Update on New Poultry Rules
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Limited Poultry and Egg Farm Operations

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History of Small Farm rule development:

• 2010 Legislation
• Small Farm Task Force
• Public Workshops/Hearings
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Current status of rule:

• **DRAFT** pending adoption
• Notice of Change
• Rule Certification
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Objective –
provide regulatory and economic relief to small farmers
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Definition:
A farm based food establishment which directly produces and offers dressed poultry or whole shell eggs for sale.
Definition continued:
No additional processing or food preparation of such poultry or shell eggs is allowed under this permit category.
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Definition continued:
For purposes of this rule, “farm” has the same meaning as provided in FL law, s. 823.14, FS.
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Florida Right to Farm Act:

“Farm” means the land, buildings, support facilities, machinery, and other appurtenances used in the production of farm or aquaculture products.
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Operation limited to:

- Dressed poultry and shell egg products only
- Poultry = chicken, turkey, duck, goose, guinea
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Adoption of Federal Codes and guidance documents by reference

USDA FSIS

Code of Federal Regulations
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USDA Guidance Document

Guidance for Determining Whether a Poultry Slaughter or Processing Operation is Exempt from Inspection Requirements of the Poultry Products Inspection Act

United States Department of Agriculture
Food Safety and Inspection Service
Inspection & Enforcement Initiatives Staff
Revision 1, April 2006
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Poultry Producer / Grower – 20,000 Limit Exemption

• Criteria - 8 requirements
• Exemption notes
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Poultry producers =

- no more than 20,000 birds each calendar year.
- less than 100 pounds of dressed poultry sold in any given week.
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Shell egg producers =

• no more than 1,000 laying hens per calendar year.
• less than 30 dozen eggs sold in any given week.
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Products offered for sale at:

• Permitted farm location
• Roadside stands
• Farmer’s Markets
• Similar open-air type markets
• Direct delivery
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Products sold in Florida only

NO interstate commerce!
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No internet sales
No mail order sales
No wholesale sales
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Orders placed by internet –

• picked up at farm,
• farmers market,
• roadside stand
• direct delivery.
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Product sales / deliveries by:

• Permitted operator
• Direct family member
• Employee of operation
• Other permitted operator

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Annual Food Establishment Permit: $100
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Permit requirements =

Opening visit – info/permit only

No minimum building standards

No certified food manager
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Permit requirements =

Complaint-based inspections

Enforcement

No dealers-brokers-distributers
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FDACS Guidance Document:

- Requirements
- Web links
- Fast Facts
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http://www.freshfromflorida.com/fs/

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A link trail to access this document is as follows:
www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/home > Topics > Regulatory Compliance > Compliance Guides Index > Slaughter Inspection > “USDA Guidance for Determining Whether a Poultry Slaughter or Processing Operation is Exempt from Inspection Requirements of the Poultry Products Inspection Act”.

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/0c410cbe-9f0c-4981-86a3-a0e3e3229959/Poultry_Slaughter_Exemption_0406.pdf?MOD=AJPERES

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