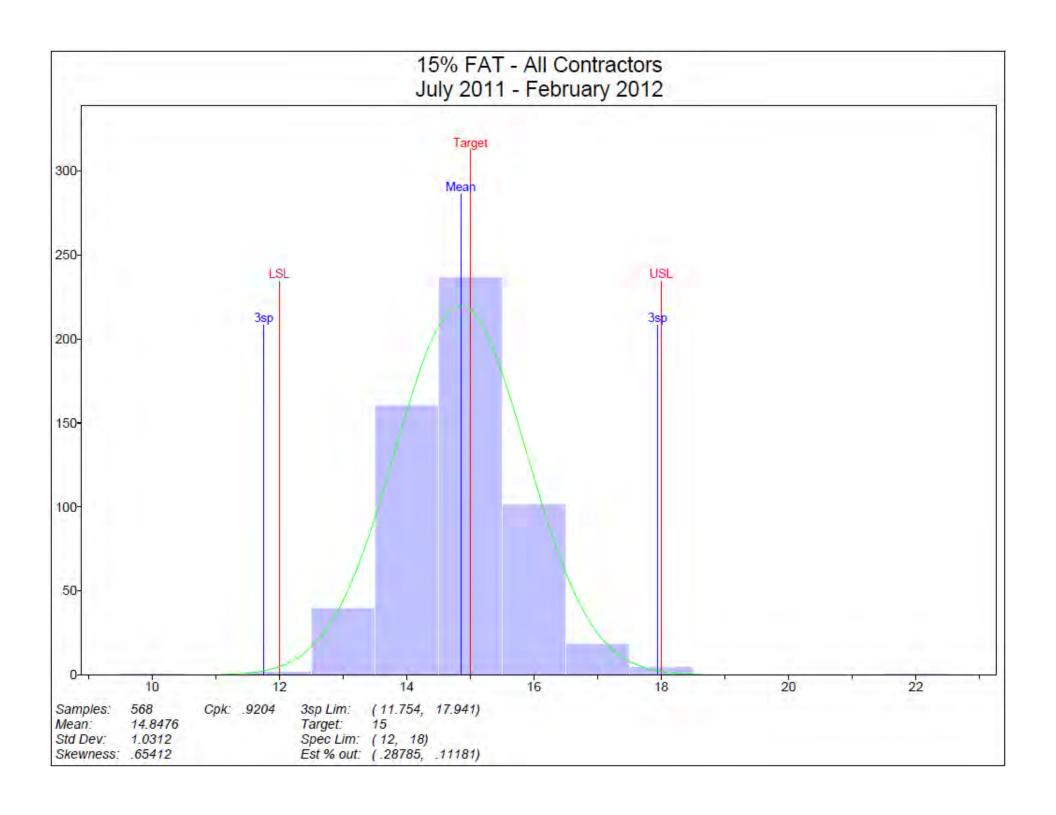
Finished Product - Pathogen Incident Rates: July 2011 - February 2012

