



February 4, 2026

The Honorable James Singleton
Hempstead County Sheriff

Via e-mail: sheriff@hempsteadcountysheriff.org

Re: Chickens Bulldozed and Buried Alive Near Emmet

Dear Sheriff Singleton:

Your attention is urgently and respectfully requested. PETA has been contacted by the owner of a Hempstead County chicken farm, located at [REDACTED]. The individual stated that the roofs of six chicken sheds on his property collapsed in last week's ice storm and that Tyson Foods—which owned the chickens within the sheds—inform[ed] him that it would suffocate the birds with foam. However, according to the property owner, a Tyson subcontracting crew owned by [REDACTED] allegedly instead bulldozed the structures—trapping thousands of live birds inside—on January 30. The property owner also reported that crew employees beat escaped chickens to death with sticks and left other chickens—some injured—under the debris and roaming the property.

The property owner sent us [these images](#), which were evidently recorded on January 30 and February 2 and depict live chickens being run over by a bulldozer as well as injured and dead chickens left amid the debris. The property owner is willing to speak with your office and can be reached at [REDACTED].

These killing methods do not constitute the otherwise exempt “agricultural activities” or “humane[] killing [of] an animal … related to an accident or disaster” and likely constitute violations of AR Code § 5-62-103(a)(1), which prohibits subjecting any animal to cruel mistreatment. **We respectfully ask that your officers visit this property, ensure that any remaining injured survivors are humanely dispatched, and file any appropriate charges against those responsible.**

Please let us know if we can help in any way. Thank you very much for your time and the difficult work that you do. I can be reached at ColinH@peta.org.

Sincerely,

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