

MDA (Michigan Department of Agriculture) / MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development) Food Establishment License

- To sell USDA inspected meat stored in your facility
 - Most often frozen
 - Individual pieces, bundles, quarters, or halves
- \$186 fee annually
 - Retail food establishment
 - Food warehouse
 - If submitted after January 15th, good through April of following year
 - Form:
 - <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/-/media/Project/Websites/mdard/documents/food-dairy/food-establishments/Retail-Extended-Warehouse-Commissary-Temp-Application.pdf>
- Which license to obtain?
 - <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/licensing/food/foodeat/food-establishment-licensing-details-faq-and-step-by-step-guide>
 - Contact local inspector: 1-800-292-3939
- Site inspection
 - Needs to be separate from living quarters
 - Overall area inspection and ask questions to “person in charge”
 - System for temperature checks and monitoring
 - Observe for cross contamination
 - Not stored in area where other hazardous materials are stored (ie: fuel cans)

Farmer’s Markets in Michigan

- Must be USDA inspected, inspection stamp and proper labeling present on packaging
- Meat from own farmer’s animals
- Frozen or refrigerated and those conditions must be maintained while at the market
- MDA Food Establishment License required
 - Can be same license as Food Warehouse as long as meat sold at farmer’s market is from your own animal
 - If it is not meat from your own animal, you need to have a storage license (warehouse) AND a license for each farmer’s market
 - <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/farmersmarket/farmers-market-faq>