Unweighted *E. coli* O157:H7 percent positive values from FSIS Raw Ground Beef Testing Federal, Retail and Import Verification and Follow-up Programs color-coded by quarter for 2003 to 2010*

1 Percent Positive 0.8 Unweighted □1st Qtr 0.6 2nd Qtr ■ 3rd Qtr 0.4 ■ 4th Qtr 0.2 0 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 † 2009 2010 # 2003 (0.30%)(0.17%)(0.17%)(0.24%)(0.46%)(0.32%)(0.24%) **Calendar Year**

(Figure 2)

* This table does not include raw ground beef component samples.

† Starting with CY2008, annual microbiological results are reported by sample collection date as opposed to analysis end date.

In Qtr 3 (weeks of Aug 5 through Sept 2) approximately 1,100 fewer sample forms were sent out than were scheduled.

Note: The source of the data included in this table are the microbiological results of raw ground beef products analyzed for *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 and can be found at <u>http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Science/Ecoli_O157_Summary_Tables/index.asp</u>.