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Comparison in the Recovery of *Salmonella* from Poultry Slaughter Establishments using Buffered Peptone Water With and Without Neutralizers to Address Antimicrobial Carryover



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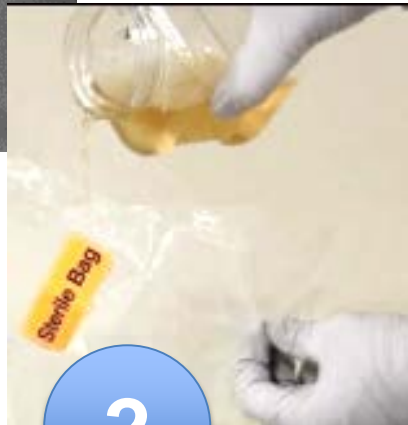
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Background: FSIS Carcass Rinse Sampling



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Background: Concern From Stakeholders

Antimicrobials concealing Salmonella debate reignited

Does Antimicrobial Spray Used by Poultry Industry Kill Salmonella or Just Hide It?

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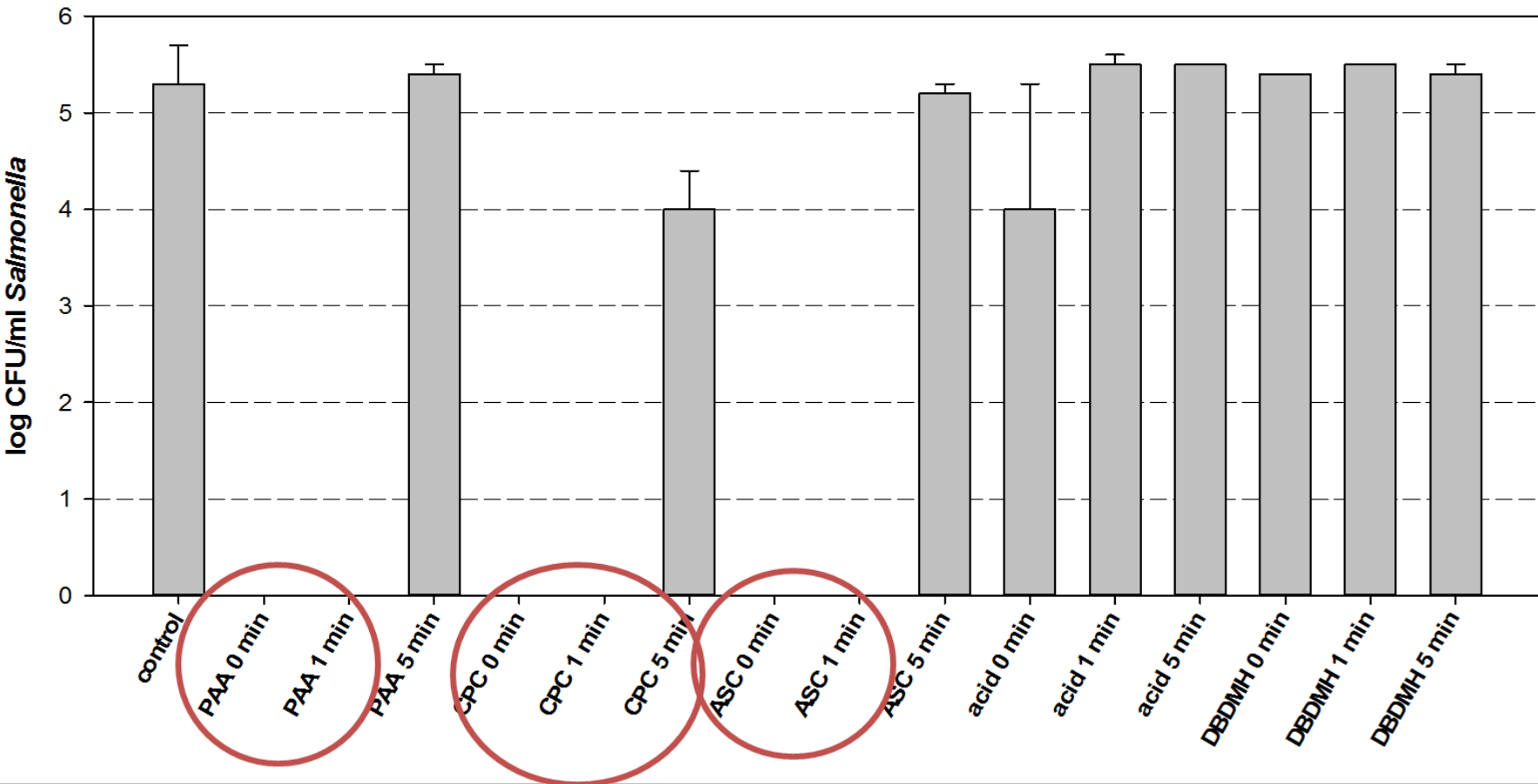
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Poultry Carcass Treatment Can Cause False-Negatives in Salmonella Testing: USDA Institutes “Fix”

