

PENNSYLVANIA 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	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	LOCAL AGENCIES
Food Processor	Authority					
Food Repacked	Authority					
Food Salvager	Authority					
Bottled Water	Split Authority		Split Authority			
Ice	Authority					
Dietary Supplements	*					
Warehouse	Authority					
Food Banks	Authority					
Seafood	Authority					
Food Transport	Authority					
Beer/Wine	Split Authority			Split Authority		
Distilled Spirits	Split Authority			Split Authority		

COMMENTS:
* Defers to FDA.





DAIRY

FACILITY TYPE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	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	*					
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					
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ANIMAL FEED

FACILITY TYPE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	LOCAL AGENCIES
Feed	Authority					
Medicated Feed	Authority					
BSE Inspections	Authority					
Rendering Plant	Authority					
Grain	Authority					
COMMENTS:						





RETAIL FOOD

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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					Authority	
Hospitals		Authority				
Long-Term Care		Authority				
Nursing Homes		Authority				
Other Institutions						
Vending Machines						
Mobile Food Facilities	Split Authorities					Split Authorities

Retail Food list continued on next page.

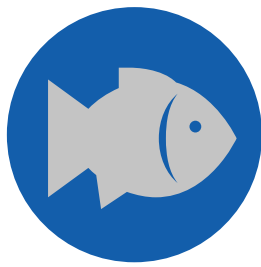


RETAIL FOOD (continued)

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

COMMENTS:

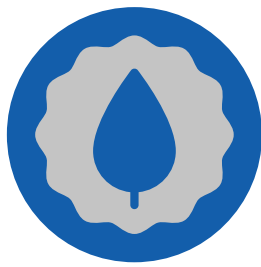
The State Department of Agriculture delegates inspection authority to local agencies for approximately 55% of retail food establishments statewide.



SHELLFISH/AQUACULTURE

FACILITY TYPE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	LOCAL AGENCIES
Shellfish Growing Areas	Authority					
Shellfish Post Harvest Handling	Authority					
Shellfish Depuration	Authority					
Shellfish Patrol	Authority					
Biotoxin Monitoring	Authority					
Aquaculture	Authority					
COMMENTS:						





ORGANIC FOODS

FACILITY TYPE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	LOCAL AGENCIES
Organic Production	N*					
Organic Food Handling						
Organic Food Processing						

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PRODUCE

FACILITY TYPE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	LOCAL AGENCIES
Farms	Authority					
Packing Sheds	Authority					
Repackers	Authority					
Terminal Markets	Authority					
COMMENTS:						





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

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ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY (continued)

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

