

M544+P544	Jennie-O Turkey Store	4/5/2021	<p>On April 5, 2021 at approximately 17:00 hours while performing a Good Commercial Practices Task I made the following observations. ..I observed the turkeys in the lairage area on trucks, and on the conveyor to the CO2 stunner, exhibiting signs of heat stress. All the birds were panting rapidly, and a few per cage were standing with their wings dropped and panting as well. After observing the birds inside, I went to observe the turkeys in the live haul shed. The turkeys outside appeared comfortable, as all the fans were on, however according to their posted instructions, the foggers are to be turned on when the outdoor temperature reaches 80 degrees. When I checked the temperature it read 80 degrees, and the foggers were not running. I notified REDACTED, of my concerns. He called the live haul supervisor but did not get a response and subsequently attempted to get into contact with REDACTED. After this, I asked REDACTED how he could keep the birds inside cooler and he responded he could unload one trailer at a time leaving the birds in the live haul shed for as long as possible. I then asked if he could turn on the side wall fans in order to provide airflow for the turkeys on the trucks. One was not working, and he had maintenance fix it. When the side wall fans were on, the birds continued to show signs of heat stress. There are two overhead vents/fans in the lairage area, but the air does not circulate around the turkeys on the conveyor and these birds also continued to exhibit signs of heat stress. The establishment must employ humane methods of handling and slaughtering consistent with Good Commercial Practices. Poultry are to be handled in a manner that prevents needless suffering. Employing humane methods of handling and slaughtering that are consistent with Good Commercial Practices increase the likelihood of producing unadulterated, quality product. I notified REDACTED of my findings and discussion with REDACTED. REDACTED informed me they will have an establishment meeting about the situation.</p>
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M544+P544	Jennie-O Turkey Store	5/1/2021	<p>On May 1, 2021 at approximately 14:00 hours while performing a Good Commercial Practices Task I made the following observations. ..While observing the turkeys in the live haul shed, I noticed they were exhibiting moderate signs of heat stress. The fans were on, however according to their posted instructions, the foggers are to be turned on when the outdoor temperature reaches 80?. When I checked the temperature it read 86?, and the foggers were not running. I notified the REDACTED, of my concerns. He mentioned that the refrigeration department is responsible for the foggers and contacted them on the radio. He said they would take care of it. After an hour had passed, I returned to the live haul shed to find that the foggers were still not being used and the temperature still read 86 degrees I then asked REDACTED, why the foggers are not being used as it is 86 degrees. He responded that the foggers were broken, and maintenance already had the part ordered. In order to verify they were going to fix the foggers, I then contacted maintenance who suggested I talk to live haul. After calling Live haul multiple times I was unable to verify they were going to fix the foggers. There was no plant management present at the time to discuss my findings with. The establishment must employ humane methods of handling and slaughtering consistent with Good Commercial Practices. Poultry are to be handled in a manner that prevents needless suffering. Employing humane methods of handling and slaughtering that are consistent with Good Commercial Practices increase the likelihood of producing unadulterated, quality product. I discussed with REDACTED of my findings and asked to see a work order or part invoice.</p>
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M544+P544	Jennie-O Turkey Store	6/4/2021	<p>On June 4, 2021 at approximately 17:00 hours while performing a Good Commercial Practices Task I made the following observations. ..I observed the turkeys in the lairage area (hang and kill) on trucks, and on the conveyor to the CO2 stunner, exhibiting moderate to severe signs of heat stress. All of the birds were panting rapidly, and many per cage were standing with their wings dropped and panting as well. After observing the birds inside, I went to look at the turkeys in the live haul shed. The outside temperature was approximately 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Even though the fans and misters were working properly, the turkeys in the live haul shed were moderately heat stressed. The turkeys in the top cages appeared to be most affected by the heat as the fans do not reach the top cages. About half of these fans were blocked with moderate amounts of turkey feathers and debris. After observing the birds in the live haul shed, I then returned inside to alert REDACTED of my concerns; in particular, the birds in hang and kill. We discussed with REDACTED different options for keeping the turkeys cool. After this discussion, the establishment acquired more fans to be directed towards the turkeys. After a short time; however, these fans were too much for the power breaker to handle and were not in use. The establishment must employ humane methods of handling and slaughtering consistent with Good Commercial Practices. Poultry are to be handled in a manner that prevents needless suffering. Employing humane methods of handling and slaughtering that are consistent with Good Commercial Practices increases the likelihood of producing unadulterated, quality product.</p>
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M544+P544	Jennie-O Turkey Store	6/7/2021	<p>On June 7, 2021 at approximately 19:00 hours while performing a Good Commercial Practices Task I made the following observations. ..I observed the turkeys in the lairage area (hang and kill) on trucks, and on the conveyor to the CO2 stunner, exhibiting moderate to severe signs of heat stress. All of the birds were panting rapidly, and many per cage were standing with their wings dropped and panting as well. Some cages were overloaded wherein birds were not able to rise. I voiced my concerns to REDACTED and he advised the hang and kill supervisor to spray the floors with water in front of the three working floor fans. REDACTED and I then went to observe the birds in hang and kill, so I could explain my observations of heat stress and the necessity of finding a permanent acceptable solution to keep the turkeys cool. When we arrived, only part of the floor had been sprayed with water. Since the previous MOI IYW5815065907I written on 6-4-2021, the establishment has added three working floor fans to cool the birds on the CO2 conveyor and I asked for these fans to be moved closer