



Inspection Report

Mount Hope Auction Inc
PO Box 82
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Customer ID: **2156**

Certificate: **31-B-0031**

Site: 001

MOUNT HOPE AUCTION, INC.

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 23-SEP-2024

2.76(a) Repeat

Records: Operators of auction sales and brokers.

During the March 2024 sale records were incomplete:

Acquisition/consignment records for the following lots were missing vehicle license and/or driver's license/state ID number and/or USDA license number (if licensed): 8415-8416, and 8545.

The licensee reported that these customers were contacted to obtain the required information. The individuals refused to provide the information or were unable to be contacted.

Failure to maintain complete records limits APHIS's ability to properly track animal movements and ensure the well-being of those animals.

The auction shall make, keep, and maintain records/forms which fully and correctly disclose all the required information of each animal consigned for auction or sold.

3.125(a) Repeat

Facilities, general.

Multiple enclosures were noted to need repair. The following areas may contain regulated animals during the Mid-Ohio Alternative Animal & Bird Sale:

-The following enclosures in the Main Barn need repair:

- Pen 6X has two boards with holes in them and there is an exposed nail present.
- In Pen #17, a portion of the back wall contains holes and some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing.
- In Pen #24 there is an exposed nail present.
- In Pen #33, there is an exposed screw present.
- In Bull/Rack Pen #7 there are exposed nails present.
- In Bull/Rack Pen #2 there is an exposed nail present.
- In the Swan holding area of the main barn stall #1 has a broken metal beam with an exposed sharp point present.
- In the large animal unloading hallway adjacent to the Main Barn, there are two holes in the wall.
- In the enclosure next to the South Rack Enclosure, one of the white wood support beams at the front has excessive wear

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due to chewing.

- In the outside area between the Main Barn and Barn B, the walls have two holes.

-The following enclosures in the Basketball Court area need repair:

- Pen #23 has exposed nails present.
- Pen #18 has exposed sharp points present on the metal trim of the support post. The metal support on the bottom of the enclosure is also bent and has an exposed sharp point present.

-The following enclosures in the Back Barn need repair:

- Pen #13 and #19 have two holes present on the back wall.

-The following enclosures in the Pipe Barn need repair:

- Pen #2 has a cracked board present on the back wall.
- Pen #4 has a nearly broken board on the back wall.

-The following enclosures in the Hog Barn need repair:

- Pen #108, #109, #112 has a broken board present.
- Pen #117 has an exposed nail present.
- Pen #119 has a hole in the back wall near the floor.

-The following enclosures in Barn B need repair:

- Pen #37, #42, and #137 have walls where the white coating at the bottom is flaking and peeling.
- In Pen #88 the support beam has a crack at the base.
- In Pen #148 there is an exposed bolt at the base of the support beam.

Failure to maintain facilities in good repair can cause injury, entrapment, distress, and illness to regulated animals. Enclosures and facilities must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and contain the animals securely.

Correct by ensuring all facilities are maintained in good repair. These non-compliant items must be corrected by the next Re-License inspection. Additionally, this list of non-compliant items is not all inclusive, the applicant must ensure that the entire facility meets all the requirements under 3.125(a).

3.131(a)

Repeat

Sanitation.

The facility is not adequately cleaning enclosures. The following areas may contain regulated animals during the Mid-Ohio Alternative Animal & Bird Sale:

-The following enclosures in the Main Barn are not adequately cleaned:

- 16 Bull/Rack Pens contain an excessive accumulation of excreta. The excreta was thick, brown/black in color, and is located primarily on the back gate and/or lower boards of each pen.

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- Pen 4X, 6X, #15, #17, #18, #19, #22, #23, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31 #32, and #33 contain an excessive accumulation of excreta on some of the gates, lower boards, and/or support posts. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.
- The swan area of the main barn pens #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #9 have excessive accumulations of excreta on the lower boards and/or back gates that is thick and brown/black in color.
- The gate just off the main show ring contains boards that have excessive accumulations of excreta that is thick and brown/black in color.

