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## New USDA Meat and Poultry Processing Grants Available

The US Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Marketing Service is requesting applications for the fiscal year 2023 Local Meat Capacity Grants (Local MCap - [www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/localmcap](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/localmcap)) and the Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grants (IAG - [www.usda.gov/iag](http://www.usda.gov/iag)). The Local MCap program will provide funds for independently owned meat and poultry processing businesses to expand their processing capacity or to purchase equipment. The IAG is designed to support the priorities of tribal nations in meeting the needs of traditional harvesting methods and indigenous animals. Applications for both grants are due July 19, 2023.

- Local Meat Capacity Grant Program Request for Applications: [www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/2023\\_LMCG\\_RFA.pdf](http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/2023_LMCG_RFA.pdf)
- Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program Request for Applications: [www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/iag-rfa.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/iag-rfa.pdf)

If you are interested in one of these grants and looking for guidance applying, you can request free assistance through the USDA's Meat and Poultry Processing Capacity-Technical Assistance Program. Learn more online at [www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/mppta](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/mppta).



## University of Minnesota Summer HACCP Workshop

Mark your calendars! The University of Minnesota Meat Science Laboratory will host a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), Sanitation and Auditing Workshop July 18 and 19, 2023. Topics covered in the training will include food safety issues and their impact on industry, labeling and allergen considerations, a full introduction to HACCP, and more. Watch for registration information in upcoming newsletters.

# Retail Exemptions Adjusted Dollar Limitations

Docket No. FSIS-2023-0007

April 4, 2023

The Food Safety and Inspection Service released the dollar limitations on the amount of meat, poultry, and meat and poultry food products that a retail store can sell to hotels, restaurants, and similar institutions (HRI) without disqualifying itself for exemption from inspection requirements.

Effective May 8, 2023, the value for the dollar limitations on sales to hotels, restaurants, and institutions increased to \$98,900 for meat and meat food products and increased to \$72,000 for poultry and poultry products for the calendar year 2023.

View the Rule Docket online at [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-04-06/pdf/2023-07098.pdf](http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-04-06/pdf/2023-07098.pdf).



## License Renewal Reminders

It's that time of year! If your license is up for renewal this year, please keep in mind that renewals must be postmarked by the last day of the expiring license period to avoid incurring a late penalty fee. For questions about your license status, please contact [dmid.licensing.mda@state.mn.us](mailto:dmid.licensing.mda@state.mn.us).

## Meat Inspector Calendar – No Inspection Dates

May 29 – Memorial Day

November 10 – Veterans Day

June 19 – Juneteenth

November 23-24 – Thanksgiving holiday

July 4 – Independence Day

December 25 – Christmas Day

September 4 – Labor Day

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