

REQUIREMENTS FOR SELLING MEAT AND POULTRY
ON STATE OWNED AND MANAGED FARMERS MARKETS

1. All meat and/or poultry offered for sale in the Farmers Buildings shall be produced by the Seller. All meat and/or poultry offered for sale in the Farmers Buildings shall originate from animals of your own raising and slaughtered/processed at a State or Federal inspected facility.
2. All meat and/or poultry products shall arrive at the Farmers Market pre-packaged, priced by unit weight and total price for the package, clearly labeled and sealed (vacuum packaging recommended) in non-reseal able packages.
3. All meat and/or poultry products shall meet all State and Federal inspection guidelines.
4. Sellers of meat and/or poultry (with the exception of recognized poultry exempt operators) shall obtain and maintain in good standing a current North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS), Poultry and Meat Handlers Registration as required by the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law, General Statute 106-549.28. A copy of the current license shall be maintained in the Farmers Market's Administrative Office and in the Seller's transport vehicle. Sellers may contact the NCDA&CS Meat and Poultry Inspection Division at (919) 733-4136 to request the Registration.
5. All meat and/or poultry, while on premises, shall be stored and displayed under active refrigeration. All freezers or refrigeration units shall be clean, neat, mechanically sound and in either "like new" or "excellent" operation condition.
6. There can be **NO** odor associated with your product, selling space or transport vehicle.
7. Meat and/or poultry products shall not be disposed of in Farmers Market trash containers, including the trash compactor or any other container on the Farmers Market facility. **All** excess meat and poultry products must be removed from the Farmers Market by the seller.
8. Sellers of meat and/or poultry products shall comply with NCDA&CS Meat and Poultry Division, MPID Notice 10-09 titled "Labeling and Point of Purchase Claims". This notice addresses what is required to make approved claims such as the following:

RAISED WITHOUT ADDED HORMONES, RAISED WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS,
NOT FED ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS, FREE RANGE, FREE ROAMING GRASS
FED, CORN FED, GRAIN FED, CERTIFIED ORGANIC (BY CERTIFYING ENTITY)

Sellers may obtain the MPID Notice at <http://www.ncagr.com/meatpoultry>.

Any questions concerning the Notice may be directed to the NCDA&CS, Meat and Poultry Inspection Division at (919) 733-4136.

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