



Streptococcus equi subsp. zooepidemicus: Case Update

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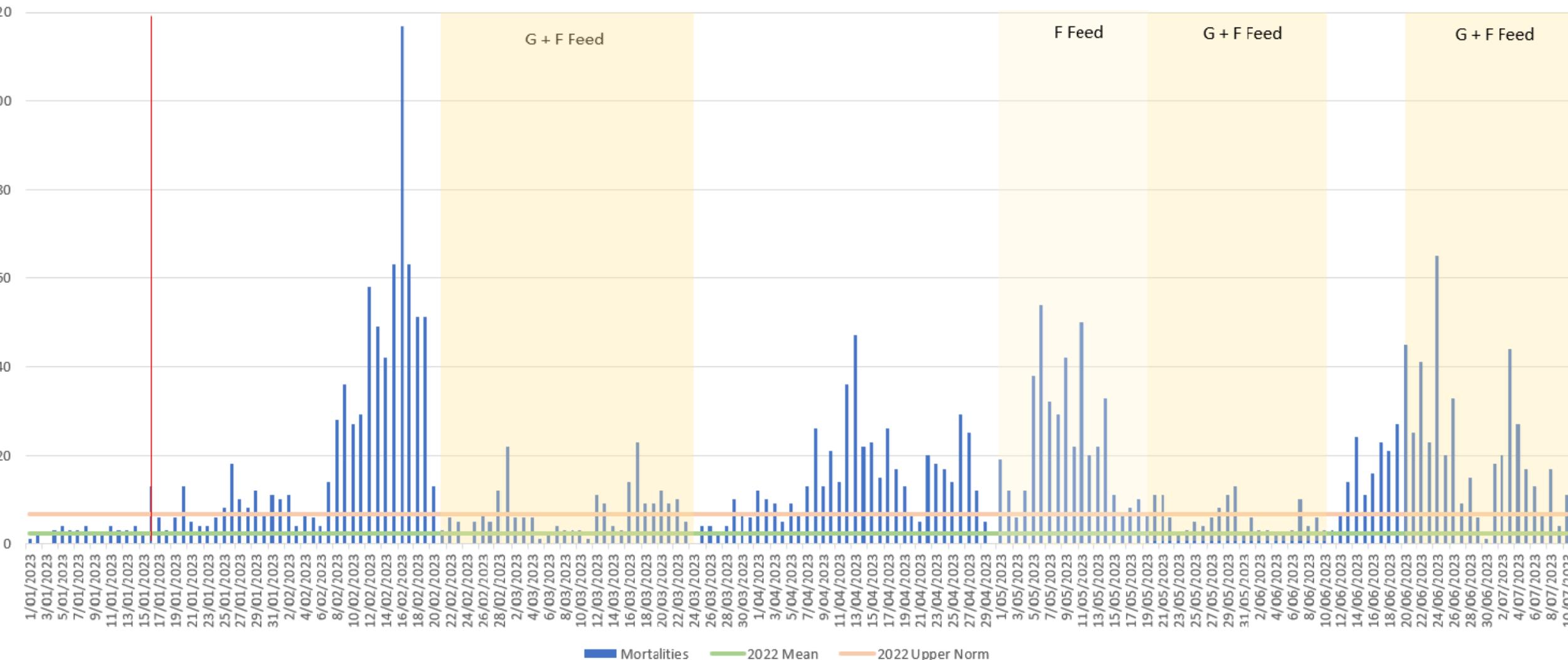
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Initial clinical picture

