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On Monday, June 29, 2026 for lot #4 of heavy toms from producer REDACTEDREDACTED we had REDACTED DOA out of REDACTED head or REDACTED The weather was hot and humid with temperatures overnight in the 70's and daytime temperatures in the 90's. Grow-out Manager, REDACTED said that the birds loaded Sunday evening around 10:PM and the farm manager observed the process to ensure it was done slowly as to not overstimulate the birds. During antemortem inspection the bids appeared somewhat stressed from the heat but didn't seem overly so, with few DOAs observed. The birds were panting with light vocalization. They started slaughtering the lot in the early afternoon. Observations made at the time of slaughter indicate that the condition of the birds had deteriorated throughout the day. The birds could be observed vocalizing, panting heavily, and drooling. Also, several DOAs were also observed. The establishments had said previously that one of their preventative measures would be to run the heavy toms in the morning on hot days to help mitigate DOA's. However, do to staffing they were unable to do so.