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Division of Dockets Management
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RE: Docket Nos. 1996P-0418, 1997P-0197, 1998P-0203 and 2000N-0504, RIN number 0910-AC14,
"Prevention of *Salmonella* Enteritidis in Shell Eggs During Production"

We, Sunrise Farms Inc., are an egg products distributor & processor, & shell egg distributor in northwest Iowa. The number in front of each item is in reference to the Federal Register vol 69 no. 183 Wed Sept 22. We offer the following comments relative to the proposed rule.

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When breaking eggs we prefer to have our eggs broken at about room temperature (65 degrees F) to get the egg white liquid to flow out of the egg easier. I believe 60% of all eggs are broken at this temperature today. All hatchery eggs which are broken, are refrigerated at 65 degrees F to maintain their fertility.

What constitutes a farm; any house or group of houses which are managed separately & have 300 feet or more of separation. But have a common egg processing facility should constitute a farm.

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Wet cleaning in southern California might be okay. But 60% of laying houses of the high-rise style are in the northern climate. These houses would be impossible to clean properly during some months.

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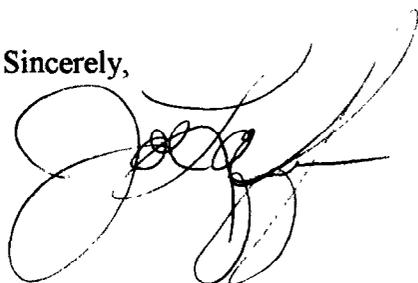
Risk assessment is a scientific procedure but the outcome is only as good as the input. If the inputs are beliefs, estimates, and assumptions the outputs are unfounded & not scientifically based. Then most of your work on *Salmonella* Enteritidis is without merit.

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It has been obvious for 25 years that most of the illnesses due to *Salmonella* Enteritidis are a result of poor handling & inadequate cooking of eggs served to large numbers of people and that most of the deaths are due to this practice in nursing homes. There is only one critical control point in the *Salmonella* Enteritidis problem. Why can't our government require cooking of eggs properly for high risk populations? Why does the FDA insist we do the things we think will be effective on the farm and denies it knows what to do for susceptible populations?

Most important in our minds is we do not believe the FDA has the authority to prevent the introduction, transmission or spread of communicable diseases.

Sincerely,

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