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Food Safety and Defense Task Force
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Data Privacy Warning:

The Food Innovation Team (FIT) regularly requests data from food business owners (FBOs) interested in participating or gaining food business licensing guidance from FIT through the Pre-Screening Intake Form (PSIF), during FIT meeting proceedings, and as part of the regular processes of FIT. The information provided for these FIT activities will be used before, during, and after FIT meetings to answer licensing questions from FBOs. Information provided is public information and will be discussed at a meeting that is open to the public. If you have information that you want protected, please contact the Food and Feed Safety Interim Division Director, Katherine Simon (Katherine.simon@state.mn.us or (651) 201-6596) before filling out this form and submitting it to FIT.

FIT Website Notification:

Please note that all information contained in this form is subject to public information requests. The information contained in this form will be included on the FIT website with the exception of items under the “General Business Information” category.

Date of FIT Meeting: 11/12/2019

Meeting Participants:

- FIT Members:
 - Kathy Zeman
 - Jane Jewett
 - James Roettger
 - Julia Selley
 - Molly Herrman
 - Lolly Occhino
 - Lauri Clements
 - Blake Nordin, (for James Backstrom)
- Other:
 - Katherine Simon, MDA
 - Jeff Luedeman, MDA
 - Alida Sorenson, MDA
 - Levi Muhl, MDA
 - Natasha Hedin, MDA

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General Business Information (Do not include this section in public-facing online database)	
Name of business:	WillowSedge Farm
Location of business:	Palisade, MN
Referred by:	<input type="checkbox"/> MDA <input type="checkbox"/> MDH <input type="checkbox"/> xFIT member <input type="checkbox"/> MDA Delegated Agency <input type="checkbox"/> MDH Delegated Agency
Current license(s), registration(s), and/or exemption(s): (Please include date of issuance.)	Retail Mobile Food Handler – issued in 2009 Sells product of the farm (chicken, turkey, beef, lamb) also sells pork items that have off-farm ingredients added (ham, bacon, sausage).
Why was this business referred to FIT?	
Current business model:	Sells off mobile trailer and stores meat in outbuilding on property
Key issues examined by FIT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does a storage space (where no processing is done) need to have water and septic? • Does a brick-and-mortar storage space for product sold under a Retail Mobile Food Handler license need to be licensed separately? • What are the parameters for a storage space that would fall under the Retail Mobile Food Handler license? • Can product of the farm and licensed product be stored together?
Other issues:	
How was the issue resolved?	
Description of resolution:	Options for Jane: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quit using storage area 2. Wholesale license – could only be issued if food needing a license were stored in that area. 3. Only store product of the farm in the storage area Pending any further determination of whether an approved water source is needed and where that may come from (local agency, etc.)
Other notes:	Recommendation/Actions moving forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane’s case - get clarification between 28A.07 (Issuance of License - assessment for fitness to do business) and 31.175 prohibition against

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	<p>licensing if water, sewage and plumbing are not met. When are the codes applicable? Other agencies make the determination (not MDA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request inter-agency discussion on these statutes (MDH, MNPCA, Dept. of Labor) in the form of written guidance. • There may be other provisions in local code (IE allowable in-home businesses)
Who resolved the issue (name(s) and organization(s)):	FIT, DMID, MDH, MDA
Date of resolution:	11/12/2019
Licensing authority representative (name and organization):	Collin Kappenman, Food and Feed Safety Division, MDA
Recommendations / Lessons Learned	
Internal (FIT):	
Licensing agency:	MDA, Food and Feed Safety Division
Rules / Statutes:	28A.07 and 31.175