

Can eggs be listed on a producer certificate?

Yes! At the time this brochure was printed Washoe County, Clark County, and the Nevada State Division of Health all require that a producer certificate be obtained for the direct sale of eggs away from the farm. For more information about selling eggs in Nevada go to:

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How do I obtain a producer certificate?

Download an producer certificate application from the Department's website shown above. After the completed application and fee are received by the Department an inspector will arrange to do an on-site inspection of the growing area. The crops to be certified must be growing in the ground before an inspection will take place so you will work with the inspector to determine the best time to visit your farm. A certificate cannot be issued until the inspection has taken place. Once the inspection is completed a certificate will be issued to you.

How much does it cost?

Currently, the cost for a producer certificate is \$50.00 for the first year, which includes the cost of an on-site inspection, and \$30.00 to renew.

Do I have to get a producer certificate every year?

To remain valid, a producer certificate must be renewed each year. Certified producers will receive a renewal notice from the Department.

How do I get more information about producer certificates and/or find an application?

Email pgmckie@agri.state.nv.us or call

(775) 353-3672

An application for producer certificate can be downloaded from the NDOA website:

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PRODUCER CERTIFICATES

For farmer markets, farm stands and other direct sales of Nevada grown farm products.



What is a Producer Certificate?

Producer Certificates are used to verify that a farmer is selling crops of their own production. In Nevada the certificates are voluntary, that is, a farmer does not need to have a certificate to sell their farm products. However, in some cases such as a “certified farmers’ market” or the sale of eggs a producer certificate may be required as a condition of sale. The Nevada Department of Agriculture is the agency in Nevada that issues producer certificates. Listed on each certificate is the location of the farm, the crops that will be grown, the amount to be harvested, and the harvest season for each crop. Producer certificates are issued by the Nevada Department of Agriculture under the authority of NRS 576.128.

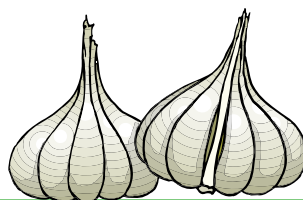


What are producer certificates used for?

Producer certificates are used to facilitate the direct sale of raw, unprocessed farm products by verifying to the buyer that the seller actually produces what they are offering to sell. They allow farmers to sell their farm products in “certified” farmers markets which require all farmers selling in the market to be the actual producer of the produce brought to the market. Producer certificates are used in direct sales transactions between farmers and retail stores, restaurants, non-profit groups, etc. In Nevada, Washoe and Clark County and the State Division of Health now require a producer certificate as a prerequisite for the direct sale of shell away from of the farm.

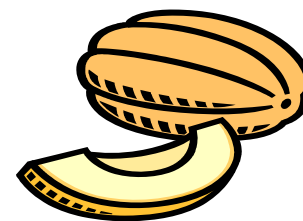
Can I use a producer certificate for processed products like jams and salsas?

No. Producer certificates are only issued for raw, unprocessed agricultural products.



How do I know if I need a producer certificate?

The first step is to determine what you want to sell and where you want to sell it. If you want to sell your products at a certified farmers market, if you want to sell shell eggs away from the farm, or if a buyer requests a producer certificate, then you will want to apply for a producer certificate.



If I have a producer certificate can I sell my farm products as “certified organic”?

No. To sell your farm products as “certified organic” your farm must be certified to federal organic standards by a USDA-accredited organic certification agent such as the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

Do I need a producer certificate to sell plants at a farmers market?

No, but you must have a nursery stock dealer license issued by the Nevada Department of Agriculture to sell plants anywhere in the state of Nevada.