



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and
Inspection Service

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

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DATE: September 23, 2024.

PARTICIPANTS:

- **Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS):** Rachel Edelstein, Office of Policy and Program Development (OPPD); Stephanie Hretz. OPPD
- **Office of Food Safety:** Sandra Eskin, Deputy Under Secretary
- **Costco Representatives:** Robin Forgey, Costco; Sarah Campbell. Lincoln Premium Poultry

SUBJECT: Meeting with Costco representatives on *Salmonella* Framework for Raw Poultry Products; Proposed rule and Proposed Determination (89 FR 64678, Aug 7, 2024).

DISCUSSION:

Costco shared testing data.

- Costco tested raw chicken carcasses to see if they would meet the proposed *Salmonella* final product standards and shared the results with FSIS.
- After Costco's first set of results, they made some changes to their process and got better results.
- Costco shared some of their concerns about lotting.
- Rachel Edelstein, OPPD, referred them to guidance on lotting posted on the FSIS website.