



Food Safety and
Inspection
Service

1400
Independence
Avenue, SW.
Washington,
D.C. 20250

From: Awesome Vet
Date: 12/12/2023
Subject: Poultry Good Commercial Practices / XVM0000122112I
Meeting Date: 12/12/2023
Meeting Time: 8:00 AM
Establishment: M00000+P00000+V00000 - Pretend
Processing LLC

Reason Code:

**Other Reason
Code:**

Comments:

Establishment personnel: First Last, Owner

FSIS personnel: Dr. Awesome Vet, SPHV

At approximately 0800 on 12/12/2023, while performing postmortem inspection on young chickens, I observed a cadaver coming into the evisceration station. The carcass's head, neck, and breast were bright red and the feet were still kicking, alternating between legs. This indicated that the bird entered the scalding while still alive. I immediately informed Ms. Last of the cadaver. We discussed that the chickens in this flock were variable in size and the cadaver in question was very large, which could lead to a longer bleed out time. The cadaver in question exhibited a large blood clot surrounding the partially cut jugular veins and carotid arteries, which indicated a poor, slow bleed out.

A trend appears to be developing because live birds were previously noted to have entered the scalding on 8/24/2023 (GCP MOI #XVM0004081224G), 8/29/2023 (GCP MOI # XVM0009083129G), 9/14/2023 (GCP MOI #XVM0004091014G), and 10/18/2023 (GCP MOI # XVM0004101018G).

Within those GCP MOIs, it was noted that broken bones and dislocated joints with and without bruising were present with varying frequency. The day of 12/12/2023, there were many of broken bones pushed through the skin and dislocated joints (mostly without bruising, which is consistent with scalding/picker damage). There were fewer fresh, light pink bruises on the carcasses this day than there had been at the time of the previous MOI's. I reminded Ms. Last that any mutilation or broken bones pushed through the skin need to be removed. The establishment is aware that the scalding and picker need some repairs. I frequently share my observations of such injuries and mutilations with Ms. Last and show her the injuries and scalding/picker damage that I am seeing throughout the day.

Continued observations along this trend (live birds entering the scalding) may indicate an ongoing process control issue.