



Food Safety Net Services has recently been awarded the contract for a new USDA-FSIS microbial baseline study to reestablish the national prevalence of *Campylobacter* spp. and other key microorganisms for young chicken carcasses. Currently FSNS is working with USDA scientists to optimize the methodology that will be used to detect and enumerate levels of *Campylobacter* spp. for young chicken carcasses. The study is currently scheduled to begin during Fall 2006. Establishment and re-assessment of microbial baseline data by the USDA-FSIS for meat and poultry is critical to the development of food safety policies and microbial hazard prevention programs based on scientific and risk-based principles. For more information on other services provided by Food Safety Net Services, please visit our website at www.food-safetynet.com.