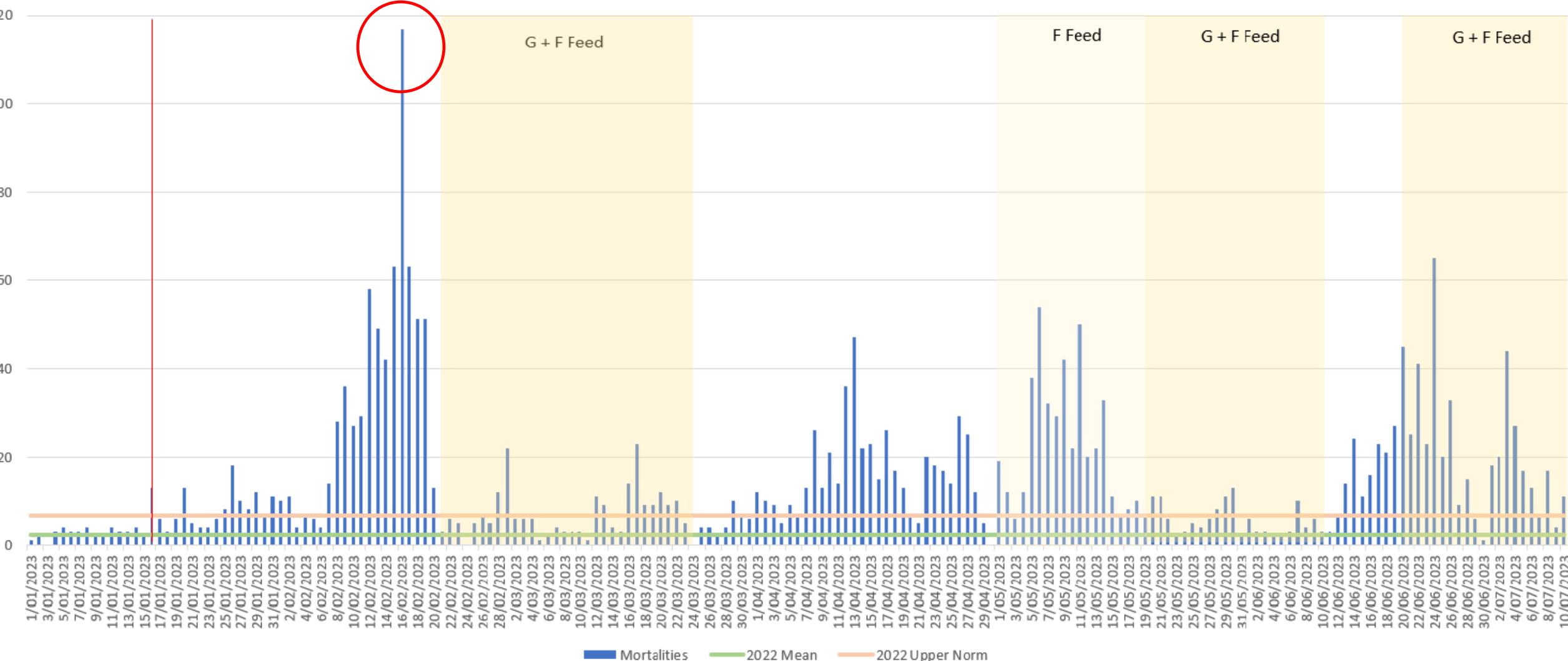
- High health status eco-shelter grower farm
 - *Negative: Mycoplasma, APP, Dysentery*
- Complaint of increased mortalities in one shelter (18 to 19 weeks)
 - *Pigs noted to be lethargic and anorexic*
- Fluid filled lungs/interstitial pneumonia
- Mild - moderate peritonitis
- +/- Tonsilitis, pleurisy, pericarditis, gastritis



