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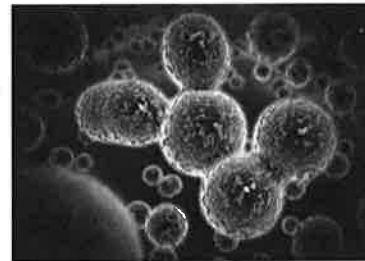
Salmonella found in chicken served at Arkansas prison

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TUCKER, Ark. (AP) - Officials say an illness that sickened more than 350 inmates at an Arkansas maximum-security prison was caused by chicken contaminated with salmonella.

The Arkansas Department of Health says testing confirmed the presence of the bacteria. Inmates at the Arkansas Department of Correction's Tucker Unit were served chicken salad on Aug. 4 and hundreds fell ill with nausea and diarrhea afterward.



Correction department spokeswoman Shea Wilson says footage from security cameras shows the chicken was cooked for three hours. But Wilson tells the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (<http://is.gd/OWW5gM>) that the chicken may have been left out for too long after it was cooked.

The chicken salad was prepared by inmates. Wilson says all of the inmates and two ill employees have recovered from their symptoms.

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