



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade
State Director

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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James W. Brown
Brown Farm
2990 Brown Road
Mount Ulla, North Carolina 28125

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 January 13, 2015. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had transported, stored, offered for sale and/or sold beef carcasses, halves, quarters and packaged beef products that were labeled "Not for Sale", which did not contain 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 January 13, 2015 you stated you had six (6) cows slaughtered at Key Packing Company, Robbins, North Carolina under custom exempt inspection and the beef were labeled "Not for Sale". You in turn transported, stored, offered for sale and sold the non-inspected beef products labeled "Not for Sale", 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,

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cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Counsel