



Direct Marketing Livestock



Do you want to sell pork or beef for slaughter or meat products directly to consumers?

Y

Will you sell the live animal or cuts of meat?

N

A producer may slaughter and process livestock for personal consumption on owner property or take to a processor.



No license required to sell a live animal (whole, 1/2, or 1/4) to one or more buyers. The buyer can slaughter and process the animal on their property or have a locker process the animal. Upon delivery to the locker, the animal needs to be processed under the buyer's name.

To sell cuts of meat directly to consumers or businesses:

1. The animal must be slaughtered and processed at a facility under inspection by the state or federal Department of Agriculture. **1** AND
2. To transport, store and sell meat products, there are additional licensing and proper labeling requirements. **2** I.e. warehouse license, farmers market license **3**

RESOURCES

- 1** [IDALS Meat and Poultry Facilities List](#)
 - 2** [IDALS Slaughter, Processing, and Labeling Information](#)
- For specific questions, contact: [Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship \(IDALS\) Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau](#), (515) 281- 3338, meatandpoultry@iowaagriculture.gov
- 3** For specific questions on licenses, contact: [Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals](#), (515) 281-6538

*This chart applies to pork and beef only. All other species including exotic have other considerations.