



**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND CONSUMER SERVICES
MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DIVISION
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Steve Troxler, Commissioner

MPID NOTICE

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**Compliance Surveillance for Farmer Meat and Poultry Handlers
Reviewing Protocol**

I. PURPOSE

This document is being issued to establish procedures for the surveillance of Meat and Poultry Handlers identified as “farmers.”

II. REFERENCES

Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq); Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C 451 et seq.); 9 CFR Parts 300 to 500; NC Compulsory Meat Inspection Law (G.S. 106-549.15-39, 97, 98); NC Poultry Products Inspection Law (G.S. 106.549.49-68B).

III. CANCELLATION: None

IV. PROCEDURES:

1. **MPID Compliance Officers** will randomly conduct on farm reviews in their designated areas. Twenty (20) percent of total number of farmers that are registered meat and poultry handlers per year in the appropriate quarter that the review is due. Example: 533 registered Meat and Poultry Handlers X 20% = 106.6 surveillance reviews per year. 106.6 (total number of meat and poultry handlers) divided by 4 (number of quarters in a year) = 26.65 on farm reviews per quarter divided by 5 (number of compliance officer) = 5.33 (total number of on farm reviews to be conducted by each compliance officer per quarter).
2. All on farm surveillance reviews will be recorded on C&E Form 8F.
3. Twenty (20) percent per quarter of telephonic surveillance reviews will be conducted by an appointed MPID Compliance Officer and the Farmer Questionnaire will be used to obtain all relevant information to be recorded on the C&E Form 8. The Farmer Meat and Poultry Handlers will be divided alphabetically by using twenty percent of the total number of meat and poultry handlers. Example 518 X 20% = 103.6 per quarter. First quarter reviews would be A – Dm. Second Quarter would be Dn – Im.

Third quarter reviews would be In – Po. Fourth Quarter reviews would be Pp – Z.

4. All telephonic surveillance reviews will be recorded on C&E Form 8F and designated as a telephonic review. Page 2 of the form provides questions to pose during these reviews.
5. **Regional Veterinary Medical Officers** will be given ten (10) on farm surveillance reviews each quarter determined by using the last date they were reviewed according to the farmer database. This will eliminate any farmers not being reviewed for long periods of time by the random process of selection. These on farm surveillance reviews will be selected and rotated with ten different on farm surveillance reviews each quarter. This will add six (6) (Number of RVMOs) X ten (10) (Number of on farm surveillance reviews) = sixty (60) on farm surveillance reviews per quarter being conducted, and sixty (60) (on farm surveillance reviews per quarter) X four (4) (Number of Quarters per year) = two hundred forty (240) on farm surveillance reviews conducted per year by the RVMOs.
6. All on farm surveillance reviews conducted by the Regional Veterinary Medical Officers will be recorded on C&E Form 8F. Page 2 of the form provides questions to pose during these reviews.

C&E Form 8F

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