

### **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:

[http://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Producer\\_Certification/](http://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Producer_Certification/)

### **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 majority of 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?**

[http://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Producer\\_Certification/Producer\\_Certification\\_Home](http://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Producer_Certification/Producer_Certification_Home)

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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 condi-

tion of sale. The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) 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. A producer certificate may be used to represent only those products grown at the location listed on the certificate.

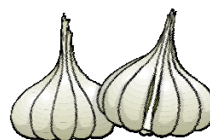


### What are producer certificates used for?

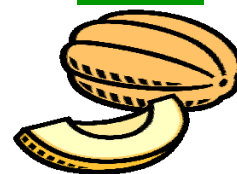
Producer certificates are used to facilitate the direct sale of raw, unprocessed farm products by verifying to the buyer that the seller actually produces what they are offering to sell. They allow farmers to sell their farm products in “certified” farmers markets which require all farmers selling in 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 Counties and the State Division of Health now require a producer certificate as a prerequisite for the direct sale of shell eggs away from 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, honey and eggs.



### How do I know if I need a producer certificate?



First determine what you want to sell and where you want to sell it. If you want to sell produce away from your farm at a farmers market, to a restaurant, or if a buyer requests a producer certificate as a condition of sale, you may want to apply for a producer certificate.

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

No. To sell your farm products as “certified organic” or “organic” a farm must conform to federal organic standards and be certified by a USDA-accredited organic certification agent such as NDA or meet federal organic standards requirements to claim an exemption from certification.

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

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