

AMS Ground Beef Contractor Indicator Organism Performance - Fiscal Year: 2026^{1,2/}

<u>Contractor</u>	# Sub-lots Produced <u>(% 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	939 (17.3)	0	0	1	0.11	0	0
C3	710 (13.1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C4	1,264 (23.3)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C5	649 (12.0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
C9	1,450 (26.7)	1	0.07	1	0.07	1	0.07
C41	410 (7.6)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,422 (100.0)	1	0.02	2	0.04	2	0.02

^{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, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

^{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.