

Approved Source

No foods should be stored or prepared at home and sold in a retail food establishment.

Meat

- Meat must come from a **USDA** or **Colorado Department of Agriculture** inspected facility.
 - Custom processed meat is not allowed.



Cottage Foods

- Cottage foods must be labeled.
- Cottage foods may only be sold directly to the customer, not a restaurant.
 - Therefore, cottage foods are not an approved source for a retail food establishment.



Exceptions



- Produce from the farmer's market or gardens may be used in a licensed establishment.
 - Whole, unprocessed produce has a lower risk of causing foodborne illness.
- Prewashed, ready-to-use or processed produce must come from an approved source.
 - Example: Salsa.



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