



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

Howard Isley
Interim State Director

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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Catherine Reczek
Bare Essentials Natural Market
273 Boone Heights Drive
Boone, North Carolina 28607

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law. This reported violation was discussed with you on January 23, 2017. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded chicken salad to the general public without the benefit of State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection. In a signed statement dated January 23, 2017 you stated that you processed, stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded poultry products to the general public for approximately five (5) weeks.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected meat products and the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected poultry products is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.23 and §106-549.56 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 and poultry 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,

Howard Isley
Interim State Director

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