

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Inspection Date	Description
P19865+V19865	House of Raeford Farms of LA	13-Apr-23	<p>On April 12, 2023, at approximately 0340 hours, a trailer carrying cages of live chickens caught fire after a trailer tire burst while traveling the interstate en route to establishment P-19865, House of Raeford Farms. The trailer was driven to the establishment, and employees immediately extinguished the fire using water hoses and fire extinguishers. The last eight cages of the trailer were damaged in the fire, and approximately 1,320 chickens perished or suffered smoke and fire injuries as a result of the fire. The live chickens that were exposed to smoke or fire were removed from the cages and humanely euthanized using cervical dislocation.</p> <p>On March 27, 2023, a similar incident occurred, and approximately 500 chickens perished or were injured due to a trailer fire that occurred while in transit to the establishment.</p> <p>Establishment management stated that the front right trailer tire burst, and the truck driver failed to pull to the side of the road. The trailer's brake lines became damaged, causing the brakes to fail and a fire to start due to friction on the tires. The contractor who hired and provided the drivers in both incidents was terminated.</p> <p>REDACTED, Complex Manager, was notified of the noncompliance. The establishment failed to protect the live chickens to ensure that they were slaughtered in accordance with good commercial practices, thus failing to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 381.65(b).</p>