

Establishment Inspection Report

Zeilinger Farms LLC
Rising City, NE 68658

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SUMMARY
(JEH)

The current inspection of this egg producer was conducted per the FY11-Inspection of Egg Farms for Monitoring Compliance with Egg Safety Rule, DFPG Assignment #11-04 and FACTS Assignment Number 1271969.

This was the initial inspection of the firm. Upon arrival credentials were presented to and a FDA-482, Notice of Inspection, was issued to Brian J. Zeilinger, Co-owner, of the egg farm. He was the most responsible person available at the firm at the time.

Attachment A to the assignment memo was covered during the inspection. No FDA-483, Inspectional Observations, was issued. A verbal observation concerning the frequency of rodent and fly monitoring was given. The firm volunteered to re-visit the SOP, and define a reasonable and

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efficacious frequency for monitoring. Upon the conclusion of the inspection, Mr. Zeilinger was warned of the firm's responsibility to comply with the FD&C Act and the penalties available to the Agency for non-compliance.

This team inspection was conducted by Investigators Ismael Olvera-IV and Jessica E. Hensley. Both members wrote this report. The initials of the member who wrote each section are identified.

Both investigators took biosecurity measures to prevent contamination on the farm including washing the government car prior to arrival at the farm.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Inspected firm: Zeilinger Farms LLC
Location: 970 32ND Road
Rising City, NE 68658
Phone: 402-367-6174
FAX: 402-367-6209
Mailing address: 970 32ND Road
Rising City, NE 68658

Dates of inspection: 5/16/2011
Days in the facility: 1
Participants: Ismael Olvera-IV, Investigator
Jessica E. Hensley, Investigator

HISTORY

(JEH)

The farm is an active LLC in the State of Nebraska having filed 1/28/99. The farm has been in operation since 1994. It is owned by several co-owners. A list of those people and their share percentages is attached as Exhibit 1.

Business hours are (b) (4). The houses and hens are owned by Zeilinger Farms, LLC.

The firm is located a few miles northeast of Rising City, NE on 32nd Rd.

This farm has had no recalls and no orders of diversion.

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Post inspectional correspondence & FMD-145 should be sent to:

Zeilinger Farms LLC
ATTN: Brian J. Zeilinger, Co-Owner
970 32nd Rd.
Rising City, NE 68658

INTERSTATE COMMERCE

(JEH)

(b) (4)% of the farm's eggs go to (b) (4) – egg breaker, (b) (4). (b) (4) is the only customer. No eggs are sold to individuals or otherwise.

JURISDICTION

(IO)

The firm is a Shell Egg Producer with greater than (b) (4) laying hens with (b) (4)% of the farm's eggs going to (b) (4) for 5-log reduction treatment. No eggs are sold from Zeilinger Farms, LLC as table market eggs. The firm is registered with the FDA.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PERSONS INTERVIEWED

(JEH)

Brian J. Zeilinger, Co-owner, was the only farm employee interviewed during the inspection. He is the most responsible person on the farm on a daily basis. He is responsible for farm operations including feeding, watering, air quality, egg packing, pest control monitoring, egg cooling, visitor logs, etc.

Dr. (b) (4) (b) (4) Veterinarian, was present during the inspection. He provided the farm with the egg farm plan and helped them with the implementation. He is responsible for animal health and assisting the farm with providing safe eggs to (b) (4)

FIRM'S TRAINING PROGRAM

(IO)

Mr. Zeilinger stated all employees involved in shell egg production are trained in topics including SE Prevention and Bio-security. New employees are trained in all critical procedures before starting work and then trained on the job in specific areas.

CSO Olvera reviewed training records and did not find any deviations.

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MANUFACTURING/DESIGN OPERATIONS

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This farm has three high-rise hen houses. The hens arrive at about 16 weeks old and are here through about 94 weeks. At the end of their life cycle they are sent to (b) (4) (b) (4) (b) (4), for the animal feed industry. Hens that die on the farms are composted.

