

KENTUCKY FOOD PERMITS FLOW CHART

Home-based Processing (HBP)
State Permit—Food Safety Branch
Annual sales less than \$60,000/year

- Dried or freeze dried fruits and vegetables
- Mixed greens
- Fruit jams, jellies, and preserves (this does not include low and/or no sugar varieties and pepper jellies)
- Fruit butters
- Sweet sorghum syrup
- Maple syrup
- Bread
- Cookies
- Cakes
- Candy (no alcohol)
- Fruit pies
- Pecan pies
- Dried herbs and spices
- Dried grains
- Nuts
- Granola
- Trail or snack mix
- Popcorn with or without added seasonings

Home-based Microprocessing (HBM)
State Permit —Food Safety Branch
Must complete workshop through University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.
Annual sales less than \$60,000/year
Acidified foods:

- Canned Tomatoes
- Tomato juice
- Pickled fruits and vegetables
- Salsa
- Barbecue sauce
- Pepper or herb jellies
- Flavored vinegars
- Low or no sugar jams and jellies

Low acid canned foods:

- Canned vegetables

Whole Fresh Produce

- Register with Kentucky’s Produce Safety Program – KDA
- No permit – from farm, direct to consumers or restaurants
- Sampling certificate for cooked and/or raw samples – KDA

Washed and Ready to Eat Produce

- Register with Kentucky’s Produce Safety Program – KDA
- Local Permit if direct to consumer sales
- State Permit if wholesale

Meat and Poultry

- State Permit or USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)

Jerky

- Local Permit if direct to consumer sales
- USDA if wholesale

Fresh Eggs

- No Permit—Less than 60 dozen/week
- KDA Permit—More than 60 dozen/week

Milk and dairy products

- State Permit—Milk Safety Branch

State Permits:
KY Department for Public Health, Food Safety Branch
Must be produced in a commercial/certified kitchen (list available).

- Wholesale Sales
- Home-based Processing
- Home-based Microprocessing
- Bottled water
- Cosmetics (lotion, lip balm, etc.)
- CBD products
- HBP and HBM annual sales over \$60,000/year and wholesale

Local Permits:
County Health Department

- Direct to consumer sales
- Restaurants
- Food Trucks
- Grocery Stores (Retail Food Establishment)
- Temporary Permits (Fairs, Festivals, Farmer’s Markets)
- Catering
- HBP and HBM annual sales over \$60,000/year and direct to consumer

Additional Requirements Necessary:

- Acidified foods (Better Process Control School Certification Required)
- Low acid canned foods (Better Process Control School Certification Required)
- Juice (Juice HACCP Certification Required)
- Fish/Seafood (Seafood HACCP Certification Required)

Pet Treats and Animal Feed

- University of KY—Department of Regulatory Services

Want to sell certified organic?

- KDA

Cosmetics (lotion, lip balm, etc.)

- State permit.

Soaps

- No permit.

CBD

- State Permit

Tinctures

- Contact the Food Safety Branch

Extracts

- Local Permit if direct to consumer sales
- State Permit if wholesale

Honey

- No Permit—Less than 150 gallons/year
- Local Permit – over 150 gallons/year or infused and direct to consumer sales
- State Permit – over 150 gallons/year or infused and wholesale

Contact Information

Kentucky Department for Public Health
Food Safety Branch, 502-564-7181
Milk Safety Branch, 502-564-3340
chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/msb/Pages/default.aspx
Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), 502-573-0282
kyagr.com/
Egg Marketing & Licensing, 502-782-9211
kyagr.com/consumer/eggs-marketing-and-licensing.html
Organic, 502-782-4112 and 502-782-4121
kyagr.com/marketing/organic-marketing.html
Produce Safety Program 502-782-7809
kyagr.com/marketing/produce-safety.html

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 601-899-4869
fsis.usda.gov/
University of Kentucky
Cooperative Extension Service, 859-257-1812
fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/homebased_processing_microprocessing
Division of Regulatory Services, 859-257-2785
<http://www.rs.uky.edu/regulatory/feed/>
Food Systems Innovation Center (FSIC), 859-218-4387
Shelf-life studies and nutrition facts labels.
fsic.ca.uky.edu/

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