

# IOWA 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	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	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			*	
Distilled Spirits			*	

**COMMENTS:**

\* Alcoholic Beverages Division





# DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Grade-A Plant	Authority			
Raw Milk				
Cheese	Authority			
Yogurt	Authority			
Cream/Sour Cream	Authority			
Butter	Authority			
Ice Cream	Authority			
Milk Pooling	Authority			
<b>COMMENTS:</b>				





# MEAT/POULTRY

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Meat	Authority			
Poultry	Authority			
Rabbit			Authority	
Other Non-Amenable Species	Split Authority <sup>1</sup>		Split Authority <sup>1</sup>	
Custom Slaughter	Authority			
Livestock Inspection	Authority			
Pet Food – Raw	Authority			
Pet Food – Processed	Authority			
Egg Inspection/Grading	Split Authority <sup>2</sup>		Split Authority <sup>2</sup>	

**COMMENTS:**

<sup>1</sup> Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction over fallow deer. The Department of Inspections and Appeals has jurisdiction over everything else.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Inspections and Appeals has jurisdiction over breaker plants. The Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction over everything else.





# ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority			
Medicated Feed	Authority			
BSE Inspections	Authority			
Rendering Plant	Authority			
Grain	Authority			
<b>COMMENTS:</b>				





# RETAIL FOOD

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Food Service			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Grocery Store			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Market			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Convenience Stores			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Public/Private Schools			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Correctional Facilities			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Hospitals			Split Authority <sup>1</sup>	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Long-Term Care			Authority <sup>2</sup>	
Nursing Homes			Split Authority	Split Authority
Other Institutions			Authority	
Vending Machines			Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Mobile Food Facilities			Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Caterers			Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Home Based Processors			Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>

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# RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Temporary Food Facilities			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Water Vending Machines			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Ice Vending Machines			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Farm Stands			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Farmers Markets			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>
Live Poultry Markets				
Food Pantry			Split Authority	Split Authority <sup>3</sup>

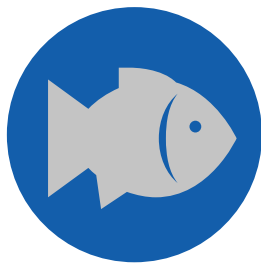
**COMMENTS:**

<sup>1</sup> Only public food service, not patient food service.

<sup>2</sup> Regulated by Health Facilities Division.

<sup>3</sup> Certain local agencies regulate these facilities under contract, including: ADLM Counties, Black Hawk County, Buena Vista County, Cerro Gordo County, Dubuque City, Johnson County, Jones County, Lee County, Linn County, Scott County, Siouxland District, and Washington County. Facilities in other local jurisdictions are regulated by Department of Inspections and Appeals.





# SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Shellfish Growing Areas				
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling				
Shellfish Depuration				
Shellfish Patrol				
Biotoxin Monitoring				
Aquaculture				
<b>COMMENTS:</b> No shellfish program.				







# ORGANIC FOODS

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production	Authority			
Organic Food Handling				
Organic Food Processing				
<b>COMMENTS:</b>				





# PRODUCE

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Farms	Authority			
Packing Sheds	Authority			
Repackers	Authority			
Terminal Markets	Authority			
<b>COMMENTS:</b> Contracted to Iowa State.				





# 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	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Embargo/Quarantine	Authority		Authority	Authority
Seizure	Authority			
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority		Authority	Authority
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority		Authority	Authority
Stop Sale Orders	Authority		Authority	Authority
Health Advisories	Authority		Authority	Authority
Administrative Penalties	Authority		Authority	Authority
Criminal Penalties				
Civil Penalties	Authority		Authority	Authority
Injunction	Authority		Authority	Authority
Warning Letters	Authority		Authority	Authority

**Enforcement Authority list continued on next page.**





# ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING	LOCAL AGENCIES
License Suspension	Authority		Authority	Authority
License Revocation	Authority		Authority	Authority
Hearings	Authority		Authority	Authority
Closure	Authority		Authority	Authority
Mandatory Recall	Authority		Authority	Authority
Inspection Warrant	Authority		Authority	Authority
<b>COMMENTS:</b>				

