

Here are the agencies to contact if you are producing the following foods:

IDOA = Illinois Department of Agriculture

IDPH = Illinois Department of Public Health

Eggs: IDOA

Meats (and meat products): IDOA

Meats – processed: General guidance for labeling guides from IDPH (Elizabeth Watkins) – name, address, distributor, net weight (both standard and metric)

Fresh fruits and vegetables: Whole items, uncut, not frozen are exempt. If cut or frozen, contact local health department.

Honey

Bee hives - IDOA

Extracted honey - IDPH

Sold in comb - exempt

Nuts: In shell are exempt

Grains - Whole grains are exempt. Grinding and /or manipulating, need to follow regulations set by local health departments. Popcorn is exempt at farmers' markets.

Herbs

Fresh, raw (sprigs) - exempt

Dry, whole, in bunch - exempt) Dried herbs in small bags, making it into a finished product considered “processed” and so need to be processed in an inspected facility. Make an appointment with IDPH (have a process that is filed).

Vinegar/herbs -- exempt if made with vinegar of a known pH.

Lotions/creams Contact FDA (Chicago District Office) at 312-353-5863.

No home canning. Needs to be done in an inspected kitchen, and also have process approved by IDPH and local health dept.

Mushrooms - get technical release from IDPH.

Maple Syrup - Needs to be done in an inspected kitchen, and also have process approved by IDPH and local health dept.

Apple Cider Needs to be done in an inspected kitchen, and also have process approved by IDPH. Must follow Juice HACCP regulations (<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~comm/haccpju.html>). Contact the regional IDPH office.

Baked Goods - Needs to be done in an inspected kitchen, and also have process approved by IDPH and local health dept. Contact regional IDPH office. Follow proper labeling laws. Local health department has jurisdiction for baked goods that are sold at the farmers' market.

Milk and Cheese Products. Contact the regional IDPH office. Get this information from the Dairy Practices Council (<http://www.dairypc.org>). Cheese - Manufactured milk processing facility. Equipment has to meet 3A standards.