

VERMONT 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	VERMONT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Food Processor		Authority				
Food Repacked		Authority				
Food Salvager		Authority				
Bottled Water			Authority			
Ice		Authority				
Dietary Supplements		*				
Warehouse		Authority				
Food Banks		Authority				
Seafood		Authority				
Food Transport		Authority				
Beer/Wine				Authority		
Distilled Spirits				Authority		

COMMENTS:
* Defers to FDA.





DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	VERMONT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING	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

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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	VERMONT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority					
Medicated Feed	Authority					
BSE Inspections	Authority					
Rendering Plant	Authority					
Grain	Authority					
COMMENTS:						





RETAIL FOOD

FACILITY TYPE	VERMONT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Restaurant		Authority				
Food Service		Authority				
Grocery Store	Split Authority ¹	Split Authority				
Market	Split Authority ¹	Split Authority				
Convenience Stores	Split Authority ¹	Split Authority				
Public/Private Schools		Authority				
Correctional Facilities		N ²				
Hospitals		Authority				
Long-Term Care					Authority	
Nursing Homes					Authority	
Other Institutions					Authority	
Vending Machines		Authority				
Mobile Food Facilities		Authority				

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RETAIL FOOD (continued)

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Caterers		Authority				
Home Based Processors		Authority				
Temporary Food Facilities		Authority				
Water Vending Machines		Authority				
Ice Vending Machines		Authority				
Farm Stands		Authority				
Farmers Markets	Split Authority ³	Split Authority				
Live Poultry Markets	Split Authority ⁴					
Food Pantry		Authority				

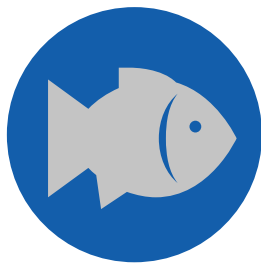
COMMENTS:

¹ Department of Agriculture covers retail meat processing, dairy surveillance, and weights/measures.

² Third party.

³ Department of Agriculture verifies vendors have required licenses and scale registration.

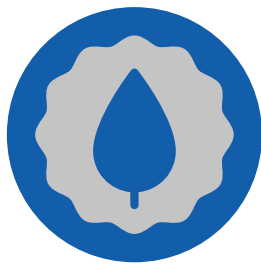
⁴ No inventory.



SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	VERMONT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Shellfish Growing Areas						
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling		Authority*				
Shellfish Depuration						
Shellfish Patrol						
Biotoxin Monitoring						
Aquaculture						
COMMENTS:						
* Shippers and Re-shippers.						





ORGANIC FOODS

FACILITY TYPE	VERMONT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production						
Organic Food Handling						
Organic Food Processing						
COMMENTS: None						





PRODUCE

FACILITY TYPE	VERMONT AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND MARKETS	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL	VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING	LOCAL AGENCIES
Farms	Authority					
Packing Sheds	Authority					
Repackers	Authority					
Terminal Markets	Authority*					

COMMENTS:
* No inventory.





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					
Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority				
Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction	Authority	Authority				
Stop Sale Orders	Authority					
Health Advisories		Authority				
Administrative Penalties	Authority	Authority				
Criminal Penalties	Authority	Authority				
Civil Penalties	Authority	Authority				
Injunction		Authority				

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Warning Letters	Authority	Authority				
License Suspension	Authority	Authority				
License Revocation	Authority	Authority				
Hearings	Authority	Authority				
Closure	Authority	Authority				
Mandatory Recall	Authority					
Inspection Warrant		Authority				

COMMENTS:

* Health has embargo authority but does not have quarantine authority.

