



## Inspection Report

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William Rogers Jr.  
1739 Dripping Springs Rd  
SEYMOUR, TN 37865

Customer ID: **39327**  
Certificate: **63-A-0168**  
Site: 001  
ROGERS RABBITRY

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION  
Date: 19-OCT-2021

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### 2.4 Critical

#### Non-interference with APHIS officials.

The Inspector arrived for an unannounced inspection at 11:20 am on October 19, 2021. The licensee's vehicle was there but the door to the barn was closed. The inspector blew the car horn, after no response the inspector called the licensee on his cellphone. The call was ended when the inspector saw the licensee coming around from the side of the barn. The inspector got out of the car to meet the licensee and they proceeded into the barn. Upon entering the barn there was a woman hosing down the floor, she informed me that she had heard the car horn and called the licensee from the back of the barn.

The Inspector told them that it looked like they had done a lot of work since the last inspection. The inspector asked if the licensee was ready for a walk through and he shrugged his shoulder and said yes. The very first rabbit enclosure (24 x 24 inches) had seven weaned bunnies in it. The inspector reminded the licensee that on the last inspection they had discussed that each bunny required 1.5 sq ft of space. The licensee raised his voice and said well how many am I supposed to have in it. The licensee yelled a profanity and asked what did the USDA expect him to do. The inspector asked the licensee to calm down. The licensee started walking toward the back of the room and turned back toward the inspector yelling profanities. He started slamming the cages. The inspector backed up toward the woman at the door and said I think I will return at another time. She apologized for his behavior several times. The licensee started coming

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closer and his face was very red, he was yelling saying he'd been in the business for a number of years, and he knows what the (profanity) he's doing and now I want to come in here and try to tell him what to do. The licensee continued approaching waving his finger saying he was tired of USDA coming around and "you know what you can do, you can just get the (profanity) out of here". The Inspector stated she was leaving. The woman apologized some more. While walking out of the door the licensee continued to follow behind yelling profanities. USDA felt threatened and harassed and discontinued the inspection and left the property.

The licensee shall not interfere with, threaten, abuse (including verbally abuse), or harass any APHIS official in the course of carrying out his or her duties.

To be corrected from this day forward.

### 3.53(c)(1)

### Repeat

#### Primary enclosures.

The first rabbit enclosure on the left houses 7 weaned bunnies. The enclosure is 24 x 24 inches providing 4 sq ft of space which is an insufficient amount of room for 7 bunnies. Each bunny requires a minimum of 1.5 sq ft of floor space to allow them freedom of movement to make normal postural adjustments. Adequate space shall be provided.

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

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
39327	63-A-0168	001	ROGERS RABBITRY	19-OCT-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000007	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000007	<b>Total</b>	