



## Inspection Report

Mount Hope Auction Inc  
PO Box 82  
Mt Hope, OH 44660

Customer ID: **2156**

Certificate: **31-B-0031**

Site: 001

MOUNT HOPE AUCTION, INC.

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 22-JUL-2024

### 2.76(a) Repeat

#### Records: Operators of auction sales and brokers.

During the March 2024 sale, numerous 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): 170-172, 174, 379, 381-386, 417-421, 616, 648-652, 1556-1557, 1701-1742, 1773, 1776-1778, 1854-1871, 1891-1898, 2004, 2014-2017, 2028, 2201, 2216-2217, 2200-2222, 2225-2231, 2234-2235, 2254-2258, 2270, 2272, 2601-2602, 2661-2662, 2707, 2711, 2735-2743, 2869-2870, 7648-7658, 7783-7784, 8415-8416, 8525-8534, and 8545.

-Disposition/sales records for the following buyers/lots were missing USDA license number when the buyer is USDA licensed:

•Buyer # 809- Lot 8446

•Buyer # 1580- Lots 7758-7759

•Buyer # 1678- 1716-19, 2403, 2404, 2430, 2427, 2429, 2431, 2432, 2442, 2455, 2454, 2464, 2462, 2483, 2482, 2504, 2514, 2461, 2474, 2508

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. Correct by ensuring that all records are complete and contain all the required information including: the USDA License number (if licensed) or the vehicle license number and driver's license or state issued ID if the consignor is not licensed under the AWA. These non-compliant items must be corrected by the next Re-License inspection.

### 2.132(d) Critical Repeat

#### Procurement of dogs, cats, and other animals; dealers.

During the March 2024 sale, the auction accepted animals for consignment from un-licensed individuals who were required to be licensed. These individuals did not hold a current, valid, and unsuspended USDA license or a one-time exemption:

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A consignor sold 1 yak (lot #2026) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 1619).  
A consignor sold 1 zebu (lot #2705) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 1619).  
A consignor sold 1 eland (lot #2247) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 1960).  
A consignor sold 2 Jacob sheep (lots # 636, 638) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 377).  
A consignor sold 9 Jacob sheep (lots # 759-761, 764-767, 773-774) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 377).  
Sales of exotic hoof stock to licensed facilities require a license.

A consignor sold 1 emu (lot # 1980) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 1960).  
A consignor sold 1 emu (lot # 8259) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 1960).  
A consignor sold 1 emu (lot # 8625) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 1960).  
A consignor sold 1 ostrich (lot # 1725) that was purchased by a USDA Licensed C-Exhibitor (Buyer # 1960).  
A consignor sold 4 emus (lots # 1716-1719) that were purchased by a USDA Licensed B-Dealer (Buyer # 1678).  
Sales of birds that do not meet any exemptions to licensed facilities require a license.

A consignor sold 1 camel (lot # 2270) to buyer # 380.  
A consignor sold 1 dormouse (lot # 5942) to buyer # 715.  
A consignor sold 1 chinchilla (lot # 8448) to buyer # 413.  
A consignor sold 1 porcupine (lot # 7783) to buyer # 1662.  
A consignor sold 1 zebra (lot # 2260) to buyer # 251.  
A consignor sold 1 Jacob Sheep (lot # 652) to buyer # 1551.  
A consignor sold 1 ibex (lot # 1171) to buyer # 1551.  
A consignor sold 1 Jacob Sheep (lot # 641) to buyer # 1551.  
A consignor sold 1 Jacob Sheep (lot # 1132) to buyer # 1551.  
A consignor sold 1 Emu (lot # 8292) to buyer # 1867 and 1 Emu (lot # 8293) to buyer # 2007.  
A consignor sold 1 Zebu (lot # 2627) to buyer # 471.  
A consignor sold 1 Emu (lot # 8534) to buyer # 1867.  
A consignor sold 1 Yak (lot # 2013) to buyer # 2016.  
A consignor sold 5 Zebu (lot # 2719, 2720, 2721, 2724, 2726) to buyer # 1895 and 1 Zebu (lot # 2722) to buyer # 2228.  
A consignor sold 1 emu (lot # 8533) to buyer # 1027.  
A consignor sold 1 yak (lot # 2023) to buyer # 1723.  
A consignor sold 1 Jacob sheep (lot # 1571) to buyer # 972.  
A consignor sold 2 emu (lots # 1798-1799) to buyer # 1199.  
A consignor sold 1 zebu (lot # 2791) to buyer # 989 and 3 zebu to buyer # 961.  
A consignor sold 1 zebu (lot # 2735) to buyer # 989.  
A consignor sold 1 zebu (lot # 2831) to buyer # 989.  
A consignor sold 1 zebu (lot # 2692) to buyer # 961.  
A consignor sold 1 zebu (lot # 2723) to buyer # 961.  
A consignor sold 1 zebu (lot # 2631) to buyer # 961.  
A consignor sold 1 emu (lot # 8621) to buyer # 1085.  
A consignor sold 2 chinchillas (lots # 8447, 8452) to buyer # 1085.  
A consignor sold 1 water buffalo (lot # 2032) to buyer # 1085.  
A consignor sold 1 ostrich (lot # 1723) to buyer # 1197.

