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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.

## Update to Safe and Suitable Ingredients Used in the Production of Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products

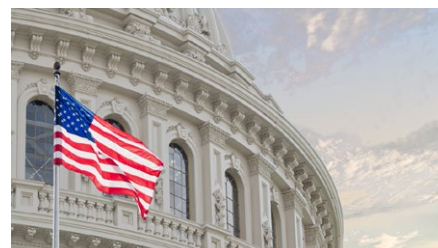
The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has updated directive 7120.1. This directive provides updates to the list of the substances that may be used in the production of meat, poultry and egg products. This revision also updates terminology that aligns with FSIS process categories. Review the [updated Directive 7120.1 Revision 60](#).

## MAMP Convention

We look forward to attending the annual Minnesota Association of Meat Processors (MAMP) Convention, happening March 20-21, 2026, in St. Cloud. Come visit the Meat Inspection Program and Retail Inspection Program at the MDA booth during the exhibit hall hours. We will see you there! For registration and more information visit [www.mamponline.com](http://www.mamponline.com).

## “And Justice for All” Posters

Do you have your [“And Justice For All” poster](#)? The poster details how to file a program discrimination complaint. In accordance with federal law and USDA civil rights regulations, these posters need to be displayed in a visible location at your facility. If your business needs a poster, please let your inspector know. These posters are available in multiple languages.



# Filing a Program Delivery Discrimination Complaint

The MN Meat and Poultry Inspection Program (MPIP) is prohibited from discriminating based on 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 directly with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

**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:**

The 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](mailto:MeatPoultryEgg@state.mn.us).

## 2026 Meat Inspector Calendar – No Inspection Dates

- May 25 – Memorial Day
- June 19 – Juneteenth Holiday
- July 3 – July 4 Observed
- September 7 – Labor Day
- November 11 – Veterans Day
- November 26-27 – Thanksgiving Day and Day after Thanksgiving
- December 25 – Christmas Day

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