



Steve Troxler  
Commissioner

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

Dr. Beth Yongue  
State Director

May 7, 2018

**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Melanie Holt  
Laurel Heights Farm, LLC.  
790 Miller Road  
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

**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 April 13, 2018. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold misbranded/non-inspected pork lard, pork side meat and pork fatback to the general public from your home, that were produced without the benefits of County, State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection. In a signed statement dated April 13, 2018, you stated that you had processed, stored, transported, offered for sale and sold misbranded/non-inspected meat products to the general public for approximately one (1) month.

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,

Dr. Beth Yongue  
State Director

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