

Dairy and Meat Inspection Division 651-201-6300

REGISTRATION FOR PROCESSING WILD GAME IN MINNESOTA

Processing hunter-harvested wild game in Minnesota is considered custom exempt meat processing and regulated under Minnesota law. Most custom exempt processors need a food handler’s license and custom processing permit to operate in Minnesota, but some individuals who only process wild game animals may be exempt from this requirement, provided they meet all criteria described in [Minnesota Statutes Chapter 28A.153](#). These individuals are encouraged to register with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) as license-exempt wild game processors. Registration is voluntary and not required by law.

Privacy Notice: Please be aware that information submitted with this form, including your name and contact information, is classified as public data under Minnesota law. The MDA is generally required by law to provide public data to anyone who requests it in accordance with the requirements of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13](#).

Name of Applicant			
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Establishment Address (if different from Mailing Address)	City	State	Zip
Phone	Email		
Name of person or business to be listed on certificate (if different from Name of Applicants)			

Acknowledgment of Expectations

I understand that in order to be eligible for this exemption I must satisfy all the requirements below (check each item to indicate you have read and agree to the statement):

- I may not operate any other meat, poultry, or food business subject to licensing in Minnesota.
- My processing activities are limited to cutting, grinding, and packaging raw wild game products with no added ingredients.
- I may not sell or donate any wild game products, and all product packages must be labeled, “Not for Sale.”
- I will process no more than 200 deer each year or have \$20,000 or less in receipts each year, whichever is greater. It is my responsibility to keep records of my processing activities.
- I will notify the MDA of any change in my business that may affect my license-exempt status.

How would you like to receive your certificate of registration? *Select one option*

- Electronic copy, sent to the email address I provided on this form
- Hard copy, sent to the mailing address I provided on this form

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Submit your completed registration form by email to MDA.MeatPoultryEgg@state.mn.us OR mail to:

Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Attention: Meat, Poultry, and Egg Inspection
625 Robert Street North
Saint Paul, MN 55155-2538

MDA Use Only

Date Received _____

Signature of Area Supervisor (Date) _____

Processor Number: 7 ____