



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

Alan Wade
State Director

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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Gene Collins
Bargain Center Discount Grocery
3485 Highway 27 East
Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law. These reported violations were discussed with you on January 5, 2016. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had stored, offered for sale and/or sold misbranded chicken wings, which did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed statement dated January 5, 2016 you stated you purchased the above mentioned poultry products in institutional cases from A.L. Beck & Sons, and in-turn removed the individual bags of poultry products that did not have a mark of inspection or required labeling and offered them for sale and sold them to the general public.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected poultry products is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.56 with civil and/or criminal penalties. Please be advised that you will not receive any further warning with regard to these violations. If you should continue to sell misbranded and/or non-inspected 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,

W. Alan Wade
State Director

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