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2026-2027 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO PROCESS AND SELL PEN-RAISED QUAIL

Name of Business _____

Name of Owner _____ Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Premises Address _____

Mailing Address _____
(if different)

Number of Quail to be Processed for Food (Annual) _____

Location Where Quail Will be Slaughtered _____

Number of Quail Expected to be Sold Annually to Restaurants: _____

Number of Quail Expected to be Sold Annually to Food Stores: _____

Number of Quail Expected to be Sold Annually to Individuals: _____

NEW APPLICANTS

Please enclose a copy of your label.

RENEWALS

Please enclose a copy of your label if it has changed since your last application.

There is no charge for this permit. This permit will **expire on June 30, 2027**.

Please mail this application to:

Poultry Health Programs
ATTN: Quail Registration
Veterinary Division
1030 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1030

Applicants may email the
completed application and
label to vetpoultry@ncagr.gov.

Pen-Raised Quail

April 2024

Quail raised in NC for use as food. These birds are slaughtered and sold under the owner's label. Statute 106-549.94 and Ag Code of Regs 02 NCAC 52F .0101 through.0106

Requirements:

1. Owner must obtain a **pen-raised quail permit** from NCDA&CS Veterinary Division (no charge). This allows them to sell dressed quail under their own label.
2. Owner must obtain a **game bird propagator's license** from Wildlife Resource Commission if they are raising Bob White Quail (not coturnix). This is required for all native (Bob White) quail raising and sales in NC. Can apply at WRC website www.ncwildlife.org.
3. Owner must keep records as required in 02 NCAC 52F .0104 and .0105 and label dressed quail as required in 02 NCAC 52F .0103.
4. Quail are not included in the state or federal meat inspection laws and regulations. Quail are not amenable to the current laws, so their processing does not come under our own Meat and Poultry Inspection Division. To review what they do cover, their website <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/meat-poultry-inspection> and phone number 919-707-3180.
5. Persons interested in selling processed quail **should contact Food and Drug Protection Division at 919-733-7366**. Their website <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection>. There are certain sanitation requirements that Food and Drug will explain that are required when slaughtering without inspection.
6. Quail can also be processed in federally inspected facilities if the owner pays for the inspection.

SUBCHAPTER 52F - PEN-RAISED QUAIL

02 NCAC 52F .0101 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will pertain to this entire Chapter:

- (1) "Person" means any individual, firm or corporation.
- (2) "Quail" means any and all species of quail.
- (3) "Permit" means a permit to process for the purpose of sale and to offer for sale pen-raised quail for consumption as food, issued by the N.C. Department of Agriculture.
- (4) "Pen-raised quail" means any and all quail which have been propagated in captivity.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-549.94;
 Eff. April 1, 1984;
 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 26,
 2017.*

02 NCAC 52F .0102 REGISTRATION

Any person who processes for the purpose of sale any pen-raised quail for use as food shall register with the Department of Agriculture.

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02 NCAC 52F .0103 PEN-RAISED QUAIL OFFERED FOR SALE

The dressed carcasses of pen-raised quail shall be offered for sale only when sealed in not readily resealable containers which shall bear a printed legend showing the name and address of the processor holding a valid permit. The label may clearly indicate the species of quail in the container and shall clearly indicate that the contents are not wild game either by the use of the words "Pen-Raised," "Farm Raised" or other similar wording approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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02 NCAC 52F .0104 RECORD REQUIREMENTS

The processor shall be required to maintain records containing the number of pen-raised quail sold for use as food, the date of each sale, and the name and address of the buyer.

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02 NCAC 52F .0105 RECORDS INSPECTION

The records hereby required shall be supported by copies of receipts, invoices, bills of sale, or other written vouchers, and shall be made available for inspection at any reasonable time on request by any authorized agent of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Such records and vouchers shall be retained and made available for inspection for a minimum of one year following any sale or the expiration of the permit under which pen-raised quail are sold for consumption as food.

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02 NCAC 52F .0106 RESALE

Persons offering quail for resale shall maintain the quail carcasses in the sealed containers in which they are purchased.

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