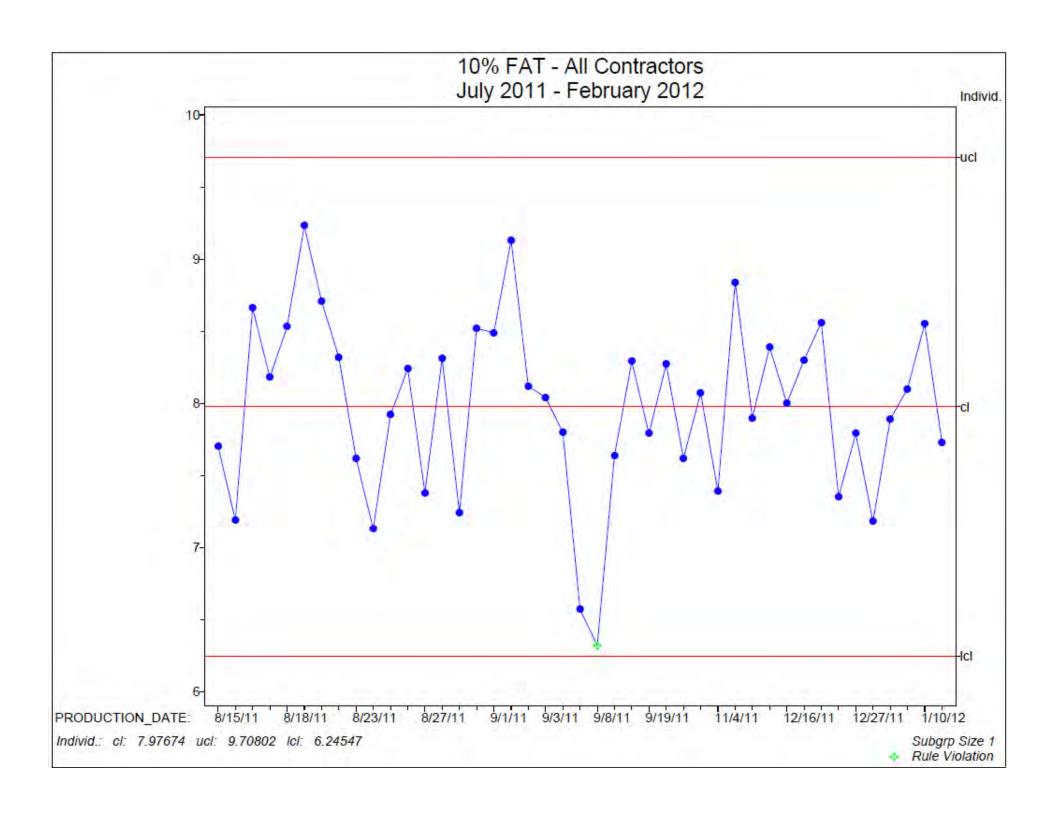


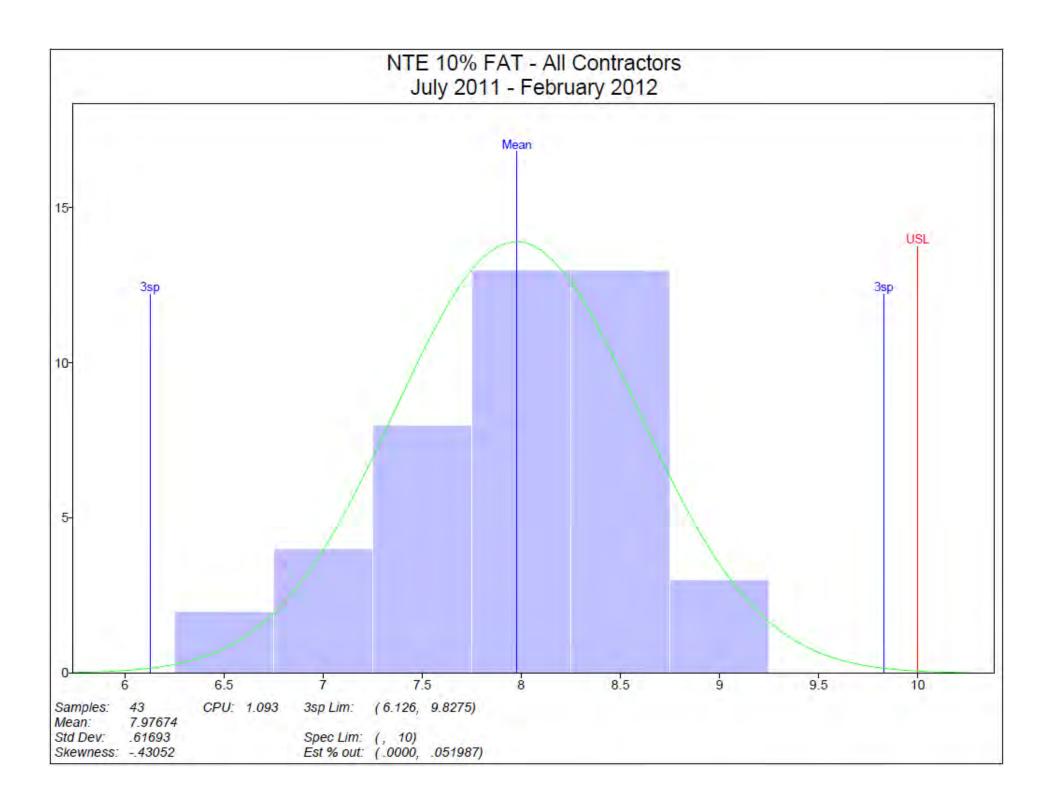
AMS Finished Product - Fat: July 2011 - February 2012

