

CALIFORNIA Food Safety Jurisdictions and Enforcement Authorities



Agency jurisdiction and responsibility for regulating food safety varies from state to state. While an agency may have jurisdiction over a facility or commodity, not all agencies issue licenses or routinely inspect every facility or commodity type. All of the State agencies which have jurisdiction to regulate food safety within the state are listed in the tables below, with their jurisdiction over a particular facility type or commodity denoted by the word “Authority” or “Split Authority” in the row of the facility or commodity type within their column.





MANUFACTURER/PROCESSOR

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Food Processor		Authority		
Food Repacked		Authority		
Food Salvager		Authority		
Bottled Water		Authority		
Ice		Authority		
Dietary Supplements		Authority		
Warehouse		Authority		
Food Banks		Authority		
Seafood		Authority		
Food Transport		Authority		
Beer/Wine		Authority		
Distilled Spirits		Authority		
COMMENTS:				





DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Grade-A Plant	Authority*			
Raw Milk	Authority*			
Cheese	Authority*			
Yogurt	Authority*			
Cream/Sour Cream	Authority*			
Butter	Authority*			
Ice Cream	Authority*			
Milk Pooling	Authority*			

COMMENTS:

* California Department of Public Health also has authority if adulterated or misbranded.





MEAT/POULTRY

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Meat	Authority			
Poultry	Authority			
Rabbit	Authority			
Other Non-Amenable Species	Authority			
Custom Slaughter	Authority			
Livestock Inspection	Authority			
Pet Food – Raw	Authority			
Pet Food – Processed		Authority		
Egg Inspection/Grading	Authority			
COMMENTS:				





ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority			
Medicated Feed	Authority			
BSE Inspections	Authority			
Rendering Plant	Authority			
Grain	Authority			
COMMENTS:				





RETAIL FOOD¹

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant				Authority
Food Service				Authority
Grocery Store				Authority
Market				Authority
Convenience Stores				Authority
Public/Private Schools				Authority
Correctional Facilities		Split Authority ²		Split Authority ³
Hospitals				Authority
Long-Term Care				Authority
Nursing Homes				Authority
Other Institutions				Authority
Vending Machines				Authority
Mobile Food Facilities				Authority
Caterers				Authority
Home Based Processors				Authority

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RETAIL FOOD¹ (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Temporary Food Facilities				Authority
Water Vending Machines		Authority		
Ice Vending Machines		Authority		
Farm Stands				Authority
Farmers Markets				Authority
Live Poultry Markets	Authority			
Food Pantry				Authority

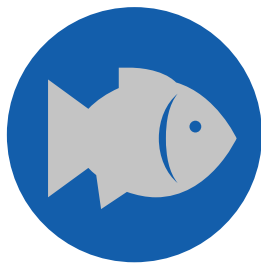
COMMENTS:

¹ California Department of Public Health has authority over all Retail Food, but does not actively inspect provided local agencies maintain an acceptable program.

² State prisons

³ Local jails

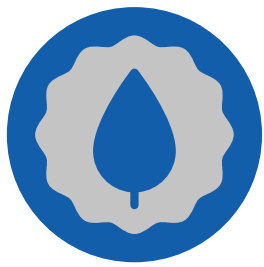




SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Shellfish Growing Areas		Authority		
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling		Authority		
Shellfish Depuration		Authority		
Shellfish Patrol		Split Authority	Split Authority	
Biotoxin Monitoring		Authority		
Aquaculture		Split Authority	Split Authority	
COMMENTS:				





ORGANIC FOODS

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production	Authority			
Organic Food Handling	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Organic Food Processing		Authority		
COMMENTS:				





PRODUCE

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Farms	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Packing Sheds	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Repackers	Split Authority	Split Authority		
Terminal Markets	Split Authority	Split Authority		

COMMENTS:
CDPH has authority over processed produce only.





ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Each state regulatory agency has enforcement authorities that are established through state laws, regulations, or administrative rules. These enforcement authorities enable the agency to perform their regulatory functions and ensure the safety of the food supply. Below are the authorities of each agency.

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
Embargo/Quarantine	Authority	Authority		Authority
Seizure	Authority	Authority	Authority	Authority
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority		
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority		Authority
Stop Sale Orders	Authority	Authority		
Health Advisories	Authority	Authority		Authority
Administrative Penalties	Authority	Authority		
Criminal Penalties	Authority	Authority	Authority	Authority
Civil Penalties	Authority	Authority	Authority	Authority
Injunction	Authority	Authority	Authority	Authority
Warning Letters	Authority	Authority		Authority

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	LOCAL AGENCIES
License Suspension	Authority	Authority		Authority
License Revocation	Authority	Authority		Authority
Hearings	Authority	Authority		Authority
Closure	Authority	Authority		Authority
Mandatory Recall	Authority			
Inspection Warrant	Authority	Authority		Authority
COMMENTS:				

