

Survey of Egg Products Processing Plants

3 Plant Microbial Testing Practices

Please answer the questions in this section for voluntary testing that is conducted by this establishment.

3.1 Does this plant conduct microbiological testing in addition to the mandatory testing for *Salmonella* required by FSIS regulation?

- 1. Yes, using a company owned lab
- 2. Yes, using an independent commercial lab
- 3. Yes, using both company and commercial labs
- 4. No

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3.2 Does this plant use an FSIS-approved Pasteurized Egg Products Recognized Laboratory (PEPRLab) for testing not required by FSIS regulation?

- 1. Yes, using an onsite PEPRLab
- 2. Yes, using an offsite PEPRLab
- 3. No

3.3 During the past year, this plant tested which of the following? **Check all that apply.**

- 1. Egg products before pasteurization
- 2. Egg products after pasteurization
- 3. Product contact surfaces
- 4. Non-product contact surfaces

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3.4 During the past year, what microbial indicators and pathogens were tested for by this plant? **Check all that apply.**

- 1. Aerobic plate count (APC)
- 2. Total plate count (TPC)
- 3. Total coliforms
- 4. Generic *E.coli*
- 5. *Enterobacteriaceae*
- 6. Yeasts and molds
- 7. *Bacillus cereus*
- 8. *Clostridium perfringens*
- 9. *Listeria* species
- 10. *Salmonella* species (presence or absence)
- 11. *Salmonella* species enumeration (cfu/g)
- 12. *Salmonella* serotype
- 13. *Staphylococcus aureus*
- 14. None of the above

Note: Generic *E. coli* testing is **not** the same as testing for general coliforms.

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3.5 Where does this plant hold product while waiting for product microbiological test results? **Check all that apply.**

- 1. This plant does not hold product while waiting for product test results
- 2. Onsite (in house)
- 3. Offsite warehouse
- 4. Refrigerated truck (secured and stationary)
- 5. Sealed in-transit in company-owned refrigerated truck
- 6. Other (specify)

3.6 Does this plant hold product while waiting for environmental test results?

- 1. This plant does not conduct environmental tests
- 2. Yes
- 3. No

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