State Plants

- Inspected by NCDA for disease and wholesomeness of animals, sanitation, and proper labeling of product.
- Products that are inspected and passed by NCDA bear a rhomboid inspection seal and can be sold within the state of NC.

Custom Plants

- Inspected by NCDA for sanitation and proper labeling of product only.
- All products are slaughtered and/or processed for private individuals only.
- All products are marked “NOT FOR SALE” and identified by the owner’s name.
- None of these products can enter commerce; all products must be returned to the original owner for his/her personal use and CANNOT be sold!

Custom Exempt products are not inspected during slaughter and/or process and will be marked “NOT FOR SALE.”

These products CANNOT be sold!

Talmage-Aiken (TA) Plants

(Federal Plants with State Inspectors)

- Inspected by USDA, but staffed by State inspectors, for disease and quality of animals, sanitation, wholesomeness (poultry) and proper labeling of product.
- Plant may slaughter and/or process Custom Exempt product (including wild game) if kept separate from inspected products.
- Custom Exempt products are not inspected during slaughter and/or process and will be marked “NOT FOR SALE.”

Products that are inspected and passed by USDA bear a round inspection seal and can be sold anywhere in the US or exported.

- Plant may slaughter and/or process Custom Exempt product (including wild game) if kept separate from inspected products.

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