

AMS Ground Beef Contractor Indicator Organism Performance - Fiscal Year: 2023^{1,2/}

<u>Contractor</u>	<u># Sub-lots Produced (% of Total)</u>	<u>Standard Plate Count^{3/}</u>		<u>Total Coliforms^{4/}</u>		<u>Generic <i>E. coli</i>^{5/}</u>	
		<u>#Exceeding Critical Limit</u>	<u>% Exceeding Critical Limit</u>	<u>#Exceeding Critical Limit</u>	<u>% Exceeding Critical Limit</u>	<u>#Exceeding Critical Limit</u>	<u>% Exceeding Critical Limit</u>
C1	1,087 (9.9)	1	0.9	0	0	0	0
C2	59 (0.5)	1	1.69	0	0	0	0
C3	1,212 (11.0)	1	0.08	1	0.08	2	0.17
C4	2,417 (22.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C5	1,445 (13.1)	0	0	1	0.07	1	0.07
C9	3,361 (30.6)	1	0.03	2	0.06	4	0.12
C18	73 (0.7)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C23	491 (4.5)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C29	322 (2.9)	2	0.62	1	0.31	1	0.31
C37	525 (4.8)	17	3.24	14	2.67	1	0.19
C39	8 (0.1)	1	12.50	2	25.0	0	0
Total	11,000 (100.0)	24	0.22	21	0.19	9	0.08

^{1/}A full description of the ground beef purchase program specification is available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/product-specs#Beef>.

^{2/}Production Dates: October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

^{3/}Standard Plate Count Critical Limit: 100,000 CFU/g.

^{4/}Total Coliforms Critical Limit: 1,000 CFU/g.

^{5/}Generic *E. coli* Critical Limit: 500 CFU/g.