
Directory of Custom Poultry Processors in Minnesota

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Clarification of Inspection Status

Custom processor - Plants with "Custom Processing" or "Custom Exempt" status DO NOT have on-site inspection of the birds as they are processed. The processed birds can only go back to the owner for home consumption. It is NOT possible to sell the processed birds at farmers markets, restaurants, groceries, etc.

State Equal to (E2) - Plants with E2 status DO have on-site state inspection of the birds as they are processed. They are labeled with the 'Minnesota Inspected and Passed' state seal of inspection. The processed birds can be sold anywhere in the state. It IS possible to sell the processed birds at farmers markets (if you have a Food Handlers License), restaurants, grocery stores, etc. within the state. In addition, the processor can help with the marketing of the processed birds. It is NOT possible, however, to transport the processed birds across the state line for sale.

Federal - Plants with Federal status have on-site USDA inspection of the birds as they are processed. They are labeled with the USDA seal of inspection. The processed birds CAN be sold anywhere in the United States, meaning they can cross state lines for marketing.

Home Processing Exemption

<1,000 birds per year: A farmer can grow and home process less than 1,000 birds and sell to the ultimate consumer. That is, they can't sell to a retailer for re-sale to consumers. They CANNOT, therefore, sell at farmers markets.

>1,000 but <20,000 birds per year: A farmer can grow and home process up to 20,000 birds per year but require periodic inspection of the facility for sanitary conditions. Only the site is inspected; the birds are not inspected during processing. There are minimum requirements for the facility (contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for more information). The processed birds can be sold to the ultimate consumer only.

Becker County

Lakes Processing

Address: Hwy 59 N, 18776 **Phone:** (218) 847-5403
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Inspections: Custom exempt. **Certified Organic:** No

Species Processed: All types of poultry.

Other notes: Can handle approximately 1200-1500 birds per week, depending upon the species with no minimum on orders. Birds are vacuum-sealed and are available fresh or frozen. Marinating and smoking services are available (new smoker installed). **Processes poultry from April until mid-September** (open Monday thru Saturday).

Goodhue County

Kenyon Meats

Address: 116 Spring Street **Phone:** (507) 789-5417
Kenyon, MN 55946

Inspections: Custom exempt with State - E2 one day per week. **Certified Organic:** No

Species Processed: Primarily process broilers, but can handle most poultry species.

Other Notes: Can handle approximately 800 birds per day with a minimum order of 50 required. Birds are available bagged, fresh or sharp frozen. Cut-up and smoking services are available. **Seasonal, mid-May to November.**

Grant County

TFC Poultry

Contact Name: Darrin or Trent Froemming **Phone:** (320) 857-2261

Address: 103 Melby Avenue **Certified Organic:** In process
Ashby, MN 56309

Inspections: Now USDA certified. An inspector is on-site on all processing days and most non-processing days. In the process of obtaining organic certification for processing.

Species Processed: All poultry and waterfowl birds.

Other Notes: Can handle approximately 2000 birds per day with no minimum or maximum order required. All birds are vacuum sealed and frozen unless requested fresh. Custom cuts, packaging, and smoking services are available. Caters to the private and commercial industry. **Year-round processing.**

Martin County

Olson Locker Inc.

Address: 917 Winnebago Avenue
Fairmont, MN 56031 **Phone:** (507) 238-2563

Inspections: State inspected - E2 upon demand. **Certified Organic:** No

Species Processed: Broilers, turkeys and pheasants.

Other Notes: Can handle up to 650 birds per day, depending upon the species, with a minimum coinciding with that specified for state inspection. Packaging (fresh or sharp frozen, bagged or non-bagged) is based on customer request. Cut-up services are available. **Seasonal only.**

Morrison County

Sobania Poultry Farms

Address: Route 6, Box 289
Little Falls, MN 56345 **Phone:** (320) 632-3030

Inspections: Custom exempt. **Certified Organic:** No

Species Processed: Chickens, waterfowl, turkeys and pheasants.

Other Notes: Can process approximately 300 birds per day with a minimum order of 200. Birds are vacuum-sealed or packaged in poly bags.

Renville County

Hector Meat Processors

Address: PO Box 627
Hector, MN 55342 **Phone:** (320) 848-2622

Inspections: Custom exempt with State - E2 one day per week. **Certified Organic:** In process

Species Processed: Chickens

Other Notes: Can process a maximum of 1400 birds with a minimum of 50 birds per order. Birds are packaged in Cryovac shrink bags. Whole or halved birds are available. **Seasonal processing only.**

Rice County

Dennison Meat Locker

Address: 109 Farm Road
Dennison, MN 55018 **Phone:** (507) 645-8734

Inspections: Custom exempt. **Certified Organic:** No

Species Processed: Chickens and turkeys (including wild turkeys). Will process ducks and geese at an additional cost.

Other Notes: Can handle approximately 1250 birds per day, depending upon the species with no minimum on orders. The customer may choose from fresh, bagged and fresh, or bagged and frozen. Cut-up and smoking services are available. **Currently open seasonally only, Mondays, April thru October, and the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving** (during this time, poultry is processed Monday thru Saturday).

Stevens County

Hancock Quality Meats

Address: 966 Sixth Street
Hancock, MN 56244 **Phone:** (320) 392-3143

Inspections: State - E2 one day per week. **Certified Organic:** No

Species Processed: Ostrich, wild game.

Other Notes: Packaging is customer choice. Birds can be vacuum-sealed. Meat grinding and value-added services, such as jerky and snack sticks, are available. Open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

If you would like us to include your custom poultry processing business in this directory, please send information about your company via email to bjrae@umn.edu or by mail to: Attn: Bonnie Rae
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Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Business Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Certified Organic: _____

Inspections: _____

Species Processed: _____

Other Notes: _____

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