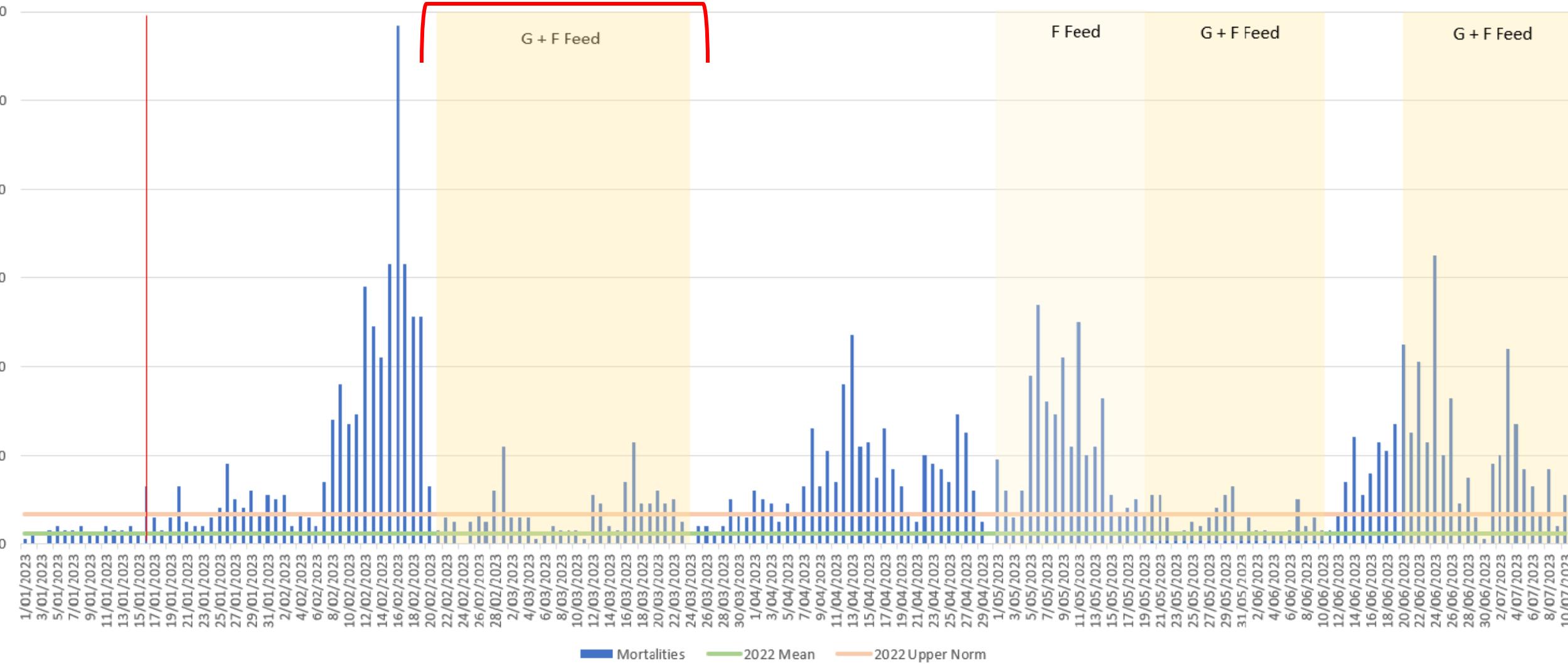
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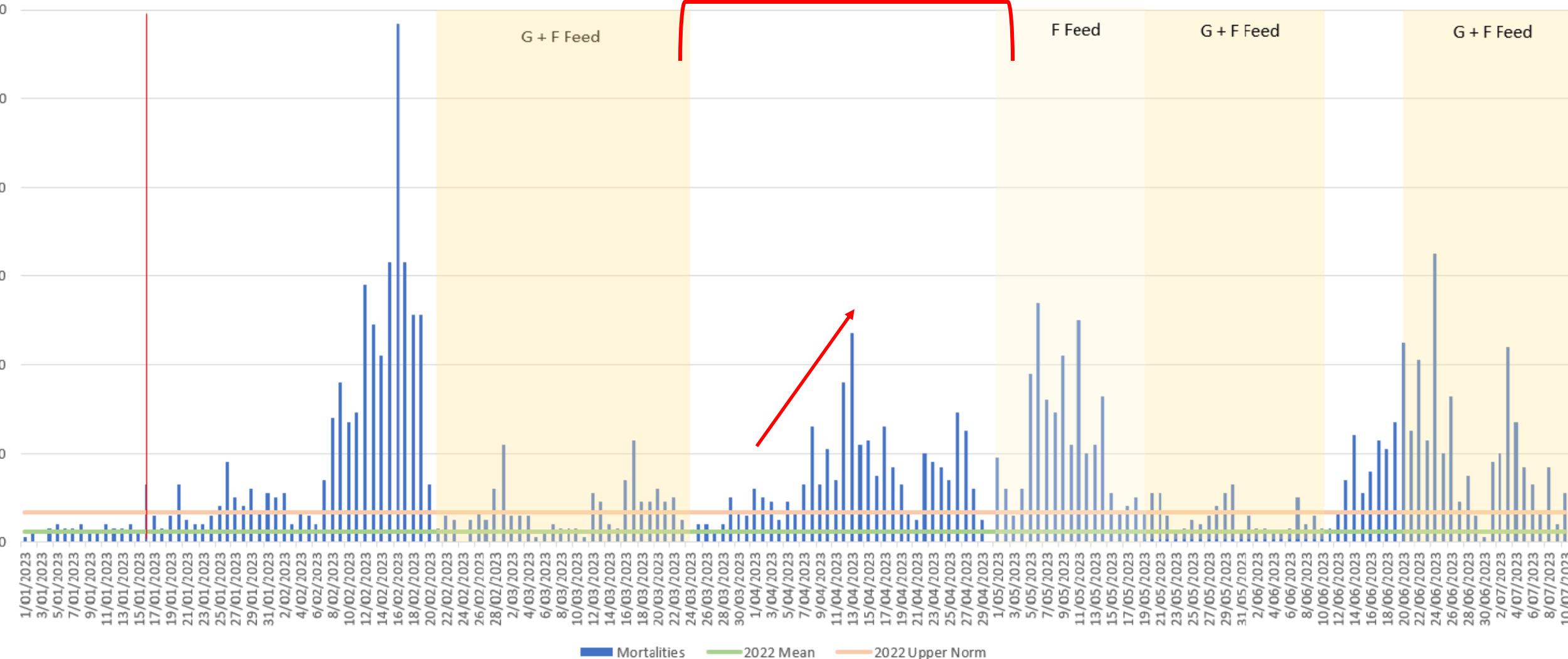
