



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade
State Director

February 26, 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Duane Elmer Russell
1135 Bell Mountain Road
Zirconia, North Carolina 28790

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law. This reported violation was discussed with you on February 5, 2016. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had revealed that you had provided a mobile slaughter/processing facility for the slaughter and processing of beef and pork carcasses, without the benefit of required State (N.C.D.A.) or Federal (U.S.D.A.) inspection. In a signed statement dated February 5, 2016 you stated that you that you had slaughtered and processed cattle and swine for approximately fifty (50) different individuals for approximately fifteen (15) years.

Please be advised that the slaughter/processing 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 this violation. If you should continue to sell misbranded and/or non-inspected 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,

W. Alan Wade
State Director

cc: Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Counsel
Mr. Chris McLennan, Assistant Attorney General