-The following areas in the Hog barn have not been adequately cleaned:

- Pen #108, #109 and #111 contain an excessive accumulation of excreta on some of the bottom boards, support beams, and/or gates. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.

-The following areas in the Basketball Court area have not been adequately cleaned:

- The majority of the 27 enclosures have an excessive accumulation of excreta on the bottom of the walls. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.

-The following areas in the Middle Barn have not been adequately cleaned:

- Pens #12F – 23F have excessive accumulations of excreta on support beams, lower boards, and/or gates of the enclosures. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.

-The following areas in the Back Barn have not been adequately cleaned:

- Pens #1 - #11, #16, #18, #19, #20, #21, and #22 have excessive accumulations of excreta on the lower boards and/or back walls of the enclosures. The excreta was thick and black/brown in color.

-The following areas in the Pipe Barn have not been adequately cleaned:

- Pens #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #16, and #17 have an excessive accumulations of excreta on the lower boards and/or back walls of the enclosures. The excreta was thick and black/brown in color.

Accumulations of excreta can lead to contamination of the animals, may lead to spread of disease, and create odors. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

Correct by ensuring that excreta is removed as often as necessary to prevent accumulation that may affect the animals. These non-compliant items must be corrected by the next Re-License inspection. Additionally, this list of non-compliant items is not all inclusive, the applicant must ensure that the entire facility meets all the requirements under 3.131(a).

3.131(c)

Repeat

Sanitation.

Housekeeping problems were noted in some areas of the facility. The following areas may contain regulated animals during the Mid-Ohio Alternative Animal and Bird Sale:

- In the Main Barn Bull/Rack Pens #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6, had numerous cobwebs, dust, and debris on the upper walls

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and upper support beams. Cobwebs were also seen on the ceiling and support beams in the Main Barn. In the Basketball Court area stall #26 has cobwebs between the boards on the back wall. The cobwebs were thick and covered with dust and dirt.

- In the Middle Barn there are excessive amounts of cobwebs, dust, and debris on the upper support beams. The cobwebs were thick and covered with dust and dirt.
- In the Back Barn the back walls and/or ceilings have excessive amounts of cobwebs, dust, and debris. The cobwebs were thick and covered with dust and dirt.

The lack of housekeeping and sanitation may attract pests into the facility, result in unpleasant odors, and may contribute to the spread of disease. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury, protect their health, and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices.

Correct by ensuring that surfaces are kept clean and maintained in good repair. These non-compliant items must be corrected by the next Re-License inspection. Additionally, this list of non-compliant items is not all inclusive, the applicant must ensure that the entire facility meets all the requirements under 3.131(c).

3.131(d)

Sanitation.

The facility is not maintaining an adequate pest control program in an area that may contain regulated animals during the Mid-Ohio Alternative Animal & Bird Sale. In Barn B stall 101, a rodent was seen sitting on the edge of the food receptacle in the corner and in stall 118 a rodent was seen on the floor in the corner. Additionally, several birds were seen on the rafters above the stalls. Pests can contaminate food and water and they can carry diseases that can affect the health and well-being of regulated animals. The facility must establish and maintain a safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests. Correct by ensuring that an adequate pest control program is established and maintained.

This is a 2nd Re-License Inspection for a Class "B" license. The facilities inspection was conducted on 9/23/2024 with the applicant. An exit briefing was conducted on 9/27/2024 with a facility representative.

All items must be in compliance within 1 more inspection or by October 4, 2024 or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

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Species Inspected

| Cust No | Cert No | Site | Site Name | Inspection |
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| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 000002 | <i>Agapornis roseicollis</i> | ROSY-FACED LOVEBIRD |
| 000001 | <i>Graphiurus lorraineus</i> | AFRICAN DORMOUSE |
| 000002 | <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> | EMU |
| 000005 | Total | |