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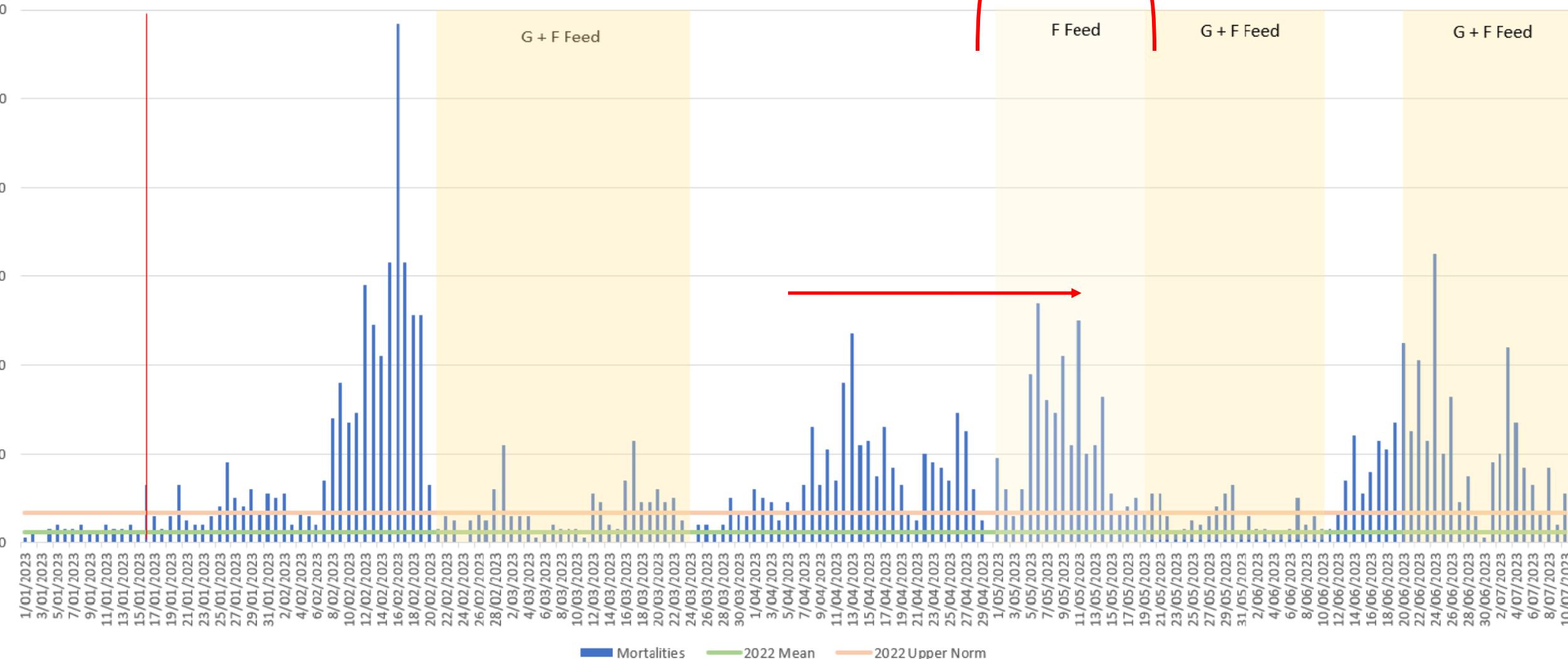
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