

# MT Food Operations--Retail, Wholesale, Cottage Food

Consider this table to decide which type of food operation is appropriate for your business.

	<b>Retail</b>	<b>Wholesale</b>	<b>Cottage Food</b>
<b>Recipient</b>	Direct to consumer	Retailers Indirect to consumer	Direct to consumer
<b>Venue</b>	-At establishment such as restaurant, bakery, grocery store, food truck -Temporary event -Online sales with mail or third-party delivery	-At establishment or delivered to retailers	Home, Farmer's market, fair or festival, food stand, in-person delivery to consumer
<b>Food Samples</b>	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
<b>License, Permit</b>	Annual license; \$85 or \$115 Temporary permit: up to \$85 to \$115	Annual license: \$115	One-time registration: \$40 (must re-register if change in address, add products)
<b>Inspections</b>	Annual	Annual	None unless complaint or outbreak investigation
<b>Plan Reviews or Applications</b>	Facility and Menu Plan review	