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New Inspector: Catrina Andree

The newest member of the Dairy and Meat Inspection Division, Catrina Andree, started just before the holidays. She will be doing meat inspections in southeast Minnesota, including Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona counties and surrounding areas. Catrina shared the following information about herself:

I grew up in Brownsdale, MN on my family's farm where we raise poultry, beef cattle, goats, and purebred border collies. My love of livestock translated into doing a lot with FFA and 4-H. I judged poultry in FFA and ended up judging in college. I started at Riverland Community College and later transferred to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) for Animal Science. My emphasis was in meat animal management, and I got involved in the meat pilot plant at UWRF. In this setting, I worked closely with other students, professors, and the USDA FSIS while learning about different aspects of the meat industry. After graduating, I worked as an interim extension educator for the summer and then joined Bushel Boy Farms as the Food Safety and Quality Assurance Manager. At Bushel Boy, I experienced a different side of agriculture and food safety with hydroponically grown tomatoes, strawberries, and cucumbers.

MAMP Convention

We look forward to attending the annual MAMP Convention, happening March 16-18, 2023 in St. Cloud. Visit the Meat Inspection Program and Retail Inspection Program at the MDA booth during the exhibit hall hours. We'll see you there!

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Venison Donation Program: 2022 Season Summary

Since 2009, the MDA has cooperated with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to facilitate an annual donation of hunter-harvested venison to Minnesota food charities through the Venison Donation Program. This program provides a means for hunters to legally donate excess venison, reducing waste and allowing food shelves to offer this valuable protein source to people in need. Participating processors are also reimbursed for the costs associated with processing the donated deer.

2022 Venison Donation Program summary:

- Total pounds of venison donated: 6094.5
- Number of registered processors: 23
- Total pounds of venison discarded due to lead: 554

For more information on the Venison Donation Program and to learn how to register as a participating processor in the future, visit www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/hunter-harvested-venison-donation-minnesota.

January HACCP Workshop at the University of Minnesota

Are you looking for HACCP training? There is still time to register for the University of Minnesota HACCP, Sanitation, and Auditing Workshop taking place January 10-11, 2023. The cost to attend is \$250 and includes breakfast, refreshments, and lunch. The workshop will be held on the Saint Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. To register, go online to tickets.umn.edu, select “U of M Tickets and Events,” and search “HACCP” to find the course.

Topics covered in this workshop will include:

- Impact of food safety on the industry
- Introduction to microbiology
- Pre-requisite sanitation programs: GMPs and SSOPs
- The 7 principles of HACCP
- Chemical, biological, and physical hazards
- Development of a HACCP plan
- Labeling and allergens
- Minnesota state inspection program
- Food defense plans
- Additional resources for meat and food processors

Meat Inspector Calendar – No Inspection Dates

January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 20 – Presidents’ Day

May 29 – Memorial Day

June 19 - Juneteenth

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