



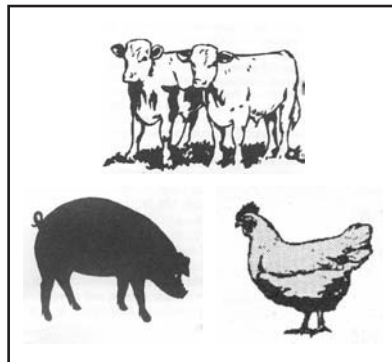
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Sale of Meat & Poultry to Grocery Stores & Restaurants in Minnesota

Minnesota livestock producers who wish to sell their products to grocery stores, restaurants, boarding houses and other food service institutions must meet certain requirements relating to food safety prior to the sale.

1. The poultry and livestock must be slaughtered and processed in an establishment that is inspected continuously by the Minnesota Meat and Poultry Inspection Program (MMPPI) or the USDA. A list of state inspected meat and poultry plants is available at www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/licensing/meat&egg/stateplantlist.pdf, or by calling 651-201-6027. For a listing of USDA inspected plants, see www.misa.umn.edu/Meat_Processing_Plants.html or call 1-800-909-6472.



2. All packages of product must be properly labeled with the product identity and the inspection brands of either MMPPI or USDA.



3. Product identity includes the name of the product, a complete list of ingredients and the name, address and zip code of the manufacturer or distributor. All labels must be submitted for approval to the respective state



or federal inspector at the plant prior to using the inspection legend on any packages.

4. The livestock producer must have a valid food handler's license and approved facilities for the storage and delivery of the products. An application for a food handler's license must be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Dairy and Food Inspection Division at 651-201-6027. Please notify staff there that you want to apply for a food handler's license and you will be referred to the area supervisor or inspector.

Meat processed at a custom exempt processor cannot be sold and must be identified "Not For Sale." A custom meat processor is defined in state and federal law as a plant that is exempted from continuous inspection because it only processes meat for the owner of the animal. The meat products can be consumed by the owner, the owner's immediate family and non-paying guests, but not sold.

For more information

Contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Dairy and Food Inspection Division at 651-201-6027 or www.mda.state.mn.us/about/divisions/dairyfood.aspx.

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