

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

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NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM REPORT ISSUED  
**TO: Michael J. Cox, President and Co-Owner**

FIRM NAME Arkansas Egg Company-Thomas Farms	STREET ADDRESS 17603 Sky Light Mountain Drive
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, COUNTRY Prairie Grove, AR 72753	TYPE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTED Shell Egg Producer

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**DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM WE OBSERVED:**

**OBSERVATION 1**

Data and information reflecting compliance activities is not entered on records at the time the activity is performed or observed and does not indicate the actual values.

Specifically,

Your firm's refrigeration logs which are maintained at the Thomas Farm do not reflect the temperature and the time of the cooler recordings that the activity was performed for the months of July 2010, August 2010, September 2010, October 2010, November 2010, December 2010, January 2011, February 2011 and March 2011. The records are records are written in the log in pencil. Temperatures that have been erase can be seen beneath the temepratures which are currently written on the log

Your farm handler who takes the temperature and records it in the log states that he takes the temperature of the cooler (b) (4) times a day. He further states that he erases the temperature recordings to write in the next temperature recording that he takes. He stated that the only temperature recording that he does not erase from the temperatur cooler log is the last temperature taken of the day in which the time is also recorded. Your farm handler has made changes to records for the following months: July 2010, August 2010, September 2010, October 2010, November 2010, December 2010, January 2011, February 2011 and March 2011.

After reviewing your firm's cooler temperature logs, we observed temperature recordings that had been erase for the months of July 2010, August 2010, September 2010, October 2010, November 2010, December 2010, January 2011, February 2011 and March 2011. In addition some of the erase temperature reading were 50 degrees and above. For Example,

- A temperature reading recorded in the firm's cooler log on Thursday, July 29, 2010 taken at 4:55 PM contained a recorded temperature reading of 41.0 degrees. A temperature taken at an earlier time which was erased for this date appeared to have a reading 56.3 degrees.
- A temperature reading recorded in the firm's cooler log on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 taken at 4:00 PM had a recorded temperature reading of 41.0 degrees. A temperature which was taken at an earlier time and erased for this date appeared to be 55.4 degrees.

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- A temperature reading recorded in the firm's cooler log on Saturday September 11, 2010 taken at 4:03 PM had a recorded temperature of 44.0 degrees. A temperature which was recorded in the log at an earlier time and erased for this date had a reading which appeared to be 56.3 degrees.
- A temperature reading recorded in the firm's cooler log on Friday October 22, 2011 taken at 3:45 PM contained a temperature recording of 41.0 degrees. A temperature which was recorded in the log at an earlier time and erased for this date had a reading which appeared to be 52.0 degrees.

Furthermore, no review of the cooler records were implemented and no corrective action was taken for the altering of the records.

**OBSERVATION 2**

Your written SE prevention plan is not fully implemented and followed.

Specifically,

your firm's SE Prevention Plan states that hen environmental samples must be taken between 40-45 weeks of age. Your firm is using a (b) (4) swab which is pulled through the manure in on the scratch plates of the hen house. For determining how many swabs should be taken per house during environmental sampling your SE prevention plan states that "For each (b) (4) feet of house length (b) (4) swabs will be used. Note: houses not in even (b) (4) must be rounded up." All of the hen houses at Thomas farm are (b) (4) ft in length. According to your Production and Quality Control Manager (b) (4) drag swabs are needed to fulfill the requirements set forth in your firm's SE Prevention Plan.

- On 2/17/2011, during 42nd week of the flocks life of hen house "Thomas 21", your firm only completed 6 drag swabs for the house during the 40-45 week environmental testing period. By taking only 6 drag swabs for the (b) (4) ft length house, the environmental samples taken does not comply with your SE Prevention Plan. Furthermore, no corrective action was taken.
- On 2/17/2011, during the 42nd week of the flocks life of hen house "Thomas 25", your firm only completed 6 drag swabs for the house during the 40-45 week environmental testing period. By taking only 6 drag swabs for the (b) (4) ft length house, the environmental samples taken doesn't comply with your SE Prevention Plan. Furthermore, no corrective action was taken.
- On 12/09/2010, during the 45th week of the flocks life of hen house "Thomas 24", your firm only completed 6 drag swabs for the house during the 40-45 week environmental testing period. By taking only 6 drag swabs for the (b) (4) ft length house, the environmental samples taken doesn't comply with your SE Prevention Plan. Furthermore, no

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