

Local Health Department Licensing:

Mobile Licenses: Operated from a movable vehicle or other portable structure that routinely changes location. Mobile licenses are good for 1 year (3/1-2/28) and can be used anywhere in the State of Ohio.

- **Mobile Retail Food Establishment License:** A unit where food is processed, prepared, manufactured or otherwise held or handled for retail sale in bulk quantities.

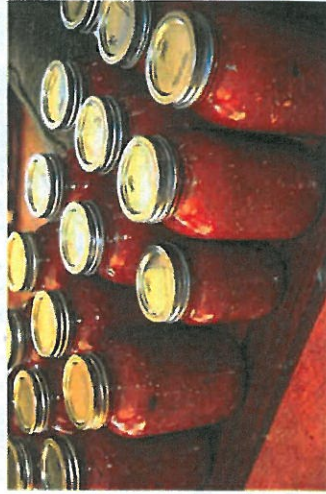
- **Mobile Food Service Operation License:** A unit where food is prepared and/or served in individual portions. Mobile FSO's must have a permanent, plumbed hand sink, 3 bowl sink, hot water, and many other requirements.

Temporary License: A food service operation or retail food establishment that is operated for not more than 5 consecutive days. Temporary licenses are limited to 10 per year, per location. Temporary FSO's must have a means of washing hands, 3 tubs set up for utensil washing, and the means to keep food within temperature requirements.

For questions regarding licensing, please contact the Environmental Health division of Hamilton County Public Health at (513) 946-7800.

Food Sources: Any prepared or packaged food must come from an approved source. Home production of food must be limited to cottage foods and baked goods coming from an ODA licensed Home Bakery.

Food items such as BBQ sauce, pasta sauce, dressings, salsas, herb-oils, etc. must be prepared in a licensed facility. If a food label does not indicate it was manufactured in a licensed facility, the food item may not be sold.



FARMERS' MARKETS



A Farmers' Market offers a location for several local vendors to sell their food and goods to the public. Some vendors may require licensure from the local health department based on the foods offered for sale.



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FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

Hamilton County Public Health offers a bi-monthly food safety training class. Classes occur on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. and the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The cost of these courses is \$20 per person. Call (513) 946-7800 for more information or to register for classes.

Oversight: The farmers' market itself is not subject to inspection or licensure by any agency. However, the vendors may be subject to licensure based on the foods offered for sale.

The organizer of the farmers' market does have to register the farmers' market with the Ohio Department of Agriculture if cottage foods are to be sold.



What food vendors must obtain licensure from the local health department? Those selling any foods not listed in the exempt list including (but not limited to):

- Eggs
- Milk
- Meats
- Cheese
- Coffee
- Ice Cream
- Cut Melons
- Cheesecake
- Fresh Salsa
- Fresh Popcorn
- Waffles/Crepes
- Any food being prepared onsite
- Any food being handled without being pre-packaged
- Any food requiring refrigeration

Example Cottage Food Label:

Grandma's Granola

Ingredients: Oats, coconut, honey, dried apricots, raisins, almonds, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, wheat germ, oil.

This Product is Home Produced

This product contains: almonds, wheat

Grandma's Goodies

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NET WT. 10 oz.



Labeling: All packaged foods must be properly labeled. Labeling requirements can be found in ORC 3715.023 and 21CFR Part 101. Labels must include the following:

- Name and address of the producer.
- The name of the food product.
- All ingredients of the food product, in descending order by predominance of weight unless the food item is a single-ingredient food.
- The net weight or net volume of the food product.
- Nutritional claims (low fat, low sodium, etc.) must meet federal labeling requirements.
- Allergen labeling must be followed as specified in federal labeling requirements.

What food vendors are exempt from licensure? Those selling only:

- Fresh, unprocessed fruits or vegetables
- Maple syrup, sorghum, or honey (properly labeled)
- Cottage foods
- Commercially packaged non-TCS foods in displays that are smaller than 100 cubic feet.