



## Inspection Report

U S NATIONAL POULTRY RESEARCH CENTER  
950 COLLEGE STATION ROAD  
ATHENS, GA 30605

Customer ID: **334023**

Certificate: **57-G-0001**

Site: 001

NATIONAL POULTRY  
RESEARCH CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 25-MAY-2022

### 2.31(c)(7)

#### **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).**

Two significant deviations from protocol 2024-2 occurred without prior IACUC review and approval:

- Per the protocol, the attending veterinarian will be notified of any unexpected morbidity or mortality. Some animals in this study did develop unexpected clinical signs and many died yet the attending veterinarian was not notified.
- Per the protocol, for one part of the study, groups of 20 animals would be used however one group contained 22 animals exceeding the approved number by 2.

Making changes to a protocol without seeking IACUC review and approval does not allow the IACUC adequate oversight to ensure the well-being and humane treatment of all research animals. The IACUC must review and either approve, require modifications in, or withhold approval of proposed significant changes regarding the care and use of animals in ongoing activities. Corrected at the time of inspection.

### 2.33(b)(3)

#### **Critical**

#### **Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.**

The researchers of study protocol 2024-2 failed to communicate unexpected morbidity and mortality findings to the attending veterinarian. On September 13, 2021, alerted by an animal caretaker, the attending veterinarian examined the study animals and found out of 89 chicken, 8 dead as well as 20 showing signs of respiratory distress. Further

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investigation revealed that mortality and animal health problems were observed during the 2 previous days, starting on September 11th, but were not conveyed to the attending veterinarian. The failure to timely communicate animal health issues to the attending veterinarian delayed treatment thus causing undue pain and distress to those animals. An effective method of direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian must be established for timely diagnosis and adequate medical attention. Corrected at the time of inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
334023	57-G-0001	001	NATIONAL POULTRY RESEARCH CENTER	25-MAY-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
002016	<i>ARS BIRDS</i>	ARS BIRDS
002016	<b>Total</b>	