



# Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD)

## Farmer's Market Permit Information

This guidance document is intended to assist Farmer's Market coordinators and vendors with determining regulatory requirements for food products they wish to sell. **If you plan to sell foods at locations other than Farmer's Markets other requirements may apply.** Please be aware each Farmer's Market may have additional rules or requirements that vendors must abide by. If you have further questions, please contact the Food Safety Program at Northeast Tri County Health District or one of the other licensing agencies listed.

Type of Food				Temporary Food Establishment Permit Required from NETCHD	WSDA License Required	Other Required
1	Baked Goods	1a	Prepared by seller	<b>Yes</b> – Must be prepared in an approved food establishment.	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
		1b	Prepared in Cottage Food Operation	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Cottage Food License	<b>No</b>
		1c	Bake Sale - Prepared by a non-profit organization	<b>No</b> – <u>Only</u> non-potentially hazardous, wrapped baked goods can be sold. May be prepared in home kitchens.	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
		1d	Purchased at a commercial bakery or store	<b>No</b> – <u>Only</u> non-potentially hazardous baked goods. Must be served without direct hand contact	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
2	Berries	2a	Whole and unprocessed	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
		2b	Processed (frozen, dried)	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Food Processor license	<b>No</b>
3	Beverages	3a	Espresso drinks, smoothies, milkshakes, iced tea, lemonade, any beverage with ice added	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
		3b	Hot coffee, hot tea, commercial drink mixes prepared with hot water	<b>No</b> – Served in single use cups. <u>Only</u> powdered or individual servings of creamer may be used.	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
		3c	Commercially canned or bottled beverages	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

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4	<b>Canned Fruit or Vegetable Products</b> (pickled foods, salsa, etc.)		<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Food Processor License	<b>No</b>	
5	<b>Coffee Beans</b>	5a	Roasting beans, or repackaging	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Food Processor License	
		5b	Bulk, commercially roasted beans	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	
		5c	Grinding commercially roasted beans	<b>Yes</b> – Must be processed in an approved facility or ground on-site.	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
6	<b>Dairy Products</b>	6a	Milk (from cows, goats, or sheep)	<b>Yes</b> – For retail sale	<b>Yes</b> – Grade A Dairy License	
		6b	Cheese or butter	<b>Yes</b> – For retail sale	<b>Yes</b> – Food Processor License	<b>No</b>
7	<b>Dry Grains</b>	7a	Dry wheat, corn, etc.	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	
		7b	Flour or corn meal	<b>Yes</b> – Must be processed in an approved facility or ground on-site.	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
		7c	Flour or corn meal processed under WSDA license	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Food Processor License	<b>No</b>
8	<b>Dry Mixes</b> (pancake, breads, cookies, etc.)	8a	Prepared by seller	<b>Yes</b> – Must be prepared in an approved facility.	<b>No</b>	
		8b	Processed under WSDA license	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Food Processor License	<b>No</b>
9	<b>Eggs</b>	9a		<b>No</b> – NETCHD may inspect for safe handling at market.	<b>Yes</b> – Obtain Egg Seals from WSDA	
		9b	For human consumption	<b>No</b> – NETCHD may inspect for safe handling at market.	<b>Yes</b> – Obtain Egg Seals from WSDA	
	<b>Fertilized Eggs</b>	9c	For hatching into live birds	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

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10	Fish	10a	Purchased from a WA licensed wholesale fish dealer	Yes – For retail sale	Yes – Food Storage Warehouse License	No
		10b	Caught with a Commercial Fishing License	Yes – For retail sale	Yes – Food Storage Warehouse License	Yes – Commercial Fishing License, Direct Retail Endorsement from WA State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
11	Juice or Cider		Yes – Must be prepared on-site or at an approved facility.	No	No	
12	Herbs & Spices	12a	Fresh, unprocessed	No	No	No
		12b	Naturally dried (not cut or processed)	No	No	No
		12c	Processed under WSDA license (cut, dehydrated, mixed)	No	Yes – Food Processor License	No
		12d	Commercially purchased, bulk, dried herbs and spices	Yes – Must complete application for Exemption From Permit. Must be processed in an approved facility.	No	No
13	Honey		No	Yes – Food Processor License if honey is processed No – Raw honey sold to end consumer	Yes – Hives must be registered with WSDA Plant Protection Services	
14	Jam & Jelly	14a	Prepared by seller	Yes – Must be prepared in an approved facility.	No	No
		14b	Prepared in Cottage Food Operation	No	Yes – Cottage Foods License	No
		14c	Prepared under WSDA license	No	Yes – Food Processor License	No
15	Live Small Animals (chick, ducks, rabbits, goats, lambs)		No – A permit is not required. Live animals must be displayed and sold in a separate area, away from food. Hand washing stations and/or hand sanitizer must be provided at the exit of the animal area. Handwashing signs must be posted.	No – A license is not required. All animals must be in good health and must be from WA. Animals from other states cannot be sold.	Yes – Vendors selling baby poultry (chicks, ducklings) must provide the buyer written health risk and prevention information.	

