

<u>Vendor Types</u>		<u>Who Issues the Permit/Certificate</u>	<u>Activities Allowed</u>	<u>Activities Not Allowed</u>
<i>Whole, uncut produce, grains, seeds, beans, nuts, popcorn (kernels), herbs (fresh/dried), honey (in natural form). *With no further processing.</i>		No permit needed	Vendors may sell the agricultural items listed without restrictions with proper labeling and product origin requirements met.	Sale of prepared or ready-to-eat foods not permitted, e.g., popped popcorn or cooked beans.
Farmers Markets Only	<i>Farmers Market Permit</i>	Local health department	Farmers or their employees may sell meat, poultry, dairy, or eggs raised or grown on the farmer’s farm and frozen foods prepackaged at a licensed or permitted processing facility but have the main ingredient grown or raised on the farmers’ farm. Farmers must also comply with other requirements for sale of dairy, meat, and shell eggs.	Does not cover the sale of any items not listed or non-frozen foods prepackaged at a licensed facility.
	<i>Farmers Market Sampling Certificate</i>	Illinois Department of Public Health	Allows food product sampling (meaning samples distributed free of charge for promotional or educational purposes only) by vendors without a local permit at farmers markets only.	Does not cover the sale of food products sampled; additional permit may be needed for sale.
<i>Cottage Food Registration</i>		Local health department	Registered cottage food operations, their employees, and their family members may sell allowed prepackaged and labeled foods direct to consumers.	Cannot sell prohibited items (or products with prohibited ingredients) under the cottage food regulations.
<i>Temporary Food Establishment</i>		Local health department	Allows sale or sampling of any packaged or ready-to-eat for a short duration, e.g., 1-14 days. Food must be prepared in compliance with the Illinois Food Code and prepared on-site at the market or event or at a licensed and inspected facility.	Does not cover long sales over periods of time, e.g., months.
<i>Food Establishment</i>		Local health department	Allows sales or sampling of packaged or ready-to-eat food (appropriate for risk category) prepared in compliance with the Illinois Food Code and prepared at the licensed and inspected facility (e.g., commercial kitchen).	Allowed activities depend on the risk category. Does not cover the sale of foods to other businesses (wholesale).
<i>Food Processing Plant</i>		IDPH or Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) IDOA regulates meat, poultry, and shell eggs. IDPH regulates all other human food and beverages.	Allows sales or distribution of food to other businesses entities, e.g., food processing plants or food establishments (restaurants/grocery stores).	Does not cover retail (direct to consumer) activities must have another permit from the local health department.