

## **Silliker, Inc. Delivers Food Quality and Safety Data to Enable National School Lunch Program Success**

Silliker, Inc., an international network of food testing and consulting laboratories, has provided microbiological testing and nutrition services for ground beef to support supply chain quality in the National School Lunch (NSL) Program over the past year.

Under the USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) administered program, vendors must demonstrate their capability to meet contract specifications and provide data and SPC deliverables with each test lot. To accomplish this, Silliker employs USDA approved cultural and rapid test methodologies and uses NWA Quality Analyst to provide data and SPC charts to AMS and ground beef suppliers.

“We work hard to ensure our quality systems and client services are second to none in the food testing industry,” says Dr. Michele Smoot, Director of Microbiology for Silliker, Inc.

Delivering SPC data and charting with NSL reports, according to Dr. Smoot, has proved to be an important addition to the normal reporting packages.

“In today’s food industry, timely information is integral in proactively managing product safety and quality,” says Dr. Smoot. “The report capabilities of NWA Quality Analyst allow ground beef vendors to view their analytical data over specified time frames, detect processing trends of concern, and, if needed, take corrective action.”

Founded in 1967 by Dr. John H. Silliker, a preeminent microbiologist, the company serves every major food industry segment, including meat and poultry, dairy, produce, seafood, confectionery, and food service. In 2002 it became the first U.S. network of laboratories to be accredited under ISO Standard 17025. ISO 17025 is recognized as the international benchmark of excellence for food testing laboratories in more than 35 countries.



Silliker, Inc. operates 38 laboratories in 10 countries. In the U.S., Silliker testing facilities are located in Cypress, CA; Modesto, CA; Cedar Rapids, IA; Chicago Heights, IL; Stone Mountain, GA; Minnetonka, MN; Omaha, NE; Columbus, OH; Allentown, PA; Grand Prairie, TX; and Madison, WI.

For its years of exemplary service to the meat industry, Silliker, Inc. was named a 2003 co-recipient of the American Meat Institute's "Supplier-of-the-Year" award.

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