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# FSIS NOTICE

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## YOUNG CHICKEN CARCASS SAMPLING ELIGIBILITY

### I. PURPOSE

This notice lists the young chicken products that are included in FSIS's carcass-based *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* verification testing program.

### II. BACKGROUND

Some young chicken slaughter establishments may have been inadvertently excluded from sampling because Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) or establishment representatives may have misunderstood which young chicken product classes were subject to sampling. Instructions to IPP provided in the Young Chicken Baseline Survey of 2007-2008 could have been interpreted to apply only to broilers. However, ALL types of young chickens, as defined below, are to be sampled in FSIS's carcass-based *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* verification testing program.

### III. CLARIFICATION OF YOUNG CHICKEN CARCASS SAMPLING ELIGIBILITY

A. Carcasses of "Rock Cornish game hens" (also called "Cornish game hen", or "poussin"), "broilers", "fryers", and "roasting chickens" (also called "roasters"), as defined in 9 CFR 381.170(a), are in the "Young Chicken" product class and are to be sampled.

B. In order to ensure consistency in the FSIS sampling frame, IPP are to perform verification testing on these eligible young chicken products when they are available at a poultry slaughter establishment and when scheduled through the Public Health Information System (PHIS).

C. Other chicken product classes, capon, hen, fowl, baking chicken or stewing chicken, and cock or rooster, are not subject to FSIS *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* verification testing.

### III. QUESTIONS

Refer questions regarding this notice through [askFSIS](#) or by telephone at 1-800-233-3935. When submitting a question, use the **Submit a Question** tab, and enter the following information in the fields provided:

Subject Field: Enter **FSIS Notice 57-12**, or **Young Chicken Carcass Sampling**.  
Question Field: Enter your question with as much detail as possible.  
Product Field: Select **General Inspection Policy** from the drop-down menu.  
Category Field: Select **Sampling/Salmonella** from the drop-down menu.  
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