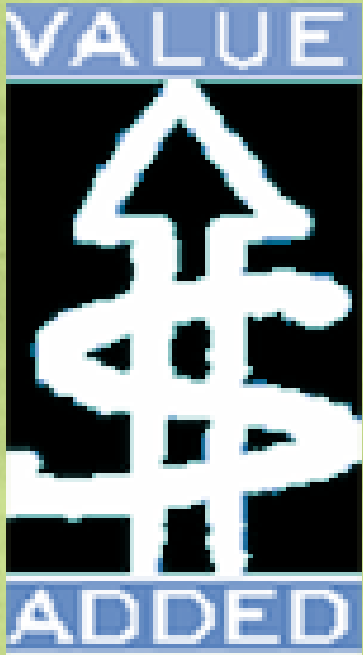


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Overview



- Defining Terms
- Processing Plant Options
 - USDA Inspected
 - Exemptions

Defining Terms

- Poultry
- Poultry Products Inspection Act
- Interstate and intrastate commerce
- Code of Federal Regulations, i.e., 9 CFR 416--Sanitation
- HACCP
- 2014 Tennessee legislation
- Exemptions

Processing Options Available to Independent Tennessee Poultry Producers

- Process at plant operating under USDA-FSIS grant of inspection
 - 1 plant in Tennessee
 - Niko and Co. in Walling
 - 1 plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky
 - SS Enterprises
 - 1 plant in Garrard County, Kentucky
 - Marksbury Farm Market
 - 1 plant in McDowell County, North Carolina
 - Foothills Pilot Plant
- Process on-farm
 - USDA-FSIS grant of inspection
 - USDA exemption



Processing Under USDA-FSIS Grant of Inspection

- Bird-by-bird inspection by a federal inspector
- Poultry bears mark of inspection
- Poultry can be marketed across state lines
- Communicate your interest in processing under grant of inspection to USDA as early as possible. They can help by explaining the building and equipment specifications that are required .

Exemptions—a farm can only process under 1 exemption per year

- **Producer/Grower 1,000 Bird Limit**
 - Producer can harvest and process up to 1,000 birds raised by producer
 - Sales are allowed to any customer, institution or retail store within TN
- **Producer/Grower 20,000 Bird Limit**
 - Producer can harvest and process up to 20,000 birds raised by producer
 - Sales are allowed to any customer, institution or retail store within TN
- **Producer/Grower or Other Person 20,000 Bird Limit**
 - Can harvest and process up to 20,000 birds raised by producer or purchased live from a grower
 - Sales are only allowed within state of Tennessee
 - Sales are not allowed to institutions or retail stores

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