NEBRASKA 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

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Authority		
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COMMENTS:

* Defer to FDA.





FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	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:			





MEAT/POULTRY

FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Meat	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Poultry	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Rabbit	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Other Non-Amenable Species	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Custom Slaughter	Authority		Split Authority*
Livestock Inspection	Authority		
Pet Food – Raw	Authority		
Pet Food – Processed	Authority		
Egg Inspection/Grading	Authority		

COMMENTS:

* Three jurisdictions only – Lincoln/Lancaster County, Douglas County, Central District Health.





FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority		
Medicated Feed	Authority		
BSE Inspections	Authority		
Rendering Plant	Authority		
Grain	Authority		

COMMENTS:





FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Food Service	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Grocery Store	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Market	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Convenience Stores	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Public/Private Schools		Authority	
Correctional Facilities	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Hospitals		Authority	
Long-Term Care		Authority	
Nursing Homes		Authority	
Other Institutions	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Vending Machines	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Mobile Food Facilities	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Caterers	Split Authority		Split Authority*

Retail Food list continued on next page.





RETAIL FOOD (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Home Based Processors	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Temporary Food Facilities	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Water Vending Machines	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Ice Vending Machines	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Farm Stands	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Farmers Markets	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Live Poultry Markets	Split Authority		Split Authority*
Food Pantry	Split Authority		Split Authority*

COMMENTS:



^{*} Three jurisdictions only – Lincoln/Lancaster County, Douglas County, Central District Health.



SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Shellfish Growing Areas	*	*	
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling			
Shellfish Depuration			
Shellfish Patrol			
Biotoxin Monitoring		Authority	
Aquaculture	Authority		

COMMENTS:

* No program.





FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production			
Organic Food Handling			
Organic Food Processing			

COMMENTS:

None.





FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Farms	Authority		
Packing Sheds	Authority		
Repackers	Authority		
Terminal Markets	Authority		

COMMENTS:





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	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Embargo/Quarantine	Authority		Authority*
Seizure	Authority		Authority*
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority		Authority*
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority		Authority*
Stop Sale Orders	Authority		Authority*
Health Advisories	Authority	Authority	Authority*
Administrative Penalties	Authority	Authority	Authority*
Criminal Penalties	Authority	Authority	Authority*
Civil Penalties	Authority	Authority	Authority*

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

FACILITY TYPE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Injunction	Authority	Authority	Authority*
Warning Letters	Authority	Authority	Authority*
License Suspension	Authority	Authority	Authority*
License Revocation	Authority	Authority	Authority*
Hearings	Authority	Authority	Authority*
Closure	Authority		Authority*
Mandatory Recall	Authority		Authority*
Inspection Warrant	Authority	Authority	Authority*

COMMENTS:

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