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Do you plan to sell your food directly to the consumer (retail) or to other entities, such as grocery stores or restaurants who then sell it (wholesale)?

Retail

Includes online sales

Are you producing this in your home or in a commercial space?

Home

Is the product a non-potentially hazardous baked good?

- Yes → See Home Kitchen Operation

  Local jurisdiction where you reside must have an ordinance allowing a Home Kitchen Operation Section 3.6

- No → Is the product an allowable food item under Cottage Food?

  Cottage Food Section 4

  - Yes → Allowable products can be sold at Farmers Markets or on farm if a registered Cottage Food Operator See Cottage Food requirements
  - No → Contact Local Health Department for a Permit

  List of local health departments

Commercial

Contact Local Health Department for a Permit

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Wholesale

What type of food product do you want to manufacture for wholesale?

Special products such as: juice, seafood, acidified or low acid canned food

Are you processing and packaging low-acid canned foods or acidified foods? If unknown, see table for classifying food products based on pH and water activity.

- Attend Better Process Control School
  - Acidified → Approved Recipes and Processes
  - Low Acid Canned foods → Register and submit processing info.for all products with FDA
- Juice → Refer to 21 CFR 120
- Seafood or fishery products → Refer to 21 CFR 123

Other food products

Dairy or Shellfish

Cultivation center producing cannabis-infused edibles

Meat or meat products

Contact IDOA

Register with Illinois Department of Public Health as a Wholesale and Manufacturing Processing Facility

Product labeling and advertising must follow federal requirements found here

Does your product cross state lines?

- Yes → Register with FDA
- No