

## New Mexico Agricultural & Food Permits:

Find updated info at the NMFMA Website:  
[https://www.newmexicofma.org/food\\_processing\\_permits.php](https://www.newmexicofma.org/food_processing_permits.php)

### **Fresh-Uncut Produce:**

Except for markets in the city of Albuquerque, there is **no permit** required to sell fresh un-cut fruits and vegetables at New Mexico farmers' markets.

Cut fresh fruit and vegetables are potentially hazardous foods and do NOT fall under the Homemade Food Act. Therefore, cut fruit and vegetables processed in a home kitchen operation may NOT be sold at farmers' markets. Please refer to the Homemade Food Act section on the NMFMA website for more information. [Link](#)

**For Albuquerque market vendors:** Food vendors at Albuquerque growers' markets are required to have a permit from the City's Environmental Health Department. [Link](#)

### **Food Processing:**

**For processors of non-potentially hazardous foods:** Non-potentially hazardous foods are those foods that pose little threat of growing bacteria that can cause food-borne illnesses and may be processed in a home kitchen. The seller must obtain an NMED-approved food handler card, which can be found here:  
<https://www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram/food-handler-card/>.

**For processors of high-risk food items:** Producers of high-risk processed foods such as salsas, canned vegetables, and other low-acid and acidified canned foods must use a certified kitchen to produce their goods. In addition, they must receive a processing permit from the New Mexico Environment Department

Find the local NMED office contact info here:  
<https://www.env.nm.gov/foodprogram/retail-food-application/>

Note: The NMED does not have jurisdiction in Bernalillo County and Albuquerque, as they have their own food safety programs.

ABQ: [www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/food-safety](http://www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/food-safety)

Bernalillo County: [www.bernco.gov/planning/consumer-health-protection/food-safety/](http://www.bernco.gov/planning/consumer-health-protection/food-safety/)

### **Dairy:**

NMDA Milk Inspection Division,  
<https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/licensing-and-registrations/dairy-permits.html>. [Dustin Cox](mailto:Dustin.Cox@nmda.nmsu.edu),  
Division Director, [ddaps@nmda.nmsu.edu](mailto:ddaps@nmda.nmsu.edu), 505-383-9299

### **Eggs:**

**Ungraded Eggs:** No permit is required for selling ungraded eggs, but egg sellers do need to register for free with NMDA Standards & Consumer Services at <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/licensing-and-registrations/egg-licensing.html>

**Graded Eggs:** Vendors must obtain an egg dealer license based on their production size to sell graded eggs. Licenses range in price from \$10 to \$50. The application is available at <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/licensing-and-registrations/egg-licensing.html>

### **Meat/Poultry:**

The New Mexico Livestock Board regulates meat and poultry producers and processors. Meat offered for sale within the state must be slaughtered and processed at a state (or federal) inspected plant.

Meat and poultry producers who sell meat at farmers' markets but who do not cut meat do not need a license from the NM Environment Department, although they are still subject to the Food Act, ensuring that the food is stored and handled safely. In addition to selling packaged meat and meat products (either fresh or frozen) at farmers' markets, producers could consider selling or taking orders for live animals. Purchasers can then have the animal processed at a custom plant, or the producer could have it processed as a service to the customer. Such animals must follow Livestock Board rules on proof of ownership and branding. New Mexico Livestock Board, <https://www.nmlbonline.com/>

### **Nursery Stock:**

NMDA Bureau of Entomology & Nursery Programs,  
[nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/licensing-and-registrations/nursery-licensing.html](https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/licensing-and-registrations/nursery-licensing.html)

Farmers' markets can obtain an umbrella nursery license for all nursery vendors at the market. Keep in mind that if a nursery vendor sells at more than one market, they must obtain their own license.

### **Honey:**

Pure raw honey (without additives) does not require any permits but does require a label. Honey with additives is considered a processed food item and falls under the jurisdiction of the NMED. Questions can be directed to the New Mexico Beekeepers' Association, <https://www.nmbeekeepers.org>