

# FARM AND RANCH RULES & REGULATIONS CHECKLIST

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## Business

- \_\_\_ Fictitious Business Name: File with the county and newspaper <https://www.sba.gov/content/register-your-fictitious-or-doing-business-dba-name>
- \_\_\_ Liability Insurance: a critical component to protecting your farm; need farm liability, product liability may be required by Certified Farmers Markets, buyers or others involved in marketing
- \_\_\_ IRS Employer Identification Number EIN, Tax ID Number: [http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Apply-for-an-Employer-Identification-Number-\(EIN\)-Online](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Apply-for-an-Employer-Identification-Number-(EIN)-Online)
- \_\_\_ Business License: Refer to state or city laws. Needed for Christmas tree sales. <https://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/starting-managing-business>
- \_\_\_ CalGOLD Search: Search your location for specific regulations. More permits are needed inside city limits, so make sure and use the filter on the right hand side of the page <http://www.calgold.ca.gov/>

## Employees

- \_\_\_ Employment Development Department EDD Number: <https://eddservices.edd.ca.gov/index.html>
- \_\_\_ Workers Compensation Insurance: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/>
- \_\_\_ Payroll Taxes: <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Employment-Taxes-2>
- \_\_\_ OSHA Posters: Farm Safety <https://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.athruz?pType=Industry&pID=81>
- \_\_\_ California Department of Industrial Relations Workplace postings: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/wpnodeb.html>

## Production: Livestock

- \_\_\_ USDA inspected slaughter: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/downloads/slaughter\\_list.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/downloads/slaughter_list.pdf)
- \_\_\_ Transportation across state lines: requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), and many species require an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit. [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/Entry\\_Requirements.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Entry_Requirements.html)
- \_\_\_ Milk and milk products: [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Milk\\_and\\_Dairy\\_Food\\_Safety/index.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Milk_and_Dairy_Food_Safety/index.html)
- \_\_\_ Beef Check off: producer-funded marketing and research program designed to increase domestic and/or international demand for beef. [https://www.beefboard.org/about/faq\\_aboutcheckoff.asp](https://www.beefboard.org/about/faq_aboutcheckoff.asp)

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\_\_\_ Organic Livestock: Comply with National Organic Program and certify , production practices, and slaughter through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop>

\_\_\_ Brand Inspection [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Livestock\\_ID/index.html#Inspection](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Livestock_ID/index.html#Inspection)

\_\_\_ Scrapie Ear Tag: for sheep and goats [https://www.sheepusa.org/IssuesPrograms\\_AnimalHealth\\_Scrapie](https://www.sheepusa.org/IssuesPrograms_AnimalHealth_Scrapie)

\_\_\_ Sales by weight must use a certified scale, certified by your County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures

### **Bees**

\_\_\_ California requires all beekeepers to register their apiaries with the County Agricultural Commissioner where the apiaries are located.

### **Poultry**

\_\_\_ 1,000 Bird Poultry Processing Exemption in Nevada County <http://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/cda/agcomm/Pages/Poultry-Resources.aspx>

\_\_\_ 20,000 bird Federal exemption <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title9-vol2/pdf/CFR-2012-title9-vol2-sec381-10.pdf>

\_\_\_ Label requirements: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Labeling\\_Requirements\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/shared/PDF/Labeling_Requirements_Guide.pdf)

\_\_\_ Mobile processing unit through Nevada County Grown <http://nevadacountygrown.org/poultry-trailer/>

\_\_\_ Proper processing and storage: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/Documents/fdbRFC.pdf>

\_\_\_ USDA inspected slaughter and processing [http://ucanr.edu/sites/placernevadasmallfarms/Livestock/Niche\\_Meat\\_and\\_Processing/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/placernevadasmallfarms/Livestock/Niche_Meat_and_Processing/)

### **Eggs**

\_\_\_ CDFA Egg Handler's Registration: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/MPES/pdfs/EggHandlersRegistrationApplication.pdf>

\_\_\_ Requirements for egg handlers include: labeling, quality, refrigeration and defects.

## **Production: Crops**

### **Food Safety**

\_\_\_ Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) regulations <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/>

\_\_\_ California Small Farm Food Safety Guidelines: CSA and Producer's Certificate requirement: [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i\\_&c/sffsg.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i_&c/sffsg.html)

### **Marketing**

\_\_\_ Community Supported Agriculture (CSA): Register through California Department of Food and Agriculture [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i\\_&c/cfm.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i_&c/cfm.html)

\_\_\_ Farmers Market: Certified Producer's Certificate <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/farmersmarket/>

\_\_\_ Farm Stand: regulated by Ag Department and/or Environmental Health, rules vary by county.

\_\_\_ Produce Stand or Farm Store: State regulations changed as of January 1, 2015. Contact your county ag department for current regulations.

\_\_\_ Scales: must be sealed annually by County Ag Commissioner.

\_\_\_ Labeling: Fresh Produce Container Labeling and Proof of Ownership Requirements <http://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/cda/agcomm/docs/Ag%20Standards/Fresh%20Produce%20Container%20Labeling%20and%20Proof%20of%20Ownership.pdf>

### Flowers

\_\_\_ Direct sales: Resale License from the California State Board of Equalization to charge sales tax (not necessary with wholesale) <http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/reg.htm>

### Nursery Starts

\_\_\_ Nursery License: Issued by CDFA through County Ag Departments. Fee waived for sales under \$1,000 in the county of origin. [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pe/nsc/docs/nipm/nipm\\_2\\_1\\_nsy\\_lic\\_app.pdf](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pe/nsc/docs/nipm/nipm_2_1_nsy_lic_app.pdf)

### Seeds

\_\_\_ Apply to sell seeds through the California Department of Food and Agriculture <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pe/nsc/seed/>

## Organic

\_\_\_ Registered Organic: Register with the state to begin the organic process. If your annual gross farm sales are less than \$5,000, and you follow NOP Standards, you may state that your products are organic without being certified. [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i\\_%26\\_c/organic.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i_%26_c/organic.html)

\_\_\_ Certified Organic: If your annual gross farm sales are more than \$5,000, you must be certified organic by a USDA accredited certifying agency. CCOF is a commonly used certifier. <http://www.ccof.org/>

## Pesticide Registration and Reporting

State and federal laws regulate pesticide use but counties enforce the laws.

\_\_\_ If you are using pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, miticides, rodenticides, etc.) on commercial crops, including pasture for commercial livestock, you must have an operator ID or pesticide applicators' license.

Placer County: [www.placer.ca.gov/departments/agriculture](http://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/agriculture)

Nevada County: <http://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/cda/agcomm/Pages/Home.aspx>

## Water

\_\_\_ If your water comes from an irrigation district, the district holds the water rights. The California Water Resources Control Board regulates water rights and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulates physical access to water bodies for purposes of diversion (pumping or otherwise).

\_\_\_ Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Irrigated Lands Program. If you irrigate land for commercial crop or livestock production, you must obtain your own permit and conduct your own water quality monitoring OR join a watershed group. Placer-Nevada-South Sutter-North Sacramento Subwatershed Group is our local group. [www.cleanwaters.info](http://www.cleanwaters.info)



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