



Poultry and Rabbit Processing Certification Training: Food Safety Regulations

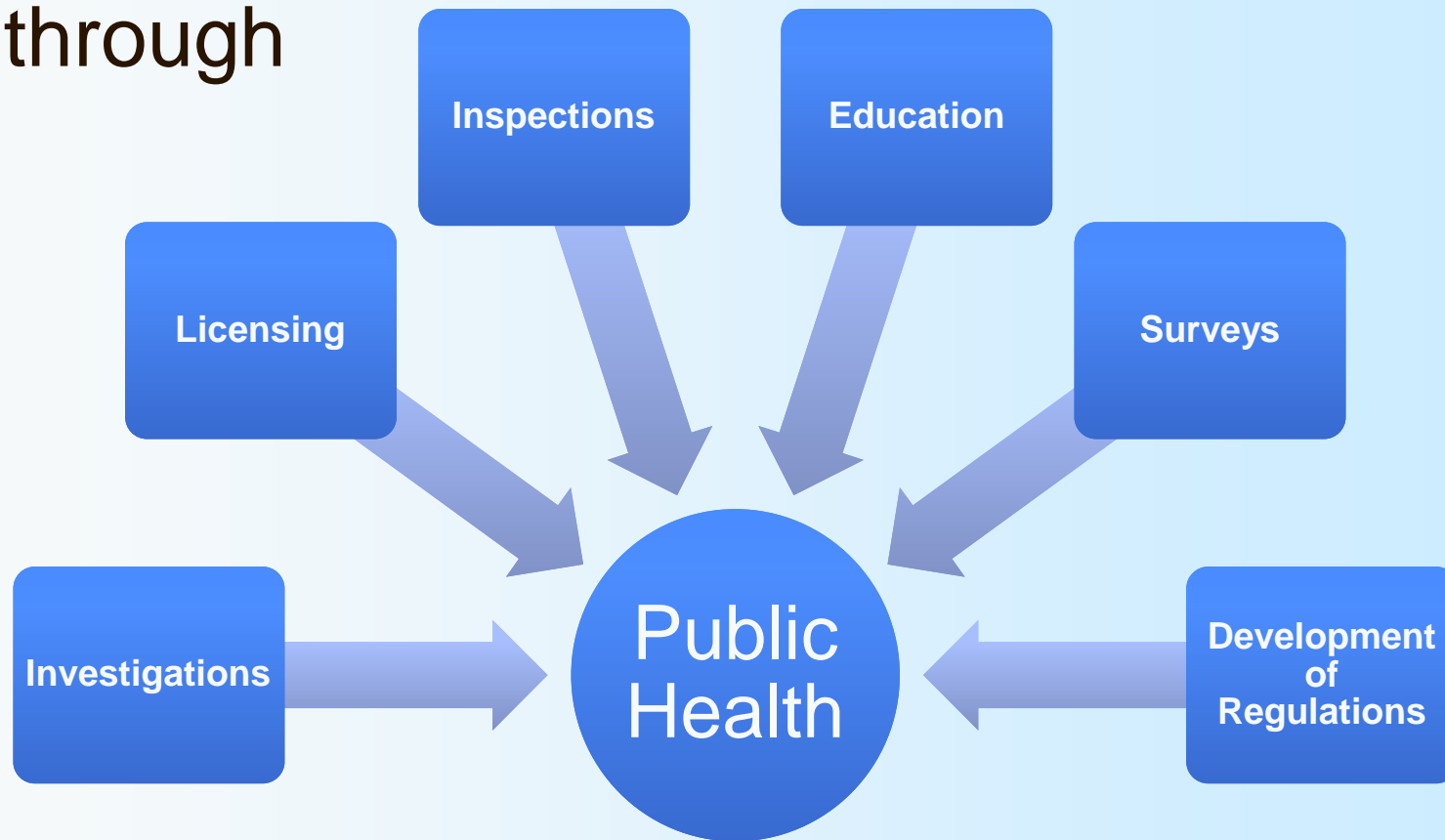
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Health Agencies' Roles and Responsibilities

- Ensure public health by protecting food through





Overview of Regulation of Food

- Local health departments – retail food preparation and sales
- State health department – processing, storage, and commercial distribution
- FDA and USDA – interstate commerce



Regulations

- Local health department
 - COMAR 10.15.03 Food Service Facilities
- State health department
 - COMAR 10.15.04 Food and Drink Processing and Transportation
- Federal Regulations
 - 21 CFR 114