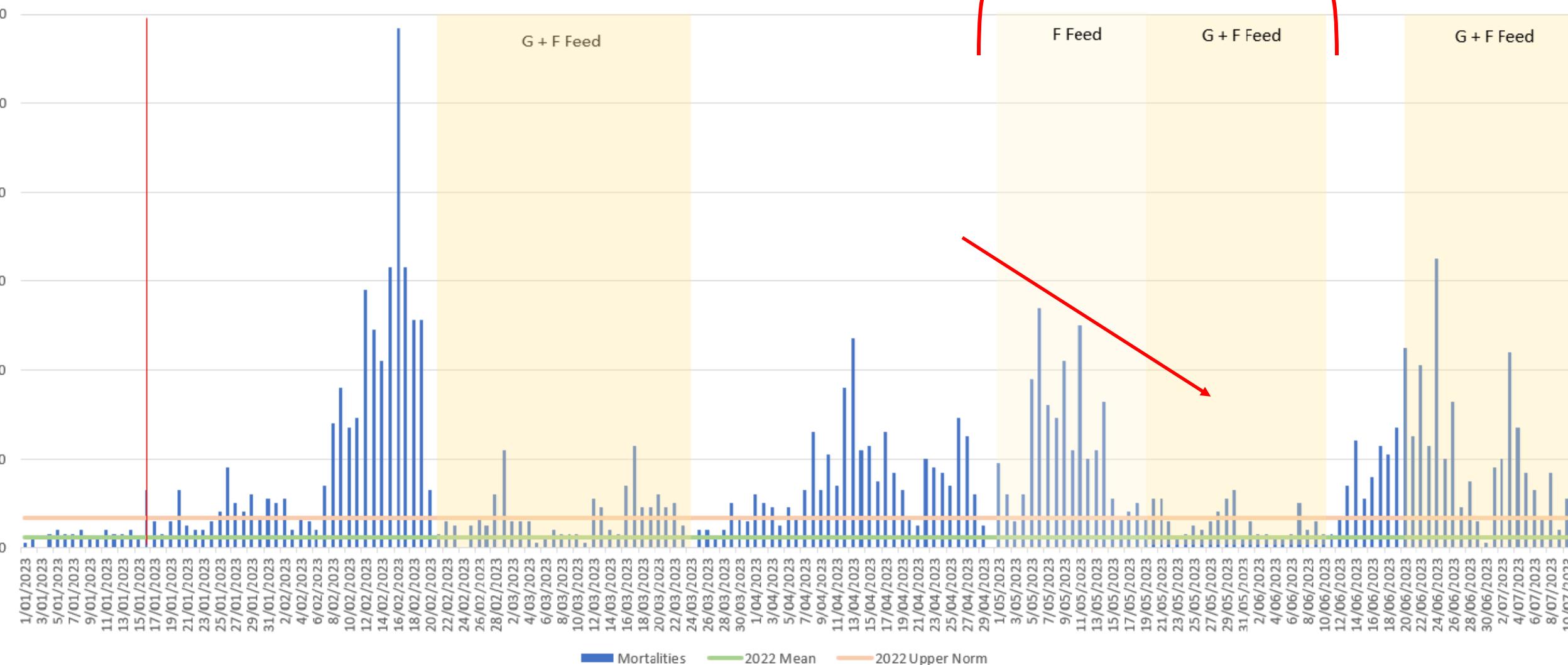
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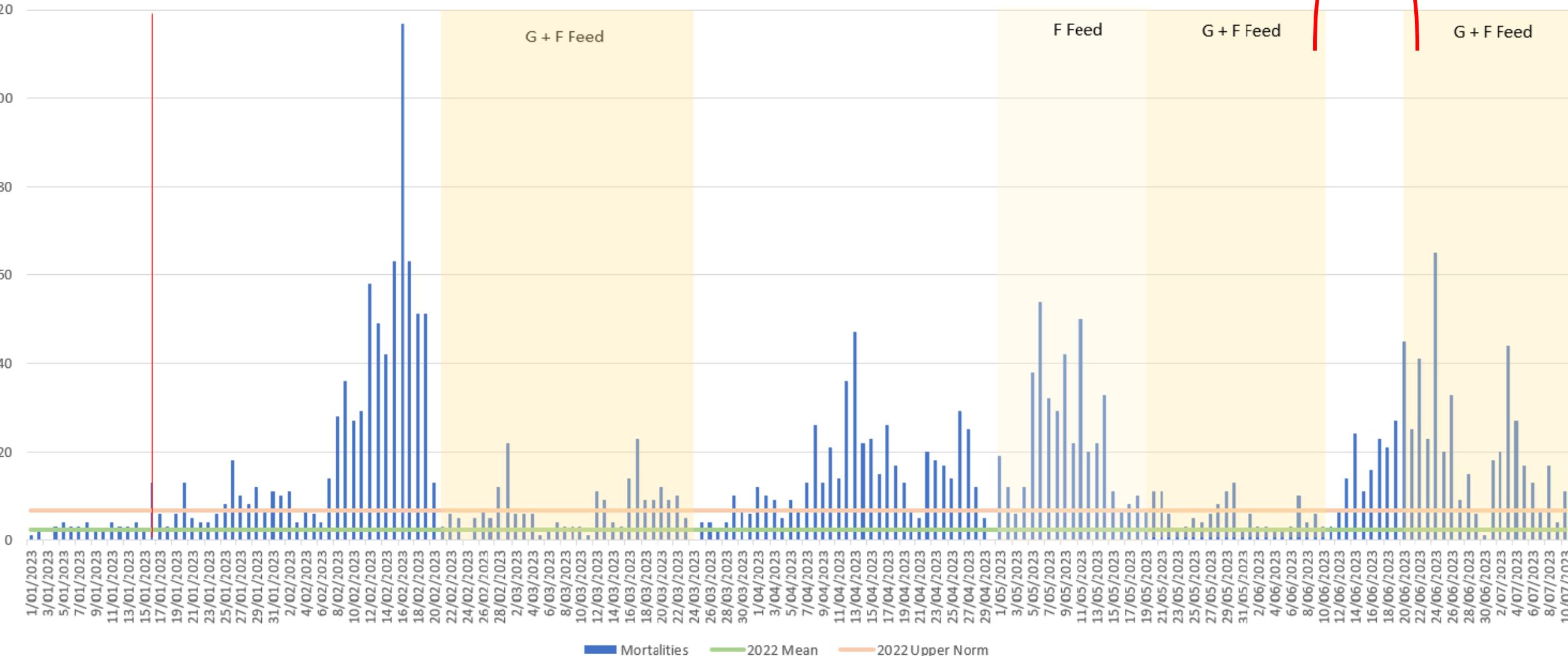
