

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

Walter S Terhune 2021 Plains Hwy Dawson, GA 39842 Customer ID: **328129**

Certificate: 57-A-0199

Site: 002

WALTER S TERHUNE

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 08-OCT-2019

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

In the main facility where the majority of the animals were housed, there were mounds of feces on the floor below the primary enclosures which were equipped with wire floors. The mounds varied in height and reached approximately six inches in some areas. The licensee explained that the feces is removed once a year and that the facility was due for a waste disposal. Walking through the rows of enclosures, a moderate amount of flies could be seen flying around the facility. Accumulations of fecal waste can lead to strong odors and attract pests. In addition, waste can pose a disease hazard which can have a negative impact on the health and well-being of the rabbits. The licensee shall have provisions for more frequent removal and disposal of animal waste to minimize the risk of vermin infestation, odors and disease hazards.

To be corrected by October, 31, 2019

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SANITATION.

A mixture of cobwebs, dust and rabbit fur could be seen all along the floor and hanging from the ceiling within the main facility where the majority of the animals were housed. A significant amount of the mixture surrounded all of the primary enclosures, wrapped around poles and wires laying on top, draping the feeders to the side, and extending below the enclosures. The licensee explained that the enclosures are cleaned by flame when the rabbits are turned to another enclosure, approximately once every 6 to 8 weeks.

Inappropriate husbandry practices and unsanitary conditions can have an impact on animal welfare and lead to animal disease. Each rabbit enclosure must be sanitized at least once every 30 days in order to keep it reasonably free of excreta, hair, cobwebs, and debris.

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This inspection was conducted with the owner on October, 08, 2019. A first exit interview was conducted with the owner and Dr. Heather Cole, Supervisory Animal Care Specialist, via phone conference on October, 11, 2019, to discuss direct non-compliant items. This second exit interview was conducted with the owner and Dr. Heather Cole,

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Supervisory Animal Care Specialist, on October, 17, 2019.

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Species Inspected

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Count Scientific Name Common Name

001655 Oryctolagus cuniculus DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT

001655 Total