The Farmer's Role in Food

- Producer of raw product
- Retailer
- Manufacturer (on-farm home processing license)
 - Value added products



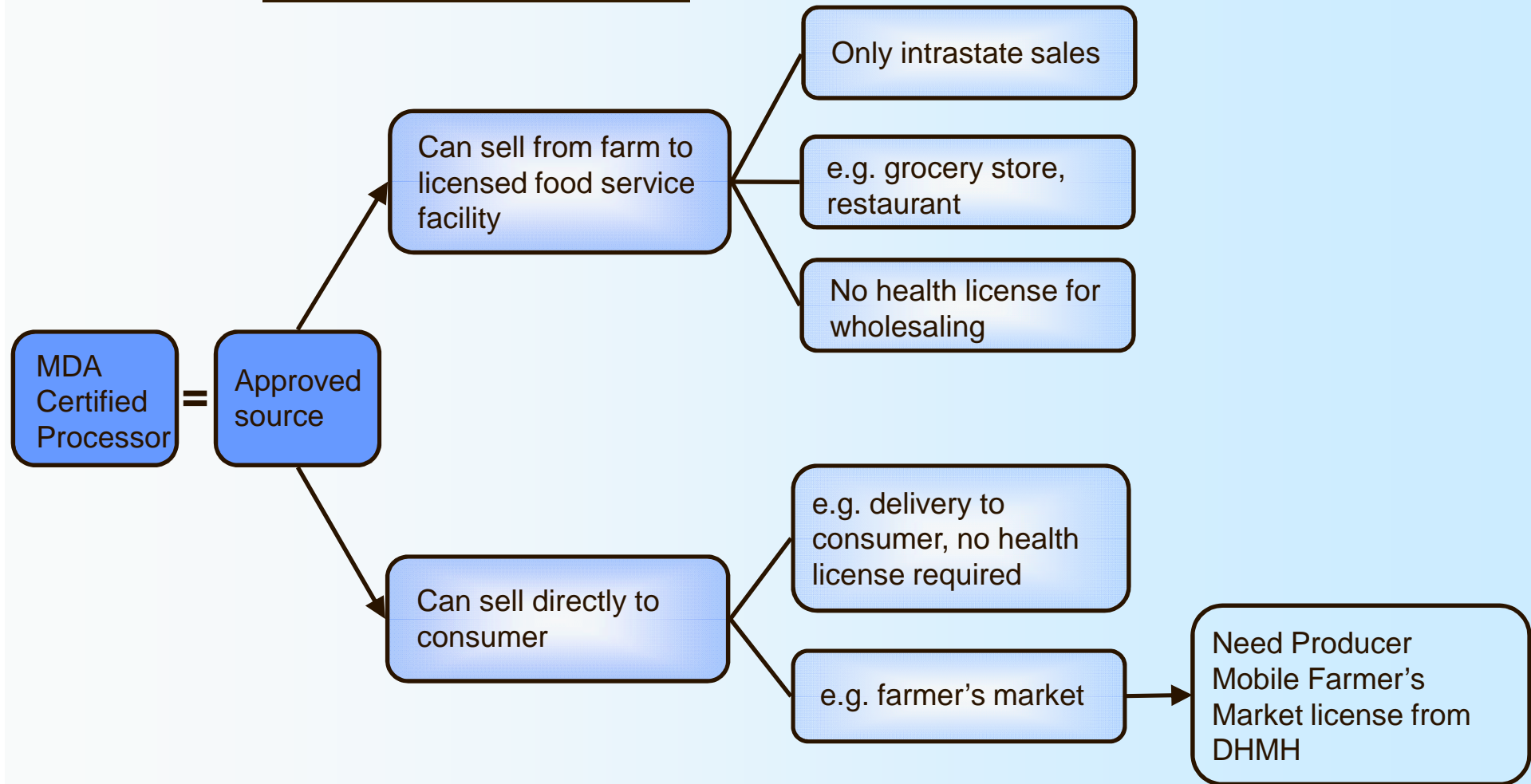


Three Licenses You Should Know About

- On-Farm Home Processing License
- Producer Mobile Farmer's Market Unit License – “Mobile License”
- Seasonal Farmer's Market Producer Sampling License – “Sampling License”



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Licensing of On-Farm Processing

