



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade
State Director

April 14, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Asher Wright
Rockhouse Farm
1120 North Green Street
Morganton, North Carolina 28655

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 March 15, 2014. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had transported, stored, offered for sale and/or sold pork lard, pork chili and pork barbecue, which did not contain a State (N.C.D.A.) or Federal (U.S.D.A.) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed statement dated March 15, 2014 you stated you purchased the containers of pork lard, pork chili and pork barbecue from Mimosa Grill in Charlotte, North Carolina and in turn transported the pork products, which did not contain a State (N.C.D.A.) or Federal (U.S.D.A.) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the local Farmers Market in Charlotte, North Carolina where the meat products were offered for sale and sold to the general public.

Please be advised 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 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. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Council