

CSA Poultry Summary

The California Code of Regulation for Community-Supported Agriculture may be found at;

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=FAC&division=17.&title=&part=&chapter=10.5.&article=6.

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For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Community-supported agriculture program" or "CSA program" means a program under which a registered California direct marketing producer, or a group of registered California direct marketing producers, grow food for a group of California consumer shareholders or subscribers who pledge or contract to buy a portion of the future crop, animal production, or both, of a registered California direct marketing producer or a group of registered California direct marketing producers.

Note: Shareholders or subscribers are limited to being individual consumers and the poultry products produced are only for their consumption.

Less than <1000 bird Producer/Grower (P/G) would be exempt from all Federal regulations but not exempt from California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) regulations limiting sales---at "their homes, direct to consumers at their homes or at a retail stand which is operated by such producer in a farmers' market".

Greater than 1,000 birds but less than 20,000 birds P/G would be exempt from some Federal regulations, and are to register as a USDA Exempt Poultry Establishment with CDFA but are still not exempt from CDFA regulations limiting sales---at "their homes, direct to consumers at their homes or at a retail stand which is operated by such producer in a farmers' market" and comply with applicable Federal regulations.

A CSA would need to be licensed as a Poultry Plant by CDFA to sell to other than its shareholders or subscribers, such as Hotels, Restaurants and Institution (HRI).

A CDFA licensed Poultry Plant is required to comply with California state regulatory requirements regarding; poultry slaughter and processing.

There are no CDFA limitation on the numbers of birds slaughtered or on sales for CDFA licensed operations. Number of birds slaughtered and sales would be limited to those allowed under the federal exemption the CDFA Licensed Poultry Plant is claiming.

There are no CDFA restrictions on a CDFA licensed operations slaughtering birds for another P/G, which is restricted by Federal regulation as noted in questions submitted to the USDA.