

AMS Ground Beef Contractor Pathogen Performance - Fiscal Year: 2026<sup>1,2/</sup>

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Sub-lots Produced (% of Total)</u>	<u><i>E. coli</i> O157:H7<sup>3/</sup></u>		<u><i>Salmonella</i><sup>4/</sup></u>	
		<u># Positive</u>	<u>% Positive</u>	<u># Positive</u>	<u>% Positive</u>
C1	16 (13.9)	0	0	0	0
C4	1,078 (45.9)	0	0	0	0
C5	16 (0.7)	0	0	1	6.25
C9	829 (35.3)	0	0	2	0.24
C41	410 (17.5)	0	0	0	0
Total	2,349 (100.0)	0	0	3	0.13

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

<sup>2/</sup>Production Dates: October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

<sup>3/</sup>*E. coli* O157:H7 Critical Limit: Positive (+) Result / 325g.

<sup>4/</sup>*Salmonella* Critical Limit: Positive (+) Result / 325g.