



## Inspection Report

SanusBio Farms, LLC  
24 Arnoldsville Road  
Crawford, GA 30630

Customer ID: **6020357**  
Certificate: **67-A-0010**  
Site: 001  
SanusBio Farms, LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 24-JUN-2025

### 3.126(c)

#### Facilities, indoor.

Approximately two months ago, April 2025, it was determined by the facility that the automated lighting system program for Room 6, an indoor room housing ferrets, had been inadvertently altered from 16 h light:8 h dark to 24 hours of light with no dark cycle. An internal investigation found this had been occurring for about one month. Not having the lights turn off did not provide for a natural light cycle and did not allow the animals housed indoors to be able to get away from constant lighting. The lights needed to be turned off for a period of time that allowed for a natural light cycle for the animals to provide for their health and wellbeing. The facility must ensure that ferrets housed in indoor enclosures be provided a natural light cycle ensuring normal day/night cycles.

Corrected prior to inspection.

### 3.131(a)

#### Sanitation.

Primary enclosures were not being cleaned as frequently or adequately enough to maintain suitable environments for ferrets to allow them to stay clear of excrement. Ferrets were housed in groups of 2 to 4 within wire primary enclosures stacked in towers, three enclosures high, in five of the six housing rooms where the following was observed:

- In one tower of enclosures within Room 1, the top was leaning forward and the collection tray below was overflowing a yellowish-brown liquid, containing a mix of water, spilled feed, and both solid and liquid excrement, cascading down to the other two enclosures below. The liquid was seen splashing onto a ferret's head within the enclosure directly below.
- The plastic grates at the bottom of the enclosures are scraped daily but not sufficiently to remove all excrement. The inspector observed the cleaning done solely by scraping feces off which left behind a significant amount of smeared brown residue on the floors that the ferrets were able to come in contact with.

• A large buildup of brownish black material consisting of remnants of excrement and feed was observed at the wire sides of many enclosures, mostly where the flooring grate meets the wire, as well as between the towers of enclosures. The lack of adequate cleaning has resulted in a significantly dirty living environment that may be contributing to discomfort and lead to disease. It is necessary to maintain a clean enclosure, including the fixtures within, to reduce contamination and the risk of disease as well as discomfort to the animals. Excreta should be removed from the primary enclosure as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

Correct by: 08/15/2025.

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#### Sanitation.

Housekeeping within the ferret housing rooms was inadequate in the following areas:

- A large amount of greenish-brown pebble-like material with white fuzz, identified as deteriorated moldy feed by a facility representative, was present within the vents of the wall a/c units within three ferret housing rooms (Rooms 1, 3, and 5).
- Most room walls, located behind the towers of primary enclosures, had dried brown material and/or staining running down them.
- In Room 3, an excess of discarded feed by the ferrets from the primary enclosures was seen accumulating within a collection trough system that is not being flushed or cleaned regularly to prevent buildup.

Dirty air conditioning vents can lead to unclean air and impact animal comfort. Discarded feed and/or excrement on the walls and other structures within the rooms housing ferrets may expose the animals to disease hazards, odors, and/or attract pests. The facility shall ensure the housing rooms, to include the wall a/c units and their vents, walls, and other structures within the rooms are kept clean by removing accumulations of feces and spilled feed as necessary to protect the health of the animals and to facilitate husbandry practices.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6020357	67-A-0010	001	SanusBio Farms, LLC	24-JUN-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000263	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000263	<b>Total</b>	