

# Selling Meat In Illinois

## Information for Livestock Producers

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### Processor or Broker

- **Processor** is any person engaged in the business of preparing food from animals, including poultry, derived wholly or in part from livestock or poultry carcasses or parts or products of such carcasses.
- **Broker** is any person engaged in the business of buying, negotiating for purchase of, handling of, or selling of animal meat products in their original containers without changing the products in any way. A broker can not have any processing equipment in their licensed facility. A broker is able to sell wholesale. A Broker license is not required to sell retail meat products from an "approved source" to households, not business entities.

An "approved source" is the presence on the product of a state (in the shape of Illinois) or federal (circle) mark of inspection.



### Processor— Type 1 or Type 2

- **Type 1 License\*** permits establishments to receive live animals and/or meat products for slaughter and processing, under inspection by State of Illinois Dept. of Agriculture personnel. Properly labeled & inspected products are eligible for intrastate sale.



- \* For interstate sales, meat products must be USDA inspected in Type 1 establishment.

- **Type 2 License** permits establishments to receive live animals and/or meat products for slaughter and processing as a service only. Meat products produced in a Type 2 establishment are not produced under inspection and are not eligible for sale in commerce. However, a live animal can be sold to the consumer and then delivered to the Type 2 processor. Where the consumer pays the processor for



processing of the animal and picks up the finished product from the facility.



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## Obtaining a License:

- **Processor Licenses** (Type 1 or Type 2)  
The Application for License is available at the [Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, Meat & Poultry Inspection - Meat & Poultry License website](#) as well as all the required procedures necessary for obtaining a license besides completing the application. All this must be completed within one year of the date of application.
- **Meat and/or Poultry Broker License**  
The Application for Brokerage License form is available at the [Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, Meat & Poultry Inspection - Brokers website](#).



### Meat Packaging Tips

- Use clear plastic packaging - Consumers want to see your product.
- Use vacuum sealed packaging - It reduces dehydration or "Freezer Burn".
- Your product label should have contact information and logo - This leads to repeat sales.



### Illinois Poultry Raisers Exemption (225 ILCS 650/5)

- Consult with local State Meat Inspector
- The request for exemption must be submitted in writing to Illinois Dept. of Ag, Meat & Poultry Inspection.
- If granted, the exemption is good for two years for birds produced on your farm.
- Up to 5000 birds may be processed under granted exemption.
- The poultry marketed must be labeled as exempted from government inspection.
- Exempted poultry products sold or delivered to the consumer on the premise where exemption is given.
- Such slaughter or processing shall be performed in sanitary facilities, and subject to periodic inspection by Illinois Dept. of Agriculture personnel.

### Additional Information:

- [Illinois Meat and Poultry Inspection Act](#)
- [Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, Meat & Poultry Inspection](#)
- [University of Illinois Extension](#)
- [USDA, Food Safety & Inspection Service](#)
- [USDA,FSIS—Small Plants Resources](#)