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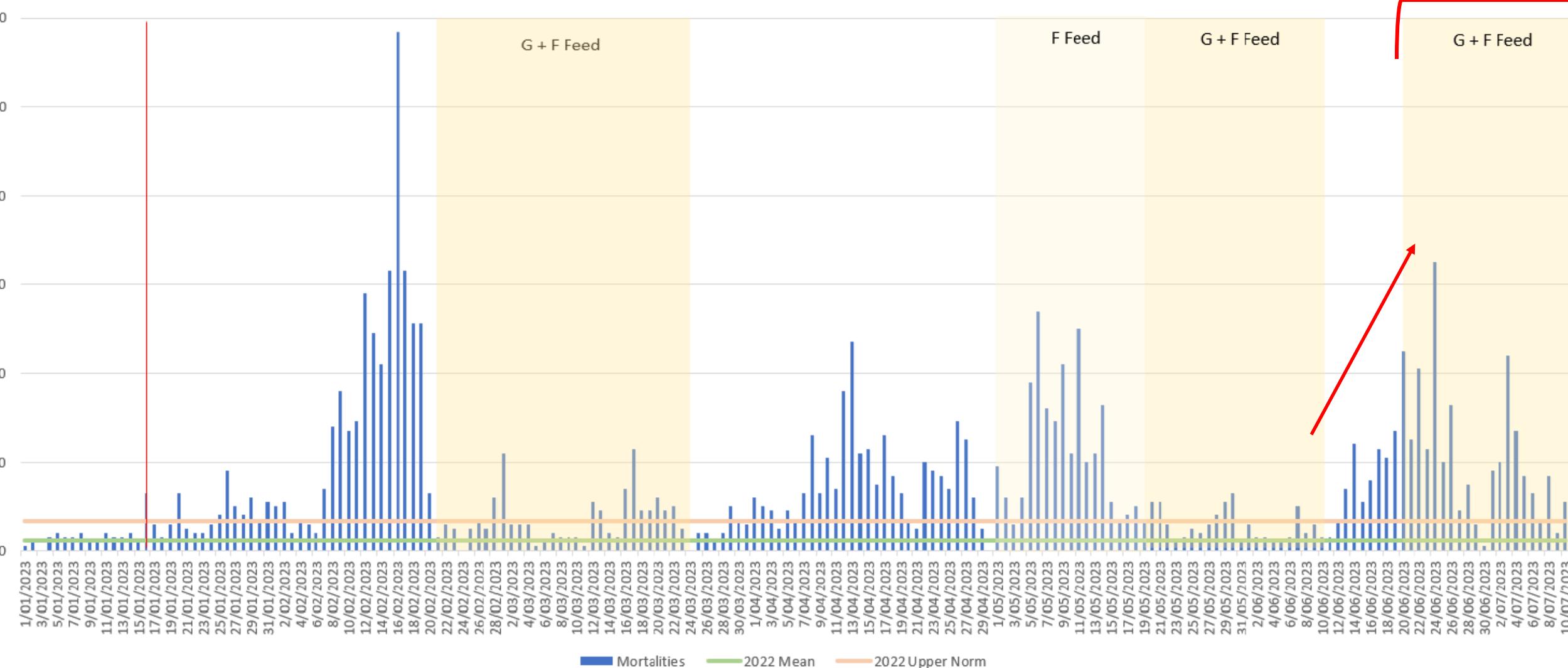
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Management changes

