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Small Farms Legislation

2010 Legislation

- Implementing language of HB 5001
- FL Food Safety and Food Defense Advisory Council
- Small Farm Task Force
Small Farms Task Force

- Public meetings
- Draft report
- Commissioner review
- Final report
Small Farms Report

- Submitted to Senate President and Speaker of the House
- Department status
Definition of Small Farm

Size vs. Sales vs. Activities
Small Farm Activities

- Whole shell eggs
- Whole or processed poultry
- Honey
- Cottage Foods
Small Farm Activities

- Direct Sales Only
  - Farm location
    - Roadside stand
    - Farmer’s market
Small Farm Activities

Eggs and Poultry

Meet USDA / FDA Standards

Direct sales only
Small Farm Activities

Honey Processing

- Small Farm vs. Cottage Foods
- Hobbyist exemption
- Direct sales only
Small Farm Regulation

Permit vs. Registration

Level of Risk
Small Farm Regulation

Permit category example:
Direct Sale Farm Operation = $50
Direct Sale Farm Operation ($50) + Activity ($25) = $75
Direct Sale Farm Operation ($50) + Activity ($25) + Activity ($25) = $100
Small Farm Regulation

Permit requirements = Meet FDA / USDA requirements
Statement of Compliance
No minimum construction stds.
Labeling requirements
Small Farm Regulation

Permit requirements =
Complaint-based inspections
Opening visit – info / permit only
Training – resource issue
Enforcement
Cottage Foods Requirements

- 2011 Legislation - HB 7209
- Exempt from FDACS permit
- $15,000 gross sales limit
- Written documentation of sales
Cottage Foods Requirements

Direct sales only:
Cottage Food Operation (home)
Roadside stands
Farmer’s markets
Cottage Foods Requirements

Direct sales only:

- No internet sales
- No mail order sales
- No wholesale sales
Cottage Foods Requirements

- Must meet all other local, federal, state requirements regulating cottage food operations
- Complaint-based inspections only
- Enforcement for non-compliance
Non-Potentially Hazardous Foods Only

- Breads, cakes, fruit pies, cookies, pastries, jams, jellies, candies, confections, cereals, granola, dried fruits, nuts, pasta, ….
Cottage Foods Requirements

Foods **NOT** allowed include:
Canned fruits, vegetables, salsas, fresh or dried meats (jerky), fish or shellfish products, any canned pickled products, milk and dairy products (cheeses), any bakery product with cream icing or filling, BBQ sauces, ketchup, mustard, cut fruit or juices….
Cottage Foods Requirements

Labeling requirements:

“Made in a cottage food operation that is not subject to Florida’s food safety regulations.”
Cottage Foods Requirements

- **Labeling requirements:**
  - Name/Address of cottage operator
  - Name of cottage food product
  - Weight / Volume
  - Allergen information
  - Nutritional claims
  - Ingredients list, descending order
Cottage Foods Requirements

MADE IN A COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO FLORIDA'S FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS

Chocolate Chip Cookie

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Ingredients: Enriched flour (Wheat flour, niacin, reduced iron, thiamine, mononitrate, riboflavin and folic acid), butter (milk, salt), chocolate chips (sugar, chocolate liquor, cocoa butter, butterfat (milk), Soy lecithin as an emulsifier), walnuts, sugar, eggs, salt, artificial vanilla extract, baking soda.

Contains: wheat, eggs, milk, soy, walnuts

Net Wt. 3 oz
Cottage Foods Requirements

- Guidance document available as:
  - Handout
- Located on FDACS Food Safety website:
  www.FreshFromFlorida.com/fs/
Food Safety Rule Development

- Small Farm / Cottage Food Rules:
  - Currently under development
  - Continued negotiation with interested parties
  - Public workshops will be advertised
FDACS Food Safety


Site for FDACS public meeting notices
FDACS Food Safety


Cottage Food Legislation in Ch. 2011-205, LOF
FDACS Food Safety

http://www.freshfromflorida.com/fs/

Food Safety home page
Cottage Food Guidance Brochure
FDACS Food Safety

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THANK YOU!

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