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Case Farms Processing

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Canton, OH

On Saturday, January 31st, 2026, CSI REDACTED informed SPHV REDACTED that, while performing a GCP review, he observed numerous DOAs that appeared to be frozen to cages. At approximately 1140hrs, SPHV REDACTED accompanied CSI REDACTED to the outside loading docks and examined several of the trailers. Birds appeared quiet and still, with some DOAs present in several cages; SPHV noted more than typical but not excessive numbers. SPHV observed that the DOAs extremities were cold to touch and feathers were frozen. No birds were observed to be frozen to cages. Live birds were reactive when palpated but sluggish. In examining the combos of DOAs from live hang, kept adjacent to the dumper outside of live receiving, CSI REDACTED found a partially buried live bird. When brought to employees' attention, bird was promptly removed and euthanized. SPHV noted that none of the cadavers had been decapitated but surmised given that 2 large cardboard combos were present and full, that establishment was experiencing such large volume that the establishment was invoking the option in their welfare program to forego decapitation of all cadavers. SPHV sought out Assistant Plant Manager REDACTED and informed him of the finding; and received affirmation that DOAs were such volume that they were not decapitating cadavers. Manager REDACTED informed SPHV that he would add additional personnel to live hang and their duty would be to ensure all bodies placed in condemn barrels would be verified dead before such. SPHV REDACTED informed Manager REDACTED that he would document these findings and this discussion in a GCP MOI.

Additionally, CSI REDACTED informed SPHV REDACTED that (during his initial GCP) he had also observed employees placing live birds in the condemn barrels in live hang area (those are the barrels that are disposed of in the outside combos, where the live bird was discovered). This was brought to Manager REDACTED by CSI REDACTED and management was informed by CSI that no live birds are to go into condemn barrels.