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To Whom I May Concern:

I am a statistical reporter for *OsterDowJones*, a real-time, online newswire service. I would like to make the following suggestion:

Please present the data in a table format, so that it will be easily interpreted. For instance, the report could be represented as follows:

Table 1. Total Presence of Salmonella in Raw Meat Carcasses

Period of Coverage	Steef/Heifers			Poultry		
	Sample Size	+ samples	pct :	Sample Size	+ samples	pct
April	58,085	1,059	4% :	58,085	1,059	4%
March	47,231	1,059	2% :	47,231	1,059	2%
February	47,231	1,059	2% :	47,231	1,059	2%
January	47,231	1,059	2% :	47,231	1,059	2%

Carcasses may include other types, such as Hogs, Sheep/lambs. Other table subcategories can include large broiler plants and small broiler plants.

These type of data tables would be very useful. If you have any questions regarding this suggestion, please feel free to call me on (202) 646-1880.

Thank you,

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