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16	<b>Meat</b> (cattle, swine, sheep, goats)	<b>Yes</b> – For retail sale	<b>Yes</b> – Food Storage Warehouse License	<b>Yes</b> – Inspection by the USDA FSIS required
17	<b>Mushrooms</b> (wild harvested)	<b>Yes</b> – Mushrooms must be sold fresh. (cannot be dried or processed) Documentation of Wild Mushroom Sale form must be completed and kept on record for 90 days following sale.	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
18	<b>Nuts</b>	18a In-shell nuts	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
		18b Roasted nuts, roasted candy coated nuts	<b>Yes</b> - Must complete application for Exemption From Permit.	<b>No</b>
19	<b>Plants</b> (vegetables, annuals, perennials)	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Nursery License (the farmer's market can obtain a license that will cover all plant sales at the market)	<b>No</b>
20	<b>Poultry</b>	<b>Yes</b> – For retail sale	<b>Yes</b> – Food Processor License	<b>Yes</b> – USDA FSIS Inspection required if more than 20,000 birds per year
21	<b>Prepared Foods</b> (sandwiches, soup, hotdogs, hamburgers, etc.)	<b>Yes</b> – Foods must be prepared on-site or at an approved facility.	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
22	<b>Produce</b>	22a Unprocessed, minimally cut, fruits and vegetables	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
		22b Fruits or vegetables processed under WSDA license (including cutting, dehydrating, washing, freezing, etc.)	<b>Yes</b> – For retail sale. <u>Only</u> if product contains potentially hazardous ingredients.	<b>Yes</b> – Food Processor License
		22c Processed fruits or vegetables (including cutting, dehydrating, washing, etc.)	<b>Yes</b> – Food must be processed on-site or in an approved facility.	<b>No</b>
		22d Individual samples	<b>Yes</b> – Must complete application for Exemption From Permit.	<b>No</b>

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23	Rabbit	Yes – For retail sale	Yes – Food Processor License	No
24	Tea Leaves & Herbs for Tea	24a Commercially purchased, bulk teas	No	No
		24b Processing Teas (drying, blending, packaging, repackaging)	No	Yes – Food Processor License No

## Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD)

Environmental Public Health Division

### Food Safety Program Stevens County Office

240 E. Dominion  
Colville, WA 99114  
(509) 684-2262  
1-800-776-6207  
[www.netchd.org](http://www.netchd.org)

### [Ferry County Office](#)

P.O. Box 584/147 N. Clark Suite 1  
Republic, WA 99166  
(509) 775-3111

Pend Oreille County Office  
605 Hwy 20  
Newport, WA 99156  
(509) 447-3131

## Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)

### Food Safety Program

(360) 902-1876  
<http://agr.wa.gov>

### Eastern Region Contact

Gena Reich, Regional Manager  
(509) 546-2977

Cottage Food Operation <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/CottageFoodOperation/>  
Dairy Program <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Dairy/>  
Egg Program <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Eggs/>  
Food Processors <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/FoodProcessors/>  
Food Storage Warehouse <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/FoodStorage/>

### Plant Protection Program

#### Apiary (Bees)

<http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/Apiary/>

#### Nursery Inspection

(360) 902-1874  
<http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/NurseryInspection/nurseryinspection.aspx>

#### Spokane Inspection Field Office

Levi Strauss, Plant Service Specialist  
(509) 477-4796

### Avian Health Program

1-800-606-3056  
<http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/AvianHealth/>

**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)**

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Home/index.asp>

Licensed Processing Establishments located in Northeast Tri County Health District:

**Gallo Meats**

880 S. Washington  
Colville, WA 99114  
(509) 684-3448

**Smokey Ridge / Olsen Farms Meats**

2450 Heine Rd  
Chewelah, WA 99109  
(509) 935-6210

Meats can be processed for sale in any Establishment that is licensed by USDA FSIS.

**State of Washington  
Business Licensing  
Service**

1-800-451-7985

<http://bls.dor.wa.gov/>

**Washington State Department of Health (DOH)**

**Animal Vendor Requirements**

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/AnimalTransmittedDiseases/RulesandGuidelines/AnimalVendor.aspx>

**Baby Poultry Written Health Risk Notification**

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/334-072.pdf>

**Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife**

Licensing & Permits

(360) 902-2500

[commercialsales@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:commercialsales@dfw.wa.gov)

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/commercial/>