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USDA Agricultural Research Service models carry-over impact on *Salmonella* Sampling



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Preventing the Issue: ARS designs nBPW

- ARS developed and finalized a BPW formula with three added neutralizers (lecithin, thiosulfate and sodium bicarbonate) in order to address multiple classes of antimicrobial processing aids
- [FSIS Notice 41-16](#) introduced nBPW for implementation in all projects previously using BPW for sampling as of July 1, 2016



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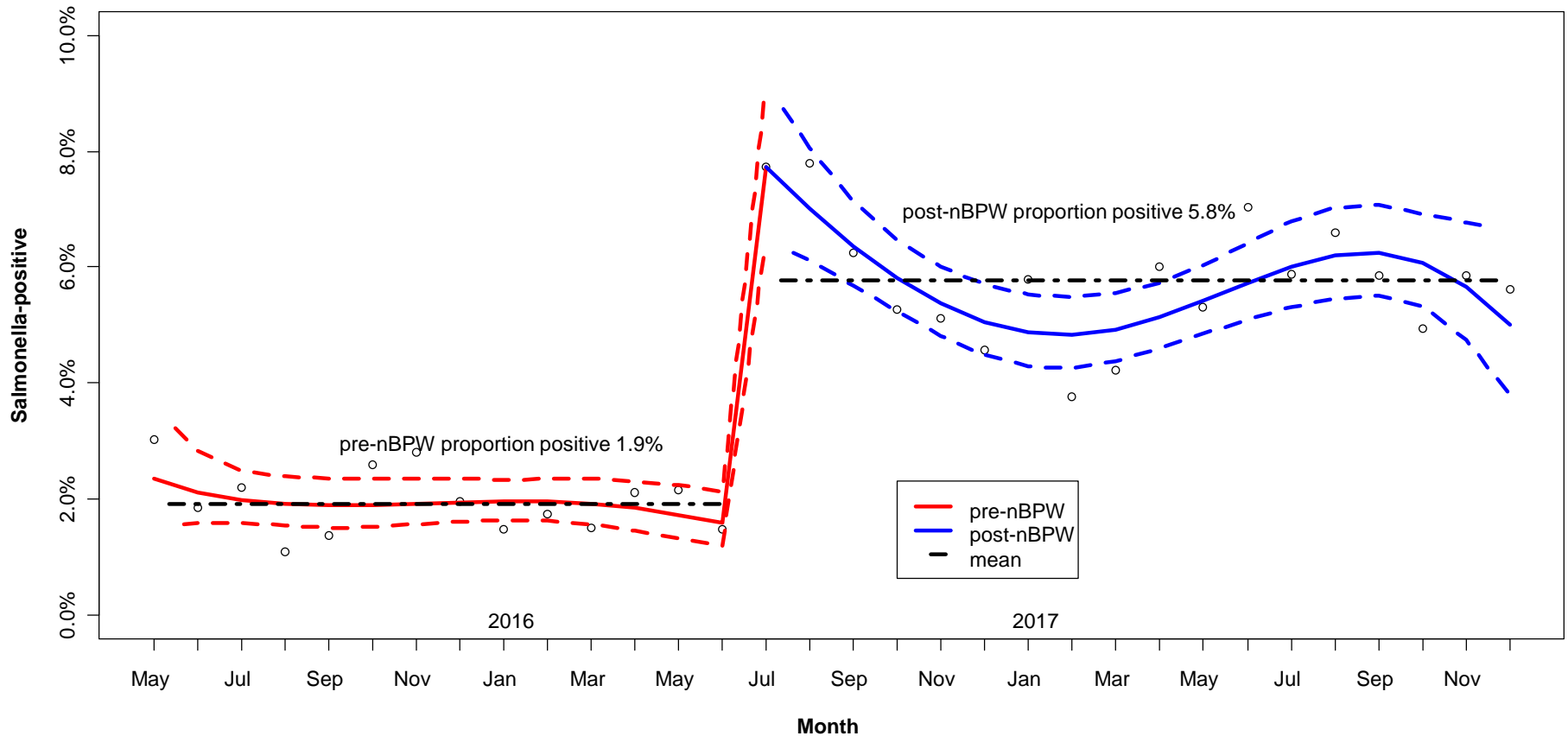
What the n?

