

NYS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
 DIVISION OF FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION
 10B AIRLINE DRIVE, ALBANY, NEW YORK 12235

GAME ANIMAL CUSTOM PROCESSING VARIANCE REQUEST FOR RETAIL FOOD STORES

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OWNER:	EST. NO.:						
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TRADE NAME:

STREET:	CITY:	COUNTY:	ZIP:
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1. What type of game animals will the firm be processing?

2. How will the game animal carcasses be received: Whole Parted Both

3. What are the planned processing activities? *(Check all that apply)*

Cut-up Grinding Sausage Making Cooking/Smoking

Other *(describe in detail)*:

4. During what months will the processing of game animals take place?

5. At what time of day does the game animal processing generally take place?

6. At any time does the firm shut down to process game animals only? Yes No

If yes, when?

7. Does the firm have ample space to accommodate planned game animal processing operations?

Yes No

Inspection Conducted: Yes No

Remarks:

INSPECTOR'S NAME/ID#:	INSPECTOR APPROVED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SUPERVISOR'S NAME:	SUPERVISOR APPROVED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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CHIEF'S NAME:	CHIEF APPROVED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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DIRECTOR'S NAME:	CENTRAL OFFICE APPROVED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Retail Food Stores regulated under Article 17 of the Agriculture and Markets Law Part 271 require a variance, pursuant to Section 271-2.23, to custom process game animals that are for personal use as food and not for sale or service in a food establishment.

The Game Animal Custom Processing Variance will be granted, provided:

- The firm has ample space, especially in a walk-in cooler, to accommodate operations in a manner that prevents cross-contamination between game animal products and other foods.
- The firm has ample space and personnel, and utilizes alternate process scheduling to ensure game animals/game animal products are processed in a manner that prevents cross-contamination and/or co-mingling between game animal products and other foods.
- No game animal with hides on shall be permitted in the retail food store.
- The firm must clean and sanitize all equipment used in processing game animals before resuming any processing of food products intended for sale.
- Firms that accept whole or parted deer carcasses from the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Containment Area or game animals undergoing infectious disease testing shall not process these animals until negative results are received.
- Any and all parts of animals tested by the DEC for CWD shall be identified using the 12 digit document number from the hunter's tag. Retail Food Store operators can call the DEC at 1-866-NYSCWD1 (1-866-697-2931) to request results using the 12 digit document number from the hunter's tag.