- Pause on pig movement from **4 weeks** to **8 weeks**
- Reduced stocking density by **15%**
- Manual cleaning of spent bedding and pressure washing feed pads
- ‘Whitewashing’ – Calcium hydroxide

Necropsies performed

Date of collection	Tissue/sample collected	Result				Serotyping?
		Scanty	Light	Moderate	Heavy	
20/01/2023	Lungs (Pig 2)	X				ST194
	Tonsils (Pig 2)	X				
27/01/2023	Lungs (Pig 1)			X		ST194
	Lungs (Pig 2)			X		
9/02/2023	Spleen (Pig 1)				X	ST194
	Liver (Pig 1)				X	
	Lung (Pig 1)			X		
	Kidney (Pig 2)				X	
	Peritoneal swab (Pig 2)	X (2 colonies)				
	Peritoneal swab (Pig 3)				X	
	Brain (Pig 1)	X (2 colonies)				
	Brain (Pig 2)		X			
	Brain (Pig 3)			X		

14/02/2023	Liver (Pig 1)				X
	Liver (Pig 2)				X
	Liver (Pig 3)				X
	Liver (Pig 4)				X
	Liver (Pig 5)			X	
	Tonsils (Pig 1)				X
	Tonsils (Pig 2)				X
	Tonsils (Pig 3)				X
	Tonsils (Pig 4)				X
	Tonsils (Pig 5)				Growth present, amount not recorded
	Lung (Pig 1)				X
	Lung (Pig 2)				X
	Lung (Pig 3)				X
	Lung (Pig 5)				X
	Kidney (Pig 1)				X
	Kidney (Pig 2)				X
	Kidney (Pig 3)				X
	Kidney (Pig 5)				X
	Pleural fluid (Pig 3)				X
	Pleural fluid (Pig 3)				X
	Pleural fluid (Pig 5)			X	
	Brain swab (Pig 2)				X
	Brain swab (Pig 3)				X
	Brain swab (Pig 5)				X
31/03/2023	Spleen (Pig 1)			X	
	Spleen (Pig 2)			X	
	Omentum (Pig 1)			X	
	Spleen swab (Pig 1)			X	
	Spleen swab (Pig 2)		X		
	Omentum swab (Pig 1)		X		
6/04/2023	Tonsil (ID B1)				X
	Tonsil (ID C1)			X	
	Tonsil (ID C3)			X	
	Tonsil (ID C5)			X	
	Tonsil (ID B1b)			X	
	Lung (ID B1a)			X	
	Lung (ID B1b)			X	
	Lung (ID B1b)			X	
	Lung (ID C3)			X	
	Lung (ID C5)			X	
	Lymph Node (ID B1a)			X	
	Lymph Node (ID C1)	X (2 colonies)			
	Lymph Node (ID C3)			X	
	Liver (ID C3)			X	
	Liver (ID C5)			X	
	Heart (ID C1)			X	
	Spleen (ID B1a)			X	
	Spleen (ID B1b)			X	

