

M31965+V31965	Triumph Foods LLC	16-Jan-24	<p>On Tuesday January 16, 2024 an anonymous complaint was made to the Springdale District Office citing increased thermal injury including an entire truck of hogs frozen or morbidly injured during transport to the establishment in the subzero temperatures on Manday January 15, 2024. Dr. REDACTED requested information from Director of Animal Welfare Mr. REDACTED and Establishment Veterinarian Dr. REDACTED on any lots arriving Friday 1/12/24 through Monday 1/15/24, that had increased dead on arrival (DOA) or euthanized on arrival (KOA) hogs. Dr, REDACTED interviewed other IPP from the dayshift, reviewed establishment receiving and harvest records, and SPHV postmortem records as part of the investigation into this complaint.</p> <p>There were very few trailers received Friday afternoon until normal arrival times late Sunday night and no humane concerns were observed during odd hour inspection on Saturday afternoon. On 1/15/2024 there were 37 trailers received 0000-1644 hours and 24 trailers from 1700-0000. A truck that arrived around 1300 hours on Monday 1/15/2024 had 29 hogs selected for euthanasia by Dr. REDACTED, primarily for suspected frost bite injuries but had zero DOA's. There were 6 other loads with uncategorized KOA's numbering 16, 12, 12, 10, 8, and 7, and an average of 1 DOA per lot. Per the receiving audit, report times for these higher KOA loads were scattered throughout A-shift from 0400-1600 hrs. All of the affected trailers were found to be sufficiently bedded and arrived with slats fully closed. IPP verification throughout the day found that trailer set-ups were consistent with the establishments humane handling program.</p> <p>This KOA total does stand out as high for this establishment, however, there is no evidence in records or direct observation to validate that an entire trailer full of hogs came in dead or morbidly injured. The trailer with the 29 KOA's was a TQA approved design, fully closed and heavily bedded, but had all metal slats which may have been less protective than other designs. Dr. REDACTED stated that she was called to review and sort the load identified as having increased frostbite signs by the receiving employees and that she heavily culled for euthanasia any potentially injured animal. None of the remaining 125 hogs from this lot were condemned in the holding pens or on post-mortem for frostbite injury on either shift supporting that the establishment and took appropriate corrective actions to address all</p>
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