

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Inspection Date	Description
P13369+V13369	George's Processing, Inc.	28-Jun-23	<p>This Memorandum of Interview addresses the alarming number of dead-on arrival birds at George's Processing, P13369, on Wednesday June 28, 2023, and the loss of process control. The national weather service had issued a heat advisory and predicted weather conditions for the day were high heat values and heat indexes between 100°F-109°F beginning in the afternoon. The forecast had been provided well in advance of the day in question.</p> <p>At approximately 1830 hours, I proceeded back to the live hang department. When I arrived, I observed several large piles of dead-on arrival (DOA) birds on the floor in numbers too numerous to count. There was a pile of DOA birds at the end of the live hang belt that feeds kill lines 1 & 2. There was a pile of DOA birds on the floor below the belt which reached up to the height of the belt. A live hang employee was standing on the pile of DOA birds tossing handfuls of DOA birds from the end of the belt onto the floor. There was also a large pile of DOA birds between the stairs entering the live hang department and kill line 2. The pile of DOA birds was many birds deep and extended the length of kill line 2. Live hang employees hanging on kill line 2 were hanging live birds and tossing handfuls of DOA birds from the belt onto the floor creating an increasingly deeper and wider pile. The establishment was still dumping modules of birds, and both kill lines 1&2 were running at REDACTED birds per minute. When I first arrived in live hang, I noticed 2 establishment employees on the floor attempting to address the DOA birds on the floor. The employees were placing DOA birds into condemn barrels and wheelbarrows and taking them outside to the wastewater backhoe. When I arrived at the backhoe, I observed that the DOA birds were not being denatured. I brought this to the attention of Live Hang Supervisor REDACTED, and the establishment began denaturing the DOA birds. I observed modules of birds directly after being dumped onto the live hang belt and noticed a few DOA birds mixed in with the live</p>

		<p>birds. The live birds were panting and appeared stressed. The establishment ceased dumping birds shortly after my arrival to the department and went to their scheduled dinner break early. I remained in live hang to watch the employees pick up and dispose of the DOA birds on the floor. While watching the establishment employees go through the wheelbarrows of DOA birds, I observed 2 live birds buried within 2 different wheelbarrows. Live Hang Supervisor REDACTED and 1st Processing Manager REDACTED were informed of the DOA process control issue and the forthcoming issuance of a memorandum of interview (MOI). The situation was discussed later that evening with Assistant Plant Manager REDACTED, and he was also notified of the forthcoming MOI. In total, there were REDACTED dead-on arrival birds on 2 trailers which was approximately 54% of the birds on the 2 trailers. The trailers travelled a distance of 24 miles to get to the establishment and arrived at the establishment at 1631 hours and 1655 hours. The cooling fans and misters located near the live hang dumper and in the holding shed were functional and in operation.</p> <p>The thousands of dead-on arrival birds arriving in 2 trailers overwhelmed the capacity of the live hang department. In lieu of stopping to try to address the ever-increasing process control issue, the establishment continued to dump modules of birds and run both kill lines at REDACTED birds per minute. This combined with the lack of establishment employees on the floor to address the issue led to numerous large deep piles of DOA birds on the floor which continued to expand.</p>
--	--	--