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**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

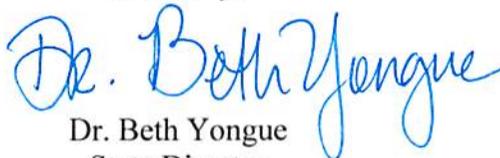
Mr. Mike Barbee  
Town Market  
1700 U.S. Highway 70a East  
Pine Level, North Carolina 27568

**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 May 29, 2019. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, offered for sale and sold/wholesaled misbranded meat products (ground hamburger and beef steak) to a retail store (The Friendly Market Produce, 205 Friendly Road, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557) for the sole purpose of resale to the general public, that were produced without the benefit of State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) inspection. In a signed statement dated May 29, 2019, you stated that you processed, stored, offered for sale and sold/wholesaled misbranded meat products to a retail store for the sole purpose of resale to the general public for approximately two (2) months.

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