

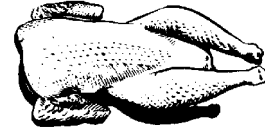


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PROCESSING TIP...

ACCESSING HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP) INFORMATION VIA THE INTERNET

Due to the dynamic nature of the HACCP/Pathogen Reduction rule, various changes have been made in the regulation since its inception, and new additions to the rule are expected in the future. Hence, poultry processors need sources of information to keep them up-to-date on regulations. Moreover, new technologies are being developed to complement poultry plant HACCP programs. It is important for poultry processors to be aware of new methodologies that can be used to assist them in the various aspects of HACCP, such as CCP monitoring, recordkeeping, and so forth. The purpose of this article is to present a useful means of accessing information on HACCP via the Internet for those who are unfamiliar with "surfing the net".

I. Step-by-step instructions for accessing HACCP websites through the University of Georgia Poultry Science Website:

- 1). Type: **www.uga.edu/~poultry/** in the address window of your web browser. This is the UGA Poultry Science homepage. From this page you can access many different poultry related sites.
- 2). Go to the large white window (with the chicken) and under Poultry Inquiries click on the line that reads: **Help and Information About Poultry.**
- 3). Click on the line that reads: **Our List of Poultry Links.**
- 4). To access the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service website to get information about HACCP, click on the subjects listed here in the following order: **1. Government Resources, 2. United States Department of Agriculture (Food Safety Inspection Service), and 3. HACCP Implementation.** From this point, you can retrieve information on the published rule, recent changes, or key facts about the rule. By bookmarking this website, you can easily stay up-to-date on new changes to the rule. To

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bookmark this site, click on **Bookmarks** at the top of the screen and then click the **Add Bookmarks** option.

II. A method for searching the Internet for specific information on HACCP is as follows:

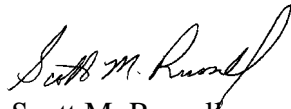
Type: www.metacrawler.com in the address window of your web browser. Metacrawler is an excellent tool for searching the world for information about a specific subject. You may be familiar with the search engines called Yahoo, Lycos, or Excite. Metacrawler accesses all of the smaller search tools such as Yahoo or Excite and gives you the best selections from each of the other search engines. When you see the search window, type in the keyword HACCP. A list of sites will be displayed that include information on the following: 1) contacting HACCP consultants, 2) obtaining informational articles and books on implementation, and 3) methods for monitoring HACCP.

Specific examples of HACCP related sites:

If you are interested in obtaining information about automated HACCP monitoring devices (electronic devices used to monitor critical control points instead of using employees), you can go to: www.ex-en.com/haccp1.htm. If you are preparing to build a poultry processing plant and need information on how to construct the facility to meet HACCP requirements, you could access a website from an engineering company that specializes in building HACCP compliant facilities. The engineering website address is: www.takenaka.co.jp/takenaka_e/haccp_e/conce.html.

Summary:

The Internet can be an excellent source for information. However, caution should be exercised because some information on the Internet may be faulty. Always check with a reliable source before implementing recommendations from the Internet in your production or processing facility.



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****Consult with your poultry company representative before making management changes.****

“Your local County Extension Agent is a source of more information on this subject.”