Currently, house 3 contains approximately (b) (4) chickens which are producing approximately (b) (4) and arrived at the farm in April 2010. House 2 contains approximately (b) (4) chickens which are producing approximately (b) (4) and house 1 contains approximately (b) (4) chickens which are producing approximately (b) (4). These arrived on the farm in November 2010. Houses 1 and 2 are arranged (b) (4) hens/cage. There are (b) (4) rows of (b) (4) tiers. House 3 is arranged (b) (4) hens/cage. There are (b) (4) rows of (b) (4) tiers. Mr. Zeilinger said the farm performs a disinfection of the hen houses between flocks.

Pullets were from NPIP approved sources where they were SE monitored for houses 1 and 2. House 3 was populated prior to the egg rule and prior to the contract with (b) (4). The hens are currently under-going their first molting period.

Collection of the eggs is by in-line belt. The hen houses were not visited during the inspection per Attachment A of the inspection assignment because the firm does not treat the eggs on the farm. The eggs are stored after collection in a large egg cooler until picked up by the (b) (4).

Animal health is performed by a nutritionist of (b) (4) and a veterinarian from (b) (4) (b) (4), Dr. (b) (4). Dr. (b) (4) was present during the inspection. He wrote and developed the farm's egg farm plan which is attached as Exhibit 2.

(b) (4) picks up the eggs about (b) (4). Each load is (b) (4) cases (b) (4) eggs per case). The eggs are not washed or treated at the farm. They are transported to (b) (4) where they are broken, and the liquid eggs are pasteurized for (b) (4) and a (b) (4) at (b) (4) degrees F according to Dr. (b) (4).

The firm operates with (b) (4) or (b) (4) employees a (b) (4) in addition the Mr. Zeilinger and his wife.

The farm is a member of UEP, United Egg Producers. UEP conducts routine inspection of the farm.

The farm uses (b) (4) for pest control services. The company visits the farm (b) (4) and leaves monitoring records after servicing bait and traps.

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Water is from one of two wells on the farm. The farmhouse well serves as the back-up third well for the hen houses. A livestock suitability test is performed periodically per Dr. (b) (4) though Mr. Zeilinger said he doesn't, "have a test result lately."

The farm sends all manure to fertilizer.

The firm's pest control SOP fails to define how often the firm will perform their (b) (4) rodent/fly monitoring. See Exhibit 2. They have an Action/Frequency Observation sheet as a guide for action levels which specifies (b) (4) monitoring. However, the firm has only conducted monthly monitoring and only since February 2011. In reviewing the monitoring, no problems in rodent and fly activity were noted. This was discussed in the closing discussion with management. Mr. Zeilinger and Dr. (b) (4) agreed to correct this problem to better reflect practices and make it the most effective monitoring for the farm.

MANUFACTURING CODES

Mr. Zeilinger was unaware of a plant number for the farm.

COMPLAINTS

None.

OBJECTIONABLE CONDITIONS AND MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE

No FDA-483, Inspectional Observations, was issued.

REFUSALS

No refusals were given.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH MANAGEMENT
(JEH)**

At the conclusion of the inspection, no FDA-483, Inspectional Observations, was issued. As described in Manufacturing/Design Operations section of this report, a verbal observation concerning rodent and fly monitoring frequency and the firm's SOP was discussed. The firm

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volunteered to make corrections. Mr. Zeilinger was warned of the firm's responsibility to comply with the FD&C Act and of the penalties available to the Agency for non-compliance.

SAMPLES COLLECTED

None.

EXHIBITS COLLECTED

1. List of co-owners of Zeilinger Farms
2. Egg Farm Plan

ATTACHMENTS

FDA-482, Notice of Inspection, dated 5/16/11, issued to Brian J. Zeilinger, Co-owner.

Assignment Attachment A, completed 5/16/11.



Ismael Olvera-IV, Investigator



Jessica E. Hensley, Investigator