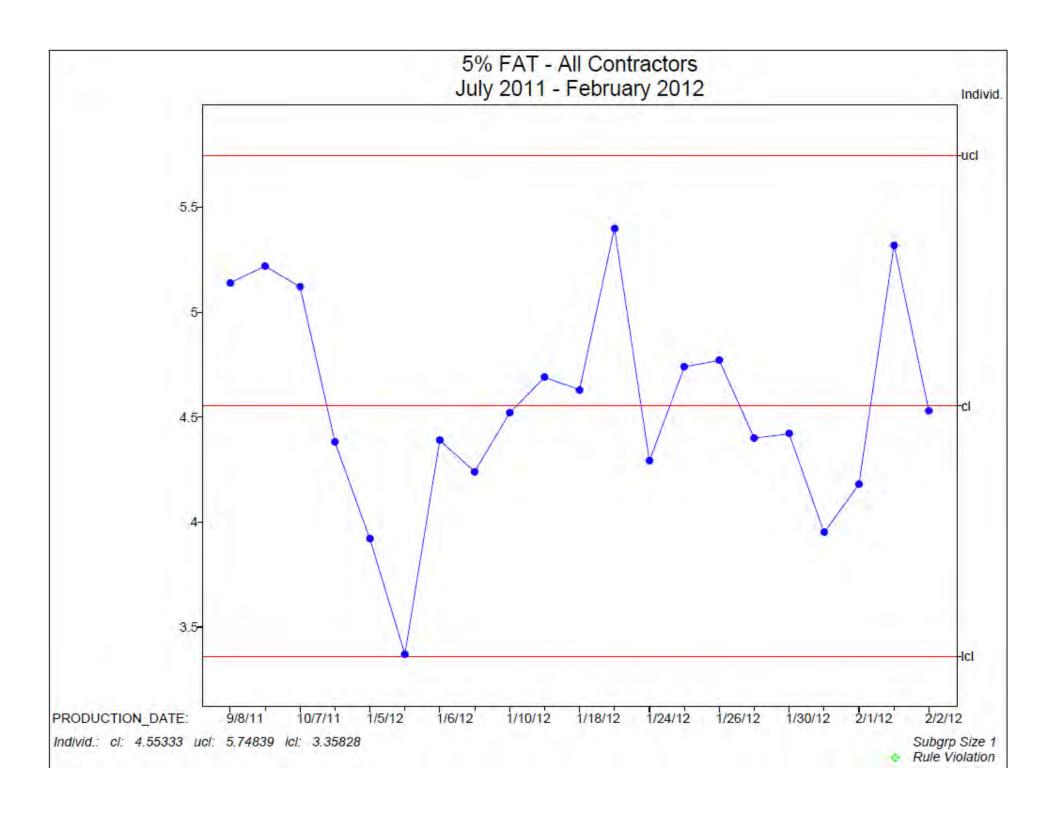
Fat Target	Total Samples	Results Above USL	Results Below LSL	Percent of Results Above USL	Percent of Results Below LSL	Max	Min	Mean	St. Dev.
15%	568	3	1	0.53%	0.18%	22.07	10.09	14.84	1.03
NTE 10%	43	0	****	0.00%	****	9.23	6.32	7.98	0.62
5%	21	0	3	0.00%	14.29%	5.40	3.37	4.55	0.50