to the birds, as they were approximately 20ft away. ..In the live haul shed, the birds were also exhibiting a moderate amount of heat stress. The birds in the top coops appeared to be most affected by the heat. They were panting heavily and many were standing with dropped wings. The outside temperature was approximately 93 degrees Fahrenheit according to their thermometer in the live haul shed. Approximately 25-50% of the fans in the holding shed were blocked by feathers and debris. Misters are available in the holding shed, but don't appear to be working as intended because of the lack of air flow with the fans. Since the previous MOI written on Friday, 6-4-2021 the establishment stated the fans would be cleaned over the weekend. The cleaning was either ineffective or not implemented. ..The slaughter data for 6-7-2021, in PHIS, showed a total of 514 Dead on Arrival (DOA) birds out of a total number of 80,746 turkeys received (0.63% DOA rate). The most DOAs came from Menagha, Lot# 9693, in which they had 301 DOAs out of 19,499 birds received which is approximately 1.54% DOA rate. When asked about the increasing DOA rates, the establishment commented that there was one load that was overstocked and they had already contacted the live haul department about the situation. ..This on-going concern is being discussed with establishment management daily. The establishment must employ humane methods of handling and slaughtering consistent with Good Commercial Practices. Poultry are to be handled in a manner that prevents needless suffering. Employing humane methods of handling and slaughtering that are consistent with Good Commercial Practices increases the likelihood of producing unadulterated, quality product.</p>
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M544+P544	Jennie-O Turkey Store	6/8/2021	<p>On June 8, 2021 at approximately 15:30 hours a meeting was held regarding Good Commercial Practices, in particular, heat stress in turkeys. ..The personnel in attendance were REDACTED, REDACTED and REDACTED. ..During this meeting we discussed the establishments further planned actions to mitigate the heat and lack of adequate ventilation in hang and kill. Their actions include putting a bay of fans on the wall on either side where the trucks are parked. They also mentioned unloading every-other pod off the truck to increase air circulation and finally, adding fans and possibly misters to the framing on the CO2 conveyor. We also talked about leaving the birds in the live haul shed for as long as possible as they are more comfortable. It has been observed in the past where the CO2 conveyor is full with pods and there is an additional truck inside. The trucks currently have one 20" fan to provide ventilation for a full load. I then voiced my concerns about the fans in the live haul shed being blocked by feather and debris, and the birds in the top cages experiencing greater heat stress because the fan does not reach the top. ..Following the aforementioned meeting, at approximately 16:00 hours on 6-8-2021 I performed a Good Commercial Practices task and made the following observations. ..On line 2, I saw the CO2 conveyor was full with pods of turkeys exhibiting moderate heat stress. 90% of the birds were panting rapidly, and many per cage were standing with their wings ..dropped and panting as well. In addition to the full conveyor, there was a full truck parked waiting to be unloaded. Since we just discussed this scenario in the above meeting, I immediately contacted REDACTED and asked him why they have and full conveyor and a full truck inside. He explained that there was a misunderstanding and he thought we talked about the trucks being parked immediately outside. I clarified the trucks should remain in the live haul shed for as long as possible as they are more comfortable outside with the fans and misters. I asked him to calculate the time it takes for the pods to go through the stunner to not have a full conveyor and full truck inside at the same time. REDACTED said that it was possible to time it where there would only be three full pods on a truck at a time. Since the previous MOI IYW5114063408I written on 6-7-2021 the establishment has added one more floor fan and two fan misters directed at the birds on the CO2 conveyor. The birds in front of the fans with misters appeared to be less stressed than the birds without a fan. ..In the live haul shed, the birds appeared to be comfortable, but the birds in the top coops appeared to be most affected by the heat and were panting rapidly with their wings dropped. The outside temperature was approximately 95 degrees Fahrenheit according to the thermometer in the live haul shed. There were two employees cleaning the fans. In addition to observing the birds I also noticed one bay of misters not working properly and one wall of fans not working with birds parked inside. I notified REDACTED of my findings. ..This on-going concern is being discussed with establishment management daily. I explained the</p>
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M544+P544	Jennie-O Turkey Store	7/1/2021	<p>On July 1, 2021 at approximately 14:00 hours while performing a Good Commercial Practices Task, in first processing, I made the following observations. In one stack on the CO2 conveyor, there were two cages of birds each with numerous dead turkeys. These dead birds formed a layer on the bottom of the cages with live birds resting on top of them. Following these observations, I notified REDACTED (First REDACTED) of my findings. We discussed the stocking density of these cages, and I requested that those cages be tagged and counted. After the tagged cages exited the CO2, they were dumped and counted. The total count for the tagged cages were approximately REDACTED birds each. A normal stocking density is around REDACTED birds per cage for light hens. The slaughter data for 7-1-2021, in PHIS, showed a total DOA count for Lot #9801, Winter Creek Holles, was REDACTED out of REDACTED total birds. This is a DOA rate of 1.2%. The total DOA count for Lot #9800, Pearson C, was REDACTED out of REDACTED total birds giving a 1.6% DOA rate. The average DOA rate for p544 is 0.2%. A similar overstocking incident occurred on 6-7-2021 which is mentioned in MOI #IYW5114063408I. I discussed the overstocking of cages with REDACTED (REDACTED Manager) and he informed me that Live Haul has been notified that their actions are unacceptable. The establishment must employ humane methods of handling and slaughtering consistent with Good Commercial Practices. Poultry are to be handled in a manner that prevents needless suffering. Employing humane methods of handling and slaughtering that are consistent with Good Commercial Practices increases the likelihood of producing unadulterated, quality product.</p>
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