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**Bureau of Meat and Poultry Inspection**

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**Application for a Poultry and Rabbit Exemption**

Dear IDOA MPI Poultry and Rabbit Exemption Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in a Poultry and Rabbit Exemption with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Meat and Poultry Inspection. We've attached the official rules and regulations for this exemption to help you get started.

Under state law (IL Statute 225 ILCS 650), any person wishing to obtain a poultry and rabbit exemption must submit a written request to our office.

This exemption allows you to sell poultry and/or rabbits that have been processed on your farm. Products processed under this exemption will be stamped "**not inspected**" and may be sold:

- On the premises where the exemption has been granted
- Farmer's Markets
- Roadside stands
- Delivery to customer

The exemption is effective for two years from the date of issuance, unless it is revoked.

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**How to Apply**

To request a Poultry and Rabbit Exemption with the IDOA, please complete and submit the following documents:

- **Completed application**
- **Water test results (showing that the water at the processing location is potable)**
- **A flow chart or diagram of your slaughter and processing procedure**
- **A written description of your process**

There is **no fee** for the Poultry & Rabbit Exemption.

You may submit your application packet by emailing it to **AGR.ASK.BMPI@illinois.gov**, faxing it to **217-558-6033**, or mailing it to the address listed below.

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**JB Pritzker, Governor**  
**Jerry Costello II, Director**

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**Additional Information**

For additional helpful resources, please visit the IDOA website: <https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/meat-inspection.html>

If you have any questions after reviewing this information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Natalie Nichols*

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