

AMS Ground Beef Contractor Indicator Organism Performance - Fiscal Year: 2023<sup>1,2/</sup>

Contractor	# Sub-lots Produced (% of Total)	Standard Plate Count <sup>3/</sup>		Total Coliforms <sup>4/</sup>		Generic <i>E. coli</i> <sup>5/</sup>	
		#Exceeding Critical Limit	% Exceeding Critical Limit	#Exceeding Critical Limit	% Exceeding Critical Limit	#Exceeding Critical Limit	% Exceeding Critical Limit
C1	414 (12.4)	0	0	0	0.07	0	0.13
C3	369 (11.1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C4	745 (22.4)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C5	447 (13.4)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C9	996 (29.9)	0	0	1	0.10	1	0.10
C23	200 (6.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C29	114 (3.4)	0	0	0	0	1	0.88
C37	34 (1.0)	1	2.94	1	2.94	1	2.94
C39	8 (0.2)	1	12.50	2	25.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,327 (100.0)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.09</b>

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

<sup>2/</sup>Production Dates: October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

<sup>3/</sup>Standard Plate Count Critical Limit: 100,000 CFU/g.

<sup>4/</sup>Total Coliforms Critical Limit: 1,000 CFU/g.

<sup>5/</sup>Generic *E. coli* Critical Limit: 500 CFU/g.