



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Meat and Poultry Inspection Division

Donald H. Delozier
State Director

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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Darryl Blunt
Mini Shop Meats
125 East Washington Street
Bethel, NC 27812

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law and the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law. These reported violations were discussed with you on November 21, 2012. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had transported, stored, offered for sale and/or sold ground beef, fresh pork neck bones, smoked pig tails, smoked pork neck bones and chicken drumsticks, which did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed statement dated November 21, 2012 you stated you purchased the above mentioned meat and poultry products from a "Piggly Wiggly" store located in Ayden, NC and in turn transported the meat and poultry products back to Mini Shop Meats where you removed the "Piggly Wiggly" store retail labels and replaced them with Mini Shop Meats retail labels. You then offered for sale and sold the meat and poultry products to the general public.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected poultry products is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.56 with civil and/or criminal penalties and that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected meat products is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.23 with civil and/or criminal penalties. Please be advised that you will not receive any further warning with regard to these violations. If you should continue to sell misbranded and/or non-inspected poultry and/or meat products, we will pursue legal action against you to invoke the penalties associated with these continued violations. I certainly hope this expensive action will not be necessary. An officer from this department will visit you periodically to verify compliance.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Delozier
State Director

cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Howard Isley, Assistant Commissioner