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Case Farms Processing

(1818 County Road 160, Winesburg, OH 44690)

2024-11-22

Attendees: REDACTED (USDA-FSIS, SPHV), REDACTED (USDA-FSIS, CSI), REDACTED (2nd Shift Manager), REDACTED (Production Manager)

At approximately 1750 on November 22, 2024, while conducting the Poultry Good Commercial Practices Task, Consumer Safety Inspector (CSI) REDACTED made the observations contained herein. Many Dead-on Arrival (DOA) chickens were observed to be present behind the live hangers. It was noted that there were 8 combo bins of Dead-on Arrivals outside of the establishment. CSI REDACTED observed that the birds in the live sheds were wet, lethargic, and shivering. The trailers that were present in the live haul areas and sheds were either not boarded or had minimal boarding completed. CSI REDACTED summoned SPHV REDACTED the areas. SPHV REDACTED observed similar findings. Upon review of the weather conditions in the location of the farm as well as at the establishment, the following was noted: the temperature was 42 degrees Fahrenheit with a feels like temperature of 29-30 degrees Fahrenheit, wind with 16-35 mph gusts, and it was raining. The establishment had slaughtered 5 trailers at the time of the observations, and it was noted that 1320 birds were dead on arrival. This observation is not consistent with the poultry commercial practices or the establishment's written animal welfare program. The findings were discussed with Manager REDACTED and Manager REDACTED. They informed SPHV REDACTED and CSI REDACTED that they had notified live haul of the increased dead, and that the establishment was aware of the weather conditions today. CSI REDACTED and SPHV REDACTED were also informed that per the establishment's animal welfare program that the trailers do not have to be boarded until December 1st. SPHV REDACTED reminded management that the establishment has the responsibility to make provisions to minimize stress to the chickens in inclement weather as it occurs.