



# Next Steps:

## Public Health Based Slaughter Inspection

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# Current Thinking - Rulemaking

- Developing a proposed rule for poultry, informed by HIMP, expected to publish Spring '08:
  - Industry sorting prior to inspection
  - Inspection focus on food safety hazards (e.g., septicemic or toxemic carcasses, fecal material) and animal disease
  - New criteria for on-line reprocessing and carcass chilling
  - Microbiological process control pre- and post-evisceration/chilling of carcasses (e.g., criteria for generic *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, and *Campylobacter*)
  - Enhanced off-line verification activity
  - Demonstrating predicted public health gain through inspection changes and enhanced industry performance



**Thank you**