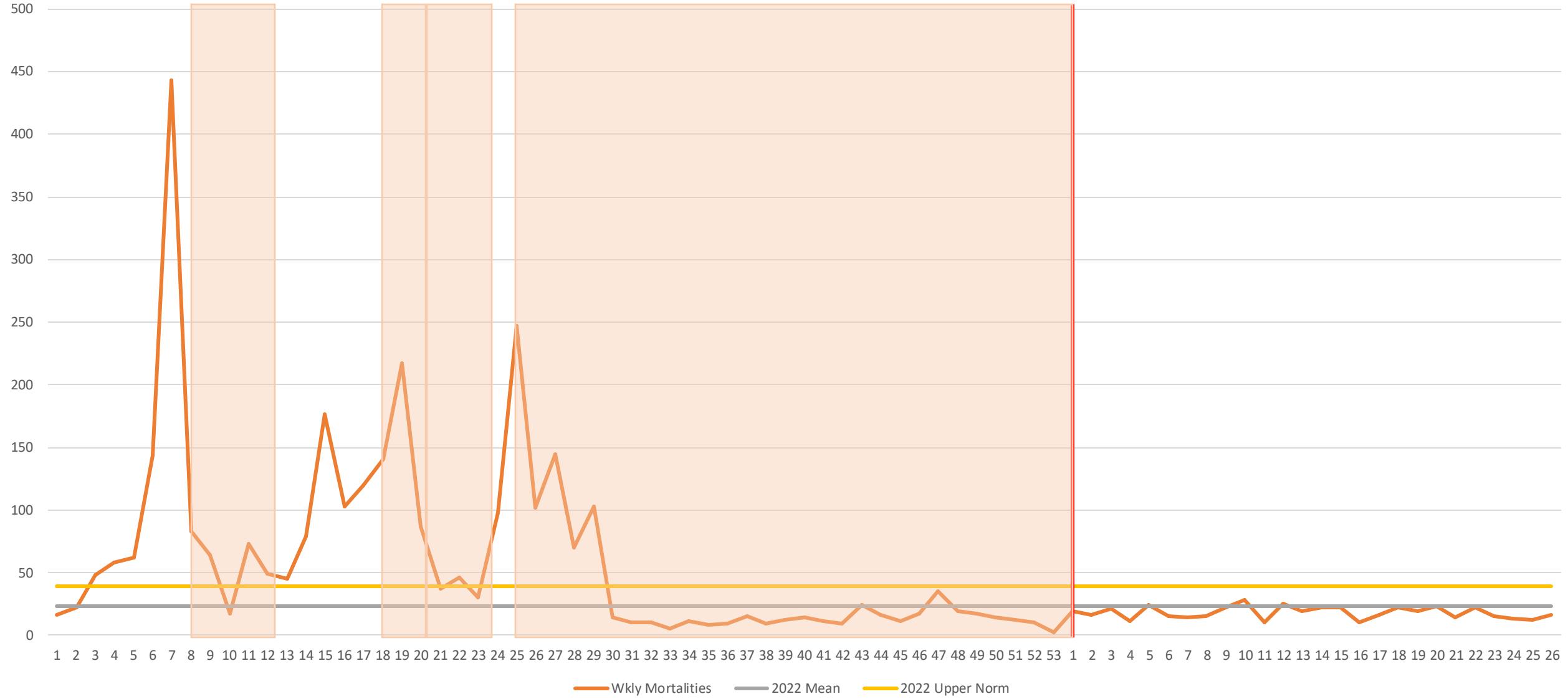
No typing for these samples, but presumed ST194

Other sampling

Spec No	Spec ID	Spec Description	Routine culture	Strep.equi zooepidemicus
0001	A1 Feces 1	Environmental Swab in Amies	no significant isolates	negative
0002	A1 Feces 2	Environmental Swab in Amies	no significant isolates	negative
0003	A1 Floor 1	Environmental Swab in Amies	no significant isolates	negative
0004	A1 Floor 2	Environmental Swab in Amies	no significant isolates	negative

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0001	10	Tonsils	Significant growth	negative
0002	13	Tonsils	Significant growth	negative

Weekly Mortalities vs 2022 Mean
Feed med weeks 8-12, 21-23, 25-3



Thanks to
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Questions?

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