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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this information is available in alternative forms of communication upon request by calling 651-201-6000. TTY users can call the Minnesota Relay Service at 711. The MDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network

The Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network (NMPAN) (www.nichemeatprocessing.org/) is a university extension-based community of practice of people and organizations working together to support small meat processors around the country. They offer tools and technical assistance for small processors and for the farmers, marketers, and meat buyers who depend on them. Check out their website to find business planning tools, food safety resources, and much more.

NMPAN has a robust network of active members that include meat processors, producers, buyers, academics, regulators, and others involved in the meat industry. You can join the NMPAN conversation for free by signing up for their listserv at www.nichemeatprocessing.org/nmpan-listserv/.

University of Minnesota Summer HACCP Workshop – Registration Open

Registration for the University of Minnesota (UMN) Meat Science Laboratory’s summer Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), Sanitation and Auditing Workshop is now open. This course will be held **July 18 and 19, 2023** on the UMN St. Paul campus. The cost to attend is \$350 per person. Register online at www.tickets.umn.edu/UMTE/Online/default.asp.

The National Meat Summit Steering Committee

Are you interested in efforts happening around the country to support local meat supply chains? The National Meat Summits Steering Committee (meatsummits.com) will host a webinar on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 1 p.m. introducing this recently formed committee and opportunities to collaborate. This committee works to build connections, increase knowledge, grow collective skills and advance market opportunities for local and regional meat supply chains. Register online at oregonstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_O81F787VTIGo41d1R4nuhQ#/registration.

Filing a Program Delivery Discrimination Complaint

The MN Meat and Poultry Inspection Program (MPIP) is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, political beliefs, age, disability, national origin, or limited English proficiency. If you feel you have been discriminated against during or as part of the delivery of MN MPIP services, you may file a complaint with the USDA or directly with the MDA.

To file a complaint with the USDA, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint form online or send a letter to the Center for Civil Rights Enforcement. The complaint form and full instructions for filing a complaint can be found at www.usda.gov/oascr/program-discrimination-complaint-filing.

To file a complaint with the MDA, write a letter that includes the following:

- Your name, address, and telephone number as well as the name, address, and the telephone number of your attorney/authorized representative, if you are represented.
- The basis of your complaint. This is what you believe to be the motivating factor for the discrimination (e.g., race, color, religious creed, sex, political beliefs, age, disability, national origin, limited English proficiency).
- The date(s) that the incident(s) you are reporting occurred. A complaint must be filed within 180 days of the incident. If the discrimination occurred more than 180 days prior to filing your



complaint, you may request a waiver of this filing requirement.

- The name of the individual(s) or entity you believe discriminated against you and the agency or recipient that employs that/those individual(s).
- The issue(s) of your complaint. Describe what happened, or the action that was taken by the individual(s) or agency that discriminated against you, resulting in some harm. Explain the context in which it happened and how you were discriminated against. Include how other persons were treated differently from you, if applicable. Provide a copy of any documents supporting the events you are reporting (e.g., denial letter if you were denied a benefit or service).

Mail your letter to:

Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Dairy and Meat Inspection Division Director
625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155

After the MDA receives your complaint,

you will be notified and informed of the next steps based on what you submitted. At a minimum, you can expect the MDA to contact you within two weeks after it receives the complaint. Reprisal (retaliation) is prohibited. Intimidation, threats, harassment, coercion, discrimination, or any other kind of retaliation is not allowed against anyone who has filed a complaint or anyone who participates in any manner in the investigation of the complaint. For more information, contact the MDA Dairy & Meat Inspection Division at 651-201-6300 or MDA.MeatPoultryEgg@state.mn.us.

Meat Inspector Calendar – No Inspection Dates

June 19 – Juneteenth
July 4 – Independence Day
September 4 – Labor Day
November 10 – Veterans Day
November 23-24 – Thanksgiving holiday
December 25 – Christmas Day

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