

AMS Ground Beef Contractor Indicator Organism Performance - Fiscal Year: 2024^{1,2/}

| Contractor | # Sub-lots Produced <i>(% of Total)</i> | Standard Plate Count ^{3/} | | Total Coliforms ^{4/} | | Generic <i>E. coli</i> ^{5/} | |
|--------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | #Exceeding Critical Limit | % Exceeding Critical Limit | #Exceeding Critical Limit | % Exceeding Critical Limit | #Exceeding Critical Limit | % Exceeding Critical Limit |
| C1 | 889 (15.7) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C2 | 122 (2.2) | 4 | 3.28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C3 | 949 (16.8) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.11 | 0 | 0 |
| C4 | 1,490 (26.3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C5 | 694 (12.3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C9 | 1,338 (23.6) | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.30 | 0 | 0 |
| C18 | 13 (0.2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C23 | 30 (0.5) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C24 | 15 (0.3) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6.67 | 0 | 0 |
| C29 | 21 (0.4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C37 | 22 (0.4) | 5 | 22.73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C40 | 78 (1.4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 5,661 (100.0) | 9 | 0.16 | 6 | 0.11 | 0 | 0 |

^{1/}A full description of the ground beef purchase program specification is available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/product-specs#Beef>.

^{2/}Production Dates: October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

^{3/}Standard Plate Count Critical Limit: 100,000 CFU/g.

^{4/}Total Coliforms Critical Limit: 1,000 CFU/g.

^{5/}Generic *E. coli* Critical Limit: 500 CFU/g.