Beginning Farmer Food Licensing Guide

A guide to food licensing for beginning farmers who sell food products. It helps farmers identify agencies and permits to ask about before selling. Fill it out in pencil so it is easy to update.

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1. List the foods you plan to sell
2. Contact the state agriculture department
3. Contact the local health department
4. Ask about licenses and permits
5. Ask about inspections
6. Ask about labeling rules
7. Ask about sales venue rules
8. Keep copies of approvals

YOUR NOTES

TIP Call your state agriculture department first, since food licensing rules differ by product and place.

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