- 210 carcass establishments
- 9,447 samples before nBPW
- 9,108 samples after nBPW

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Observed Increase: *Salmonella* in Carcass Sampling

Percent of *Salmonella*-positive carcass samples

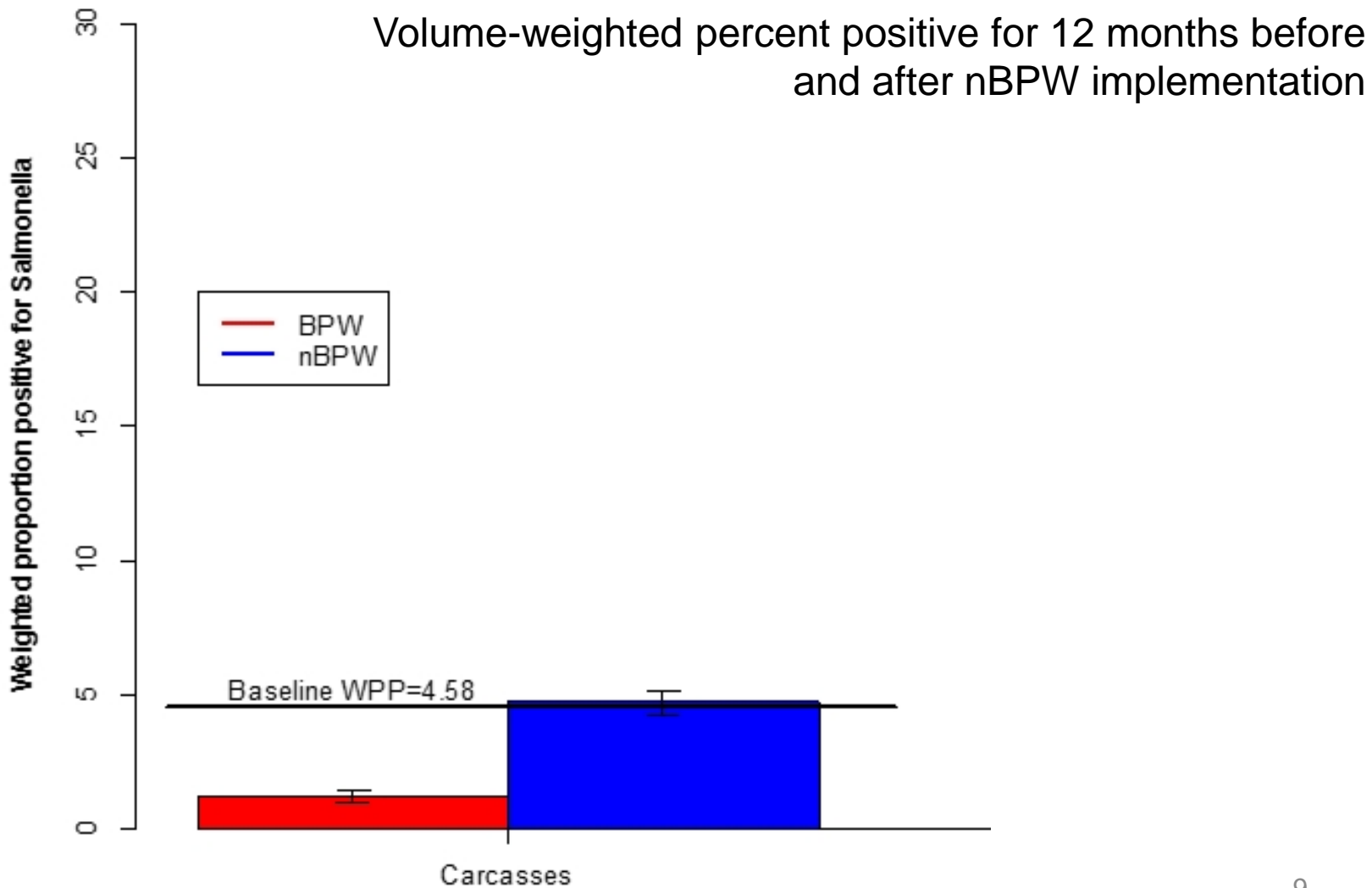


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Change Point Detection

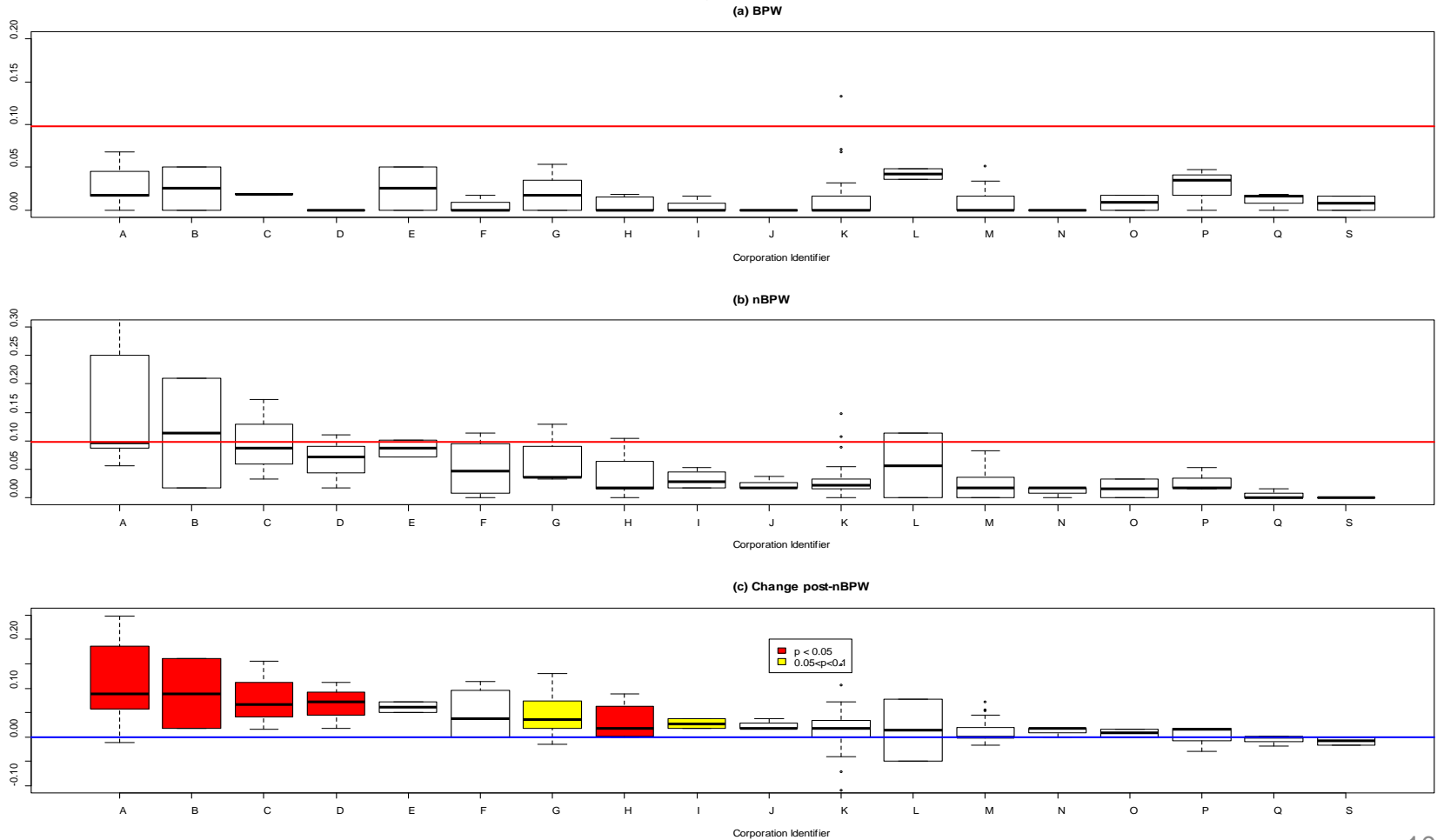
	Penalized B-spline model		Change Point Model (change detected=T/F)		
Pathogen-product	Monthly trend	BPW versus nBPW indicator	Mann-Whitney (location test)	Mood (scale-test)	Kolmogorov-Smirnov (change in distribution)
Salmonella-carcasses	p=0.0145	p=1.8x10 ⁻⁶	True	False	True

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An Asymmetrical Impact on Corporations that Produce Chicken



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Potential Effects on Carcass Performance Standard

- The volume-weighted average used to calculate the carcass performance standard in 2011 was **4.58%**
- The volume-weighted average from the first 12 months of nBPW was **4.74%**
- Using the new nBPW data in the Performance Standard Model with the same predicted reduction in illnesses, the standard would result in the same 5 positives allowed out of the set of 51



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Questions?