



Inspection Report

Silverman's Farm Inc
451 Sport Hill Rd
Easton, CT 06612

Customer ID: **2294**
Certificate: **16-C-0013**
Site: 001
Silverman's Farm Inc

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 28-NOV-2023

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

1. There were no records of acquisition or record of animals on hand available at the time of the inspection for the peacock, chickens, and emus that are on the premises.
2. The record for the number of mammals on hand was not accurate. The number of fallow deer and rabbits on the premises are higher than the number recorded and there was no acquisition information available for those additional animals.

Per this Section of the Regulations, exhibitors shall make and maintain complete records regarding the details of the acquisition and disposition of animals in their possession in order to account for all animal transfers and the sources of the animals. The Licensee needs to prepare records of acquisition and a record of animals on hand for the birds, deer, and rabbits; update the record of animals on hand so the numbers of animals is accurate; and ensure that the animal records are kept current for all future animal acquisitions/dispositions. Correct by 12/14/23.

3.53(a)(4)

Primary enclosures.

The rabbits are housed outdoors in a pen that has ~1 ½" x 4" rectangular spacing wire mesh buried underneath the ground/dirt substrate floor to prevent the rabbits from digging out of the enclosure as well as the placement of wire mesh around the trunk/roots of a large tree inside the enclosure. There are several areas in the enclosure where the wire mesh is exposed and not covered with dirt/other substrate, and some of the exposed wire mesh is no longer secured so the mesh is sticking upwards in the pen. The exposed/unsecured wire mesh poses a risk of injury to the rabbits from entrapment of the digits/feet/legs.

Per this Section, the floors of the primary enclosures shall be constructed so as to protect the rabbits' feet and legs from injury. The Licensee needs to address the areas of the exposed and unsecured wire mesh in this enclosure for the health and safety of the rabbits. Correct by 12/7/23.

3.56(a)(1)

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Sanitation.

The rabbits are housed outdoors in a large pen that has a ground/dirt substrate floor. Much of the surface of the floor/ground had an excessive accumulation of fecal pellets and the majority of the flat resting surface of the large rock in the enclosure that the rabbits get up onto was covered with fecal pellets.

Per this Section, primary enclosures shall be kept reasonably free of excreta by periodic cleaning. Accumulations of fecal matter in primary enclosures can be a health hazard for the animals and attract pests. The accumulation of fecal pellets in the rabbit enclosure needs to be removed and the frequency of removal/cleaning the fecal matter from the rabbit enclosure needs to be increased to minimize the amount of fecal material and for the health of the rabbits. Correct by 12/7/23.

3.127(c)

Repeat

Facilities, outdoor.

The sole water source for the "Jacob Sheep Pen" (houses 16 sheep, 1 llama, and 1 cow) is a large plastic tub located in the front left corner of the pen. At the time of the inspection, there was standing water directly in front of and surrounding the tub that was at least 1-2" deep and extended at least 12" from the tub. The animals had to stand in the puddle of water to access their source of drinking water. Exposure to this type of wet conditions can result in foot and/or hoof problems in the animals.

Per this Section, a suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water and provide adequate drainage. The drainage in this pen needs to be improved so the animals do not have to stand in water in order to access their source of drinking water. This is important to ensure the health and comfort of the animals.

3.129(b)

Feeding.

The feed trough in the "smaller sheep pen" contained uneaten grain that appeared paste-like in appearance. According to facility personnel, it had rained 2 days prior resulting in the paste-like condition of the grain from exposure to the rain. Staff had already serviced the sheep pen that morning prior to the inspection.

Per this Section, food receptacles if used shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. Wet paste-like grain is no longer palatable and should be removed from feed receptacles to keep the receptacles clean. Correct by 12/1/23.

3.154

Repeat

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

Although the birds at the facility were socially housed and were provided with materials to enhance their environment, a written plan for environmental enhancement to promote the psychological well-being of the birds still had not been developed by the licensee.

Per this Section, exhibitors must develop, document, and follow a species-appropriate plan for environment enhancement to promote the psychological well-being of birds. The plan must be approved by the Attending Veterinarian and must be in accordance with currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference

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guides. At a minimum, the plan must address each of the following: social grouping, environmental enrichment, special considerations, restraint devices, and exemptions. The Licensee needs to develop an environmental enrichment plan appropriate for the species of birds maintained and the plan must be approved by the Attending Veterinarian.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representative.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
2294	16-C-0013	001	Silverman's Farm Inc	28-NOV-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000034	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000029	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000022	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000014	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000001	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000001	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000003	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000002	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000039	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000001	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000150	Total	