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*Meat and Poultry Inspection Division*

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**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Tony Smith  
T Smith Farms  
12805 Big Lick Road  
Oakboro, North Carolina 28129

**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 18, 2020. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had slaughtered a pig and processed, stored, offering for sale and sold misbranded/non-inspected pork sausage to the general public, that was produced without the benefit of State (N.C.D.A.) or Federal (U.S.D.A.) inspection. In a signed statement dated January 18, 2020, you stated that you slaughtered pigs and processed, stored, offered for sale and sold misbranded/non-inspected pork sausage to the general public for approximately thirty (30) years.

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/non-inspected meat and/or 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,

*Paul Phillippe*  
For - Alan Wade  
Interim State Director

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