

Texas Poultry HACCP Roundtable

February 15, 2007

Notes: There was very sparse attendance at the February edition of the HACCP Roundtable. The attendees that were there stated that February was a difficult month for travel. Since this is the case, and there has been low attendance for the last few meetings, I am scaling back the number of Roundtables to 3 per year. We hope to have one of these roundtables in conjunction with a Texas Poultry Processors Workshop. If you have ideas for content of the workshop please contact me. The next roundtable will be scheduled for May. When a firm date is set, I will email everyone. As always, if I can be of assistance, please call or email me, and I will do what I can. (mdavis@poultry.tamu.edu)

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Questions

- 1. What is the justification for stopping the line to remove birds with bruises or wing damage in a HIMP Plant? Doesn't this fall under OCP testing?**

Stopping the evisceration line in a HIMP Plant for birds with bruises or wing damage is likely not consistent with policy. As stated, these are OCP defects.

- 2. Is there zero tolerance for ingesta?**

9 CFR 381.91(b) allows for the removal of digestive tract contaminants under a reprocessing program. Establishments operating under off-line reprocessing should expect to reprocess all birds with visible digestive tract contamination, which includes ingesta. All visible digestive tract contaminants should be removed when these birds are reprocessed. More information is needed if there is a specific situation that needs to be discussed.

- 3. How many pipes should be broken down for USDA inspection during pre-op? Should 6 or 7 pipes be broken down until a deficiency is found?**

There are no specific guidelines on how many pipes should be broken down. More information is needed to respond.