



Inspection Report

Hillcrest Orchards L L C
9696 Highway 52 East
Ellijay, GA 30536

Customer ID: **6331**
Certificate: **57-C-0120**
Site: 001
HILLCREST ORCHARDS LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 01-NOV-2023

2.50(c)

Time and method of identification.

The 5 cats maintained by the facility do not have official identification as required by the Animal Welfare Act. Not having proper identification can cause misidentification of animals on inspections, veterinary care documentation, acquisition, and disposition records. The Licensee must ensure that an official USDA sequentially numbered tag is placed on the animals with a collar or kept on the door of the animals' cage or run, or an approved tattoo or microchip is used to positively identify the animals. If tags are maintained on the enclosure (rather than a collar) then the licensee must have a record book containing each animal's tag number, a written description of each animal, and a clear photograph of each animal. Each tag must contain the letters "USDA", the certificate number identifying the state as well as the facility, and a number identifying the animal. A duplicate tag must also accompany each cat whenever it leaves the premise. Correct by November 24th 2023.

3.4(b)(4)

Outdoor housing facilities.

Five kittens, two 4 months old, two 6 weeks old and one 8 weeks old, were housed outdoors in an enclosure made from a stall within a wooden barn. The front of the enclosure was made of a wire mesh and small gaps could be seen between the wooden slats of the back wall of the enclosure. As is, the enclosure did not protect the cats from the cold and a shelter was not provided. At the time of inspection, the temperature within the enclosure was 40° F and the kittens were huddled together in a small bed. Such low temperatures can lead to hypothermia, diseases or discomfort to such young animals. The facility must provide the kittens with adequate shelter from the cold. Such shelter must contain clean, dry, bedding material if the ambient temperature is below 50 °F. Additional clean, dry bedding is required when the temperature is 35 °F or lower. Correct by November 10th, 2023.

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Facilities, outdoor.

5 rabbits were housed outdoors in an enclosure with a wire mesh front and large gaps in the bottom of the back wall. The enclosure as is does not provide protection from the cold and a shelter was not provided. At the time of inspection, the environmental temperature was 40°F and per the weather channel the low for the day was 29°F. Three of the rabbits were outside of the enclosure and huddled together on the floor. Low temperatures such as these could result in animal

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disease or discomfort. Shelter must be provided for all rabbits kept outdoors when the atmospheric temperature falls below 40°F. Correct by November 10th, 2023.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000021	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000003	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000001	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000005	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000005	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT KITTEN
000007	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000001	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	CHUKAR
000044	Total	