

M45134+P45134	Birdsboro Kosher Farms Corp.	7/26/2021	On July 26, 2021, at Establishment #45134, Birdsboro Kosher Farms, at approximately 3:00pm, I, REDACTED. REDACTED, was observing slaughter operations in the receiving/throat cutting area. I saw many (approximately 30) live birds loose on the floor in the throat cutting area. As I was assessing the situation, I observed a REDACTED starting to pick up the live birds to be returned to the cage line for slaughter. He picked up the birds by their necks and flung them into the open cages. I immediately stopped him and contacted REDACTED, REDACTED about the mistreatment. He spoke to the employee on the spot. Further birds were caught correctly, by their feet.
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M45134+P45134	Birdsboro Kosher Farms Corp.	9/9/2021	On Thursday, September 9th at approximately 0615h I, REDACTED, was performing antemortem on chickens loaded on trailer #28. I noticed an unusual amount of mortality on some of the lower crates, specifically the right front quadrant, but no morbidity was noted. I brought this to the attention of the REDACTED, REDACTED, and told him I'd like to be notified when the trailer is brought in for slaughter as I wanted a closer look at the chickens. I contacted the District REDACTED, REDACTED. REDACTED with my concerns. I then contacted REDACTED, the purchasing agent who directed me to his son, REDACTED ("REDACTED"), as he was indisposed in the hospital. REDACTED investigated and said there had initially been too many chickens to a crate (10) but the catchers corrected that to 8/crate. Since these chickens came up from Virginia they had been tested for Avian Influenza. REDACTED shared the results with me, and the birds were negative. At approximately 1315h I observed the crates from trailer #28 and examined each deceased chicken. No obvious lesions or overt pathology was present, but many birds were stiff and gangrenous. The mortality was higher than I had previously thought. I also did not see any decrease in mortality with the crates of 8 birds. Many crates had a single live bird in them. At the point where I estimated at least 200 dead birds and the truck was about ¼ unloaded I called for a halt to slaughter. I then contacted the REDACTED again and we agreed that the significant mortality, even

			<p>without obvious signs of illness in the live chickens, was cause for an APHIS investigation. Trailer # 28 was returned to the loafing shed. An APHIS veterinarian, REDACTED. REDACTED, arrived and we performed a necropsy on a carcass. Again, no obvious pathology was noted. Oro-pharyngeal swabs were taken on dead and live chickens from the lot. The trailer remained on quarantine until the test results were obtained the next day. All tests were negative, so the trailer of chickens was released. REDACTED chose to remove them from the premises as slaughter for that day had already ceased.</p>
M7875+P7875+V7875	Joe Jurgielewicz & Son, Ltd.	7/9/2021	<p>At approximately 1000 hours while observing " Good Commercial Practices" REDACTED. REDACTED and myself observed the following: Employees who are pushing the duck to the conveyor for live hang were tossing the ducks approximately 3 feet to get the ducks closer to the conveyor. REDACTED. REDACTED immediately instructed the employee not to toss the ducks. This has been happening frequently, I have spoken to management many times about this exact issue. REDACTED was not in the area to inform him of the issue with the tossing of the ducks. I myself also observed the unloading crew tossing the "slow/injured" into the back of the pick up truck from the unloading ramp.</p>