



**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND CONSUMER SERVICES
MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DIVISION
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Steve Troxler, Commissioner

MPID NOTICE

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Meat and Poultry Establishment Surveys

I. PURPOSE

NCDA&CS Meat and Poultry Inspection Division (MPID) receives numerous inquiries from individuals interested in marketing meat and/or poultry products. Many do not have the means to develop their own inspected facility and inquire if a firm already under inspection is willing to make product for them. To further assist these new businesses, MPID has developed two directories of inspected establishments, one for establishments willing to conduct business with farmers who are registered Meat and Poultry Handlers and one for establishments willing to make product for other individuals.

This notice, which applies to both State- and TA-inspected establishments, is being revised to combine two previous Notices with updated instructions and email contact information.

II. CANCELLATION

MPID Notice 6-11, dated 12-12-11 and MPID Notice 13-12 dated 7-9-12

III. PROCEDURE

A. Slaughter Establishments Working with Meat and Poultry Handlers

MPID has seen tremendous growth in the number of farmers registering as meat and poultry handlers. These farmers take animals of their own raising to be slaughtered and processed under inspection then sell the finished, packaged product at local farmer's markets, from their farm, or at other locations. The popularity of NC-raised meat and poultry products has and continues to surge in our state.

For new establishments coming under inspection, the Inspector-in-Charge or Area Supervisor shall survey establishment management using the [Meat and Poultry Handler Survey](#). All completed surveys, regardless of results, shall be submitted via email to MPID.TAoffice@ncagr.gov in the Raleigh Office. Copies should be given to plant management and kept in the in-plant inspection files. Additionally, if an establishment would like to change their status, the Inspector-in-Charge shall complete and submit an updated survey.

B. Establishments Willing to Produce Products for New Meat and Poultry Businesses

MPID is frequently contacted by individuals interested in producing and selling a meat or poultry product. Most plan to operate on a very small scale, are not familiar with regulatory requirements, and may not find constructing or purchasing their own facility economically feasible. When starting their business, many ask if an established business is willing to make product for them. To link these individuals with interested inspected meat and poultry processors, we have surveyed all existing State- and TA-inspected establishments.

For new establishments coming under inspection, the Inspector-in-Charge or Area Supervisor shall survey establishment management using the [Meat and Poultry Processing Survey](#). All completed surveys, regardless of results, shall be submitted via email to MPID.TAoffice@ncagr.gov in the Raleigh Office. Copies should be given to plant management and kept in the in-plant inspection files. Additionally, if an establishment would like to change their status, the Inspector-in-Charge shall complete and submit an updated survey.

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