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Department of Agriculture Announces Meat Processor License Suspension
Facility in Strasburg no longer permitted to process, sell meat

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (February 10, 2012) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture has suspended the processing license of Olde Strasburg Meats located at 1317 N. Wooster Ave. in Strasburg, Ohio. The establishment's license, ODA Est. #21, was suspended on February 9.

Olde Strasburg Meats, formerly Valley Farm Meats, has been cited numerous times since January 2010 for producing product without inspection, processing outside of inspection hours, comingling returned ground beef product with fresh ground beef, failure to meet labeling requirements and improperly wholesaling product. The company, under present and former management, has also issued four food recalls since August 2009.

The suspension, effective immediately, prohibits the company from handling and selling any meat products. The department is currently in the process of completing an inventory of product that is in production and will work to identify owners of specialty orders.

Customers of Olde Strasburg Meats who have an order that is already in production should contact the department's Division of Meat Inspection at (614) 728-6260 to make arrangements to have the product transferred to another licensed facility.

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