

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING  
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:

TX11170

VIOLATOR:

Betty Nichols, Charles Nichols  
Customer #: 7801  
Certificate #: 74-A-1155 (canc)

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):

1380 West Walton  
Lumberton, TX 77657

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about May 19, 2010, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations 9 CFR, Section:

**2.40(b)(3) Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care... DIRECT...** failure to observe the animals daily and assess their health and well-being.

**3.50(c) Facilities, general... DIRECT...** failure to store supplies of food and bedding in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against infestation or contamination by vermin.

**3.56(a)(1) Sanitation...** repeated failure to keep primary enclosures for animals reasonably free of excreta, hair cobwebs and other debris by periodic cleaning.

**3.56(d) Sanitation...** repeated failure to establish and maintain an effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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