NEW HAMPSHIRE 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	NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS, & FOOD	NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	NEW HAMPSHIRE LIQUOR COMMISSION	NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	LOCAL AGENCIES
Food Processor		Split Authority			Split Authority*
Food Repacked		Split Authority			Split Authority*
Food Salvager					Authority*
Bottled Water		Authority			
Ice		Split Authority			Split Authority*
Dietary Supplements					
Warehouse		Authority			
Food Banks		Split Authority			Split Authority*
Seafood		Authority			
Food Transport		Authority			
Beer/Wine			Authority		
Distilled Spirits			Authority		

^{* 15} self inspecting cities and towns in NH. Some of these local agencies inspect facilities located in their jurisdiction: Bedford, Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Derry, Dover, Exeter, Keene, Manchester, Merrimack, Nashua, Plaistow, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Salem.





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Grade-A Plant		Authority			
Raw Milk		Authority			
Cheese		Authority			
Yogurt		Authority			
Cream/Sour Cream		Authority			
Butter		Authority			
Ice Cream		Authority			
Milk Pooling		Authority			





MEAT/POULTRY

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Meat			Authority		
Poultry			Authority		
Rabbit			Authority		
Other Non-Amenable Species			Authority		
Custom Slaughter					
Livestock Inspection	Authority				
Pet Food – Raw					
Pet Food – Processed					
Egg Inspection/Grading	Authority				





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Feed	Authority				
Medicated Feed	Authority				
BSE Inspections					
Rendering Plant					
Grain					





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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		Split Authority			Split Authority
Correctional Facilities		Split Authority			Split Authority
Hospitals		Split Authority			Split Authority
Long-Term Care		Split Authority			Split Authority
Nursing Homes		Split Authority			Split 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
Home Based Processors		Split Authority			Split Authority

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RETAIL FOOD (continued)

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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:

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SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

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Shellfish Growing Areas				Authority	
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling		Authority			
Shellfish Depuration		Authority			
Shellfish Patrol		Authority			
Biotoxin Monitoring				Authority	
Aquaculture		Authority			





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Organic Production	Authority				
Organic Food Handling	Authority				
Organic Food Processing	Authority				





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Farms	Authority				
Packing Sheds	Authority				
Repackers	Authority				
Terminal Markets	Authority				





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.

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Embargo/Quarantine		Authority			Authority
Seizure		Authority			Authority
Condemnation & Destruction		Authority			Authority
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction		Authority			Authority
Stop Sale Orders	Authority				
Health Advisories		Authority			Authority
Administrative Penalties	Authority				
Criminal Penalties					
Civil Penalties	Authority				

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

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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					



