

7. Larry Browning Collecting Station, Butler, KY

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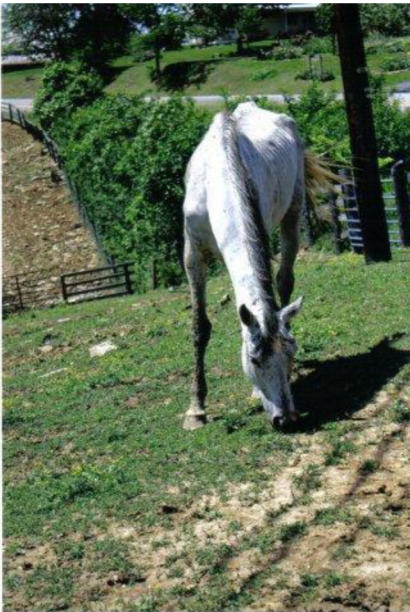
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Location:

Butler, KY 41006

Additional Information:

AA investigators visited the Larry Browning property after receiving alarming evidence of starving horses on his pastures. Photos showed horses with a life threatening body score of 1.5 or less.



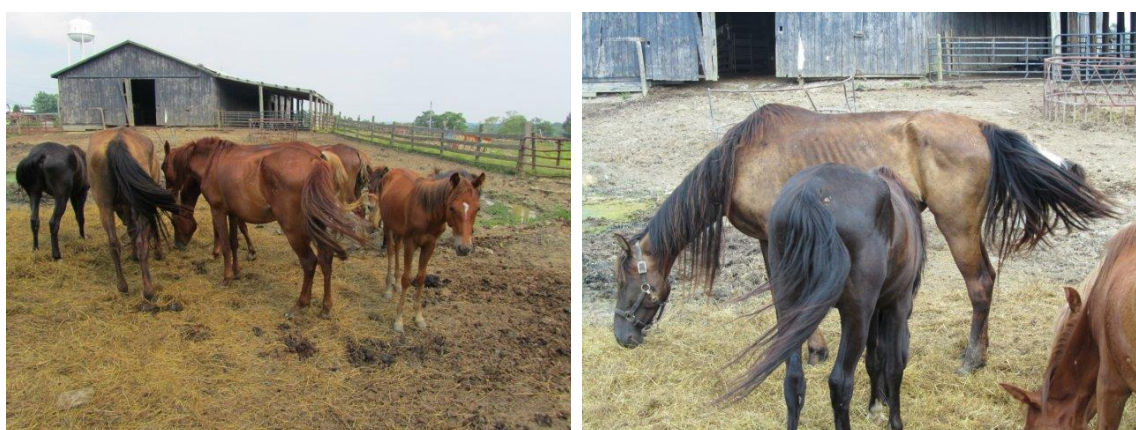
Complaints caused an investigation by the KY Department of Agriculture. However, the local Animal Control Officer who visited the premises together with a KDA investigator just a day after the complaint was received claimed that none of the horses found were in alarming condition. The report stated that all horses observed on the property had a body score of 3.5 or more and were being fed “adequate quality hay”. No pictures were taken to validate this statement and no charges were filed.

Observations:

When investigators arrived at the location, there were approx 100 horses on different pastures and inside a dark barn. A small, older stock trailer was parked next to a fenced in area close to the barn. No semis or large single/double deck trailers were visible. The extensive pastures surround the barn and cover an entire valley. There were horses throughout these pastures, but many of them were all the way on the other side of the valley and it was impossible to judge their condition from that distance. Several of the ones that were close enough to observe were very thin. (BCS 2) However, a group of 12 horses & ponies was kept in a smaller, fenced in area next to the barn. Apparently the area was also used for manure disposal and the horses were standing on ground covered with manure and urine, their hay thrown on top of the filth.



All of them were thin, 2 were emaciated with ribs clearly visible and sunken loin. (BCS 2)



Another fenced in area across the street contained a group of 7 horses and 5 of them were thin. All the hay that was being fed to the animals throughout the premises appeared to be very low quality, moldy and rotten.

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KRS 525.130 Cruelty to animals in the second degree

1) A person is guilty of cruelty to animals in the second degree when except as authorized by law he intentionally or wantonly:

(a) Subjects any animal to or causes cruel or injurious mistreatment through abandonment, participates other than as provided in KRS 525.125 in causing it to fight for pleasure or profit (including, but not limited to being a spectator or vendor at an event where a four (4) legged animal is caused to fight for pleasure or profit), mutilation, beating, torturing any animal other than a dog or cat, tormenting, **failing to provide adequate food, drink, space, or health care, or by any other means;**

(b) Subjects any animal in his custody to **cruel neglect**