- Food manufacturing, including small scale, on-farm home processing, is licensed by DHMH
- Steps
 - Plan review information to be submitted to Department for evaluation (e.g. description of food, documentation of BPCS, scheduled process, SOPs, record keeping forms, sample labels)
 - On site plan review inspection of home kitchen
 - Application and fee for license



10.15.04.18 On-Farm Home Processing

- Manufacture and process only non-potentially hazardous foods such as:
 - Baked cakes, muffins, or cookies with a water activity of .85 or less
 - Fruit pies with an equilibrated pH of 4.6 or less
 - Canned acid foods with an equilibrated pH of 4.6 or less
 - Herbs in vinegar with an equilibrated pH of 4.6 or less
 - Honey and herb mixtures
 - Dried fruit and vegetables
- Storage of USDA processed meat and poultry



10.15.04.18 On-Farm Home Processing

- Limit processed food production to:
 - An amount of food that can safely be produced in the domestic kitchen as evidenced by sanitation and process and cross-contamination control and
 - \$40,000 of sales
- Process commercially only during times when the kitchen is not being used for domestic purposes



10.15.04.18 On-Farm Home Processing

- Exclude pets and other animals and individuals not involved in the manufacturing from the kitchen
- Store ingredients for commercial manufacturing and finished manufactured food in a separate area from foods used domestically the kitchen





“Food Processing Plant”

- On-farm processed foods can be sold intrastate and interstate
 - Internet sales
 - Wholesale to retailers, e.g. grocery store, bed and breakfast, restaurant
 - Farmer’s market (directly from farm or at organized market)





Selling Foods Produced on the Farm

- **Farmer's market** means a place where a person offers or sells one or more of the following food products to the public:
 - Raw agricultural products such as fruits, vegetables, and grains supplied directly from a farm
 - Naturally acid fruit jams/jellies and non-potentially hazardous baked goods
 - Eggs sold in accordance with MDA regulations



Farmer's Market Defined

- **Farmer's market** means a place where a person offers or sells one or more of the following food products to the public:
 - Products that are not potentially hazardous and do not require refrigeration that are processed in a food processing plant licensed and operated according to COMAR 10.15.04.18





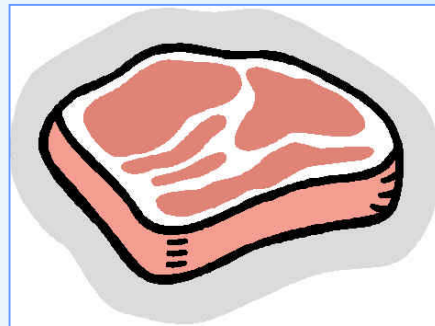
Selling Food at a Farmer's Market

- If you fit the definition of “Farmer’s Market”, then NO FOOD LICENSE REQUIRED
- If you are selling foods other than specified in the “Farmer’s Market” definition, then you must obtain a food license



Producer Mobile Farmer's Market Unit License

- License to transport to and sell at farmer's market:
 - Potentially hazardous (require refrigeration) on-farm home processing plant products, e.g. USDA processed meats and poultry brought back to the farm for storage
 - Farm products inspected, licensed, or certified by MDA, e.g. rabbits and poultry





Producer Mobile Farmer's Market Unit License

- License fee \$100
- License for period of 1 year and valid in all jurisdictions of the State
- Submit plans to DHMH
- Counties enforce and levy fines



Seasonal Farmer's Market Producer Sampling License

- Creation of a seasonal farmer's market producer sampling license
 - Producer of farm product can prepare and offer samples at farmer's market
 - Valid at all farmer's markets in County for a certain time period for a single fee





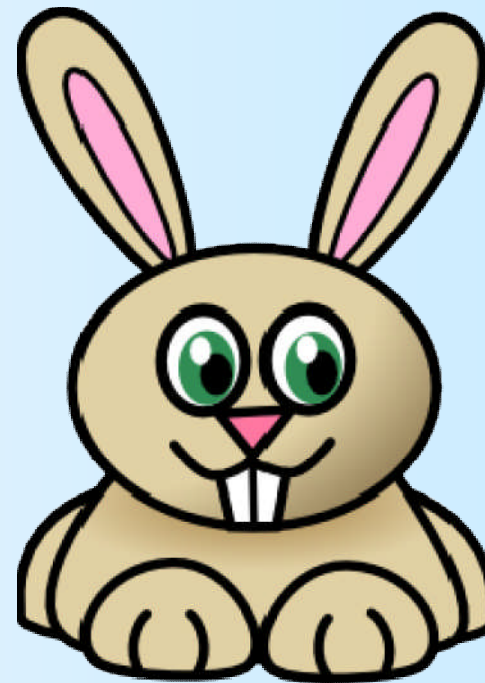
Seasonal Farmer's Market Producer Sampling License

