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\$1M worth of food seized from Asian restaurant supplier Won Feng Trading Company

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More than \$1 million worth of bulk food products were seized today from a Nashville company that supplies restaurants.

U.S. Marshals seized the goods Wednesday at the prompting of the **U.S. Food and Drug Administration**, which had warned **Won Feng Trading Company in May** that its food storage warehouse and cooked cabbage operation was unsanitary.

The letter said that after an inspection in March, FDA investigators notified manager Xin "Evan" Zheng of multiple instances of rodent feces and urine stains on or near packages of food, food bags that appeared to have been gnawed through by rodents, at least 100 insects (dead and alive) on bags of rice, three decomposed mice in a mouse trap, live birds flying through a produce area and occasionally landing on boxes of eggs, cabbage processing equipment that was designed in a way that made it hard to clean, and improper food handling.

In a followup inspection in November, FDA investigators found continued evidence of a rodent infestation, more insects and more birds. Investigators said building ducts provided pests access to food storage areas.

"The violations at Won Feng Trading are both serious and repetitive," Michael Chappell, the FDA's acting associate commissioner for regulatory affairs, said in a news release. "The FDA will take actions against any food companies that fail to provide adequate safeguards to ensure that products they produce or hold for sale remain free of contamination."

On Wednesday, U.S. Marshals seized all FDA-regulated foods, including 44-pound bags of rice, fresh produce and frozen food products that are susceptible to contamination by rodents, insects, or other filth.

Won Feng, which is owned by Tian G. Zheng, receives food from throughout the United States and distributes within Tennessee. U.S. Marshals executed this seizure pursuant to a warrant issued by the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Won Feng's owner and management could not be reached for comment.