



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2023

TO: Ranches of Delta County

FROM: Greg Rajnowski, Environmental Health Director

SUBJECT: Licensing Ranches for Manufactured Foods/Retail Foods

Ranches selling wholesale AND retail in Delta County: Ranches are required to hold a manufactured foods license through the state of Colorado, so long as the product is processed in a USDA inspected facility and kept frozen on the property until private sale to other businesses in Delta County. This ensures that your product is an “approved source” for use in businesses in and outside Delta County. If you also sell your USDA products directly to consumers, *you will not be required to obtain a retail food license in addition to the manufactured foods license.*

Ranches selling only retail: Ranches with product processed in a USDA inspected facility and kept frozen on the property will be required to hold a retail foods license through Delta County to be in compliance with product sales directly to consumers.

Ranches that decide to operate with a manufacturing foods license and who meet the above criteria can access the application through the state's website.

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/food-manufacturing-and-storage>

Once approved, provide proof of the manufactured foods license to Delta County and a refund of the 2023 Delta County retail foods license fee will be given (if fee was already paid), minus the \$43 portion of the fee already paid to the State of CO.

Ranches who will not be selling wholesale and only plan to continue operating under the Delta County retail foods license do not need to change anything.

Our intention is to remove redundancies in regulatory oversight where food safety inspection mechanisms are conducted by multiple parties. Your patience is appreciated as we determine the best way to implement these regulations for public safety and cooperation with our community partners.

Respectfully,

Greg Rajnowski
Environmental Health Director