- Law effective October 1, 2010
- Regulations were amended
- County may establish the license
- County sets the license fee and enforces regulation



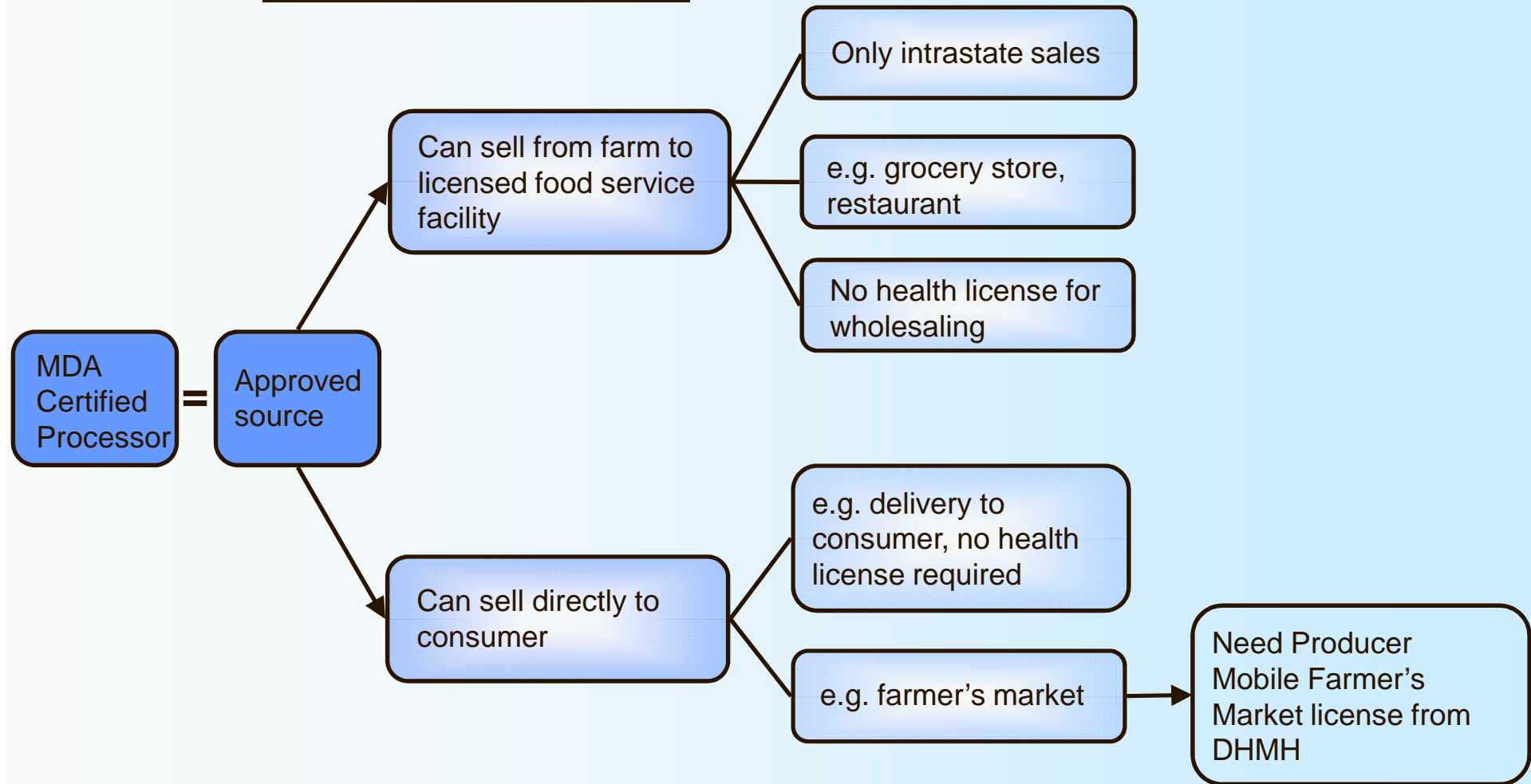


What does this mean for me?





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Questions?

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