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A consignor sold 2 ostrich (lots #1773, 1777) to buyer # 1197.  
A consignor sold 1 Jacob sheep (lot # 1076) to buyer # 385.  
A consignor sold 3 Jacob sheep (lots # 1342-1344) to buyer #385.  
A consignor sold 17 Jacob sheep (lots # 663-679, 681, 687-689) to buyer # 661.  
A consignor sold 4 Jacob sheep (lots # 1188, 1191, 1194-1196) to buyer # 661.  
APHIS officials confirmed that these animals were not used for any exempted purpose, therefore the sale of these animals requires a license.

No dealer shall knowingly obtain any animal from any person who is required to be licensed but who does not hold a current, valid license or has not received a onetime exemption from USDA to sell the animals. Failure to ensure that consignors of animals which are required to be licensed have a valid license prevents APHIS from ensuring the well-being of those animals at their originating facility. Correct by ensuring that animals are only obtained from sources that hold a current, valid, and unsuspended license or from individuals that are exempted from licensure under the AWA. Additionally, ensure that all records are complete and contain the required information.

### 3.125(a)

### Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

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

-The following enclosures in the Main Barn need repair:

- In Pen 3X and 8X, some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing.
- In Pen 6X, some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing, two boards have a hole, and there are several exposed bolts.
- In Bull/Rack Pen #1, #3, and #6 some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing.
- In Bull/Rack Pen #10, some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing. A broken board is also present.
- In Bull/Rack Pen #11, #12, and #13 some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing.
- In Bull/Rack Pen #14 there is a metal post that contains sharp edges in the middle of the side partition.
- In Pen #17, a portion of the back wall contains a large hole and some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing.
- In Pen #23, #24, #25, #27, #28, #29, #31, and #32 some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing.
- In Pen #30, some of the boards have excessive wear due to chewing. Several exposed nails were present.
- In the North Rack Enclosure, a portion of the wall near the gate contains several holes.
- In the South Rack Enclosure, a portion of the walls near the gate contain holes and there are several exposed nails.
- In the pens adjacent to the "Basketball Court" Enclosure, Pens #5, #6, #7, and #8 contain a rusty metal bar on the ceiling that supports woven wire panels and appears to have cracks.

-The following enclosures in the Pipe Barn need repair:

- In pens #2, #7, and #9 there is broken and detached metal fencing pipe.
- In pen #5, two metal fencing pipes are broken and detached.

-The following enclosures in the Hog Barn need repair:

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- In Pen #114, #116, #118, and #122 the walls have excessive wear/holes due to chewing.
- The following enclosures in Barn B need repair:
  - In Pen #70, #72, #73, #75, #78, #93, #102, #105, #116, #117, #118, #119, #120, #121, #122, #123, #124, #125, #132, #135, #136, #137, #138, #139, #140, #142, #154, #156, #158, #161, #164, #167, #168, and #179 have walls where the white coating at the bottom is flaking and peeling.
- The following enclosures in Building A need repair:
  - The exterior siding in sections 21, 24, 32, 33, 34, 37, 40, and 46 contains holes.

Failure to maintain facilities in good repair can cause injury, entrapment, distress, illness to regulated animals, and may allow animals to enter facilities. 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)

#### Sanitation.

The facility is not adequately cleaning enclosures. A facility representative stated that 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 lower boards of each pen.
  - Pen #17 contains an excessive accumulation of excreta. The excreta was thick, brown/black in color, and located on the lower boards.
  - Pen #22, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #30, contain an excessive accumulation of excreta on some of the gates, lower boards, and support posts. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.
  - In Pen 12F/13F, 14F/15F, 16F/17F, 18F/19F, 20F/21F, and 22F/23F some of the boards contain excessive accumulation of excreta. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.
  - In the North Rack Enclosure, there is an excessive accumulation of excreta located on the wall near the gate. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.
  - In the South Rack Enclosure, there is an excessive accumulation of excreta located on the wall near the gate. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.
- The following enclosures in the Pipe Barn are not adequately cleaned:
  - Pen #2 and Pen #5 have an excessive accumulation of excreta. The excreta is present on some of the lower boards on the back walls. The excreta was thick and brown/black in color.

Accumulations of excreta can lead to contamination of the animals, may lead to spread of disease, and create odors.

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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)

#### Sanitation.

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

- In the main barn in the Bull/Rack Pens #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6, had numerous cobwebs, dust, and debris on the upper walls and support beams. The cobwebs were thick and covered with dust and dirt.
- Pens #5, #6, #7, and #8 in the "Basketball Court" area contain excessive amounts of cobwebs, dust, and debris on the upper walls and ceiling. 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).

This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "B" license. The facilities inspection was conducted on 7/22/24 & 7/23/24 with the applicant. An exit briefing to discuss facility non-compliances and missing information on disposition/sales records was conducted on 7/25/24 with the applicant. A final exit briefing to discuss the entire inspection was conducted on 8/5/24 with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspections 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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