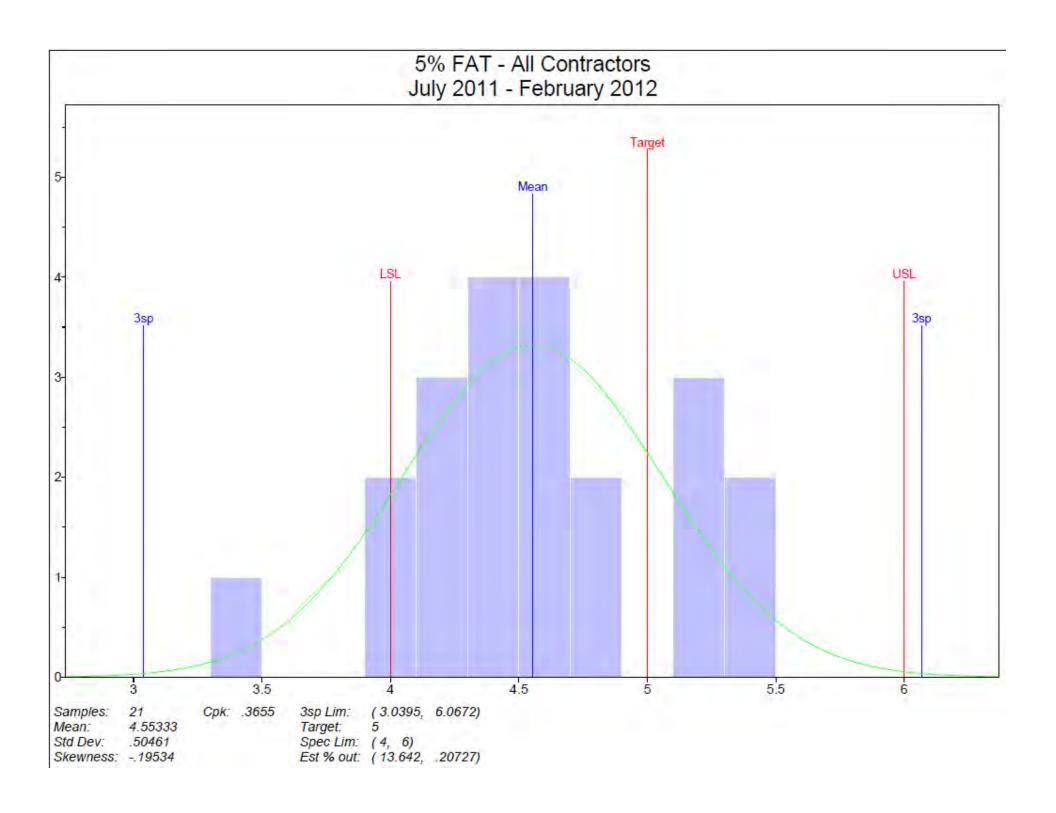














AMS OVERSIGHT – GRADING AND VERIFICATION DIVISION

Grading

- Beef
 - Prime
 - Choice
 - Select

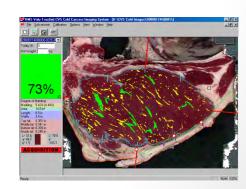
- Lamb
 - Prime
 - Choice

- Veal
 - Prime
 - Choice
 - Good
- Calf
 - Prime
 - Choice
 - Good

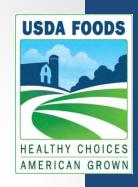








Marbling Photographs





Grade Labeling

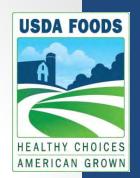


- Grades Value Determinants \$150/head
- Truth-in-Labeling
- QC plans documented control/sorting
- PL 272
- Requirements for Grading Terms on Meat Product Labeling
- http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5081872

Certification

- Slaughter Floor Schedules
 - GLA for Live Angus
 - AHA for Live Hereford
 - GLW for live Wagyu
 - GLAk for Live Akaushi
 - GLTL for Live Texas Longhorn





- Cooler Schedules
 - G1 Certified Angus Beef
 - G2 Sterling Silver
 - G7 Butcher Block Angus
 - G8 Butcher Block Reserve
 - G10 Certified Hereford Beef
 - G14 G117 74 additional
 Schedules
 - G1 G117 53 Angus
 Schedules

Grade & Schedule Identification



- Stamps
 - Location on carcass important
 - Varies by plant
 - G Numbers
 - Accepted as Specified Stamp
 - Roller branding optional
 - Grade labeled protective coverings
 - Box labeling





CHILD NUTRITION (CN) LABELING

AMS



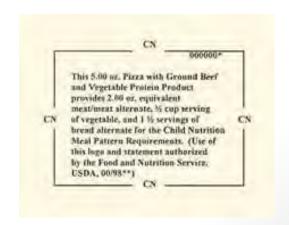
- Formulation for meal pattern requirements
- AMS and FSIS approved labels
- Grading & Verification and Poultry Division reviews – also dairy, fruit, vegetable, seafood
- Quarterly Semi-annual desk review, at least one yearly in-plant review
- Plants provide schedules for production

Plant Requirements



- FSIS inspection
- Approved QC program
- Approved labels
- 19 plants in Dallas District





CN Plants Serviced by Dallas DO



Company Name	<u>Est. #</u>	<u>Location</u>
Direct Source Meats	13484 / P-13484	San Antonio, TX
Double B Foods, Inc.	7184M / P7184M	Meridian, TX
Eddy Packing Company	4800 / P4800	Yoakum, TX
Five Star Custom Foods	21171 / P21171	Fort Worth, TX
Hausman Foods	7190	Corpus Christi, TX
Hausman Foods-Pearse	7190A	Corpus Christi, TX
J Bar B Foods, Inc. dba J Bar B Sausage	7066 / P7066	Waelder, TX
J.O.Y Foods, Inc.	34101 / P34101	Dallas, TX
LBM Food Service	7272/P7272	San Antonio, TX
Lechi Foods	21660/P-21660	La Porte, TX
Leon's Fine Foods, Inc.	765 / P213	McKinney, TX
Michael Angelo's Gourmet Foods	1009A	Austin, TX
Quality Sausage Company	5666	Dallas, TX
Sadler's Smokehouse, Ltd.	2088 / P2088	Henderson, TX
Sara Lee Corporation	582M / P894	Haltom City, TX
Schwans Global Supply Chain, Inc.	5630 / P5630	Pasadena, TX
Schwans Global Supply Chain, Inc.	5630D / P5630D	Deer Park, TX
Simeus Foods	7151 / P7151	Mansfield, TX
Taaza Fresh Global Foods	40272/P-40272	Dallas, TX
Simeus Foods	7151 / P7151	Mansfield, TX
Taaza Fresh Global Foods	40272/P-40272	Dallas, TX



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING (COOL)

COOL Overview



- Retailers Licensed under PACA
- Meat & Poultry
 - Product of the United States
 - Multiple Countries of Origin
 - Animals Imported for Immediate Slaughter
 - Imported Finished Products to be sold at Retail

COOL Overview (cont'd)



- Ground Products
 - Law only applies to single ingredient products
 - May list multiple countries
 - Countries that may be reasonably contained therein
 - Inventory during the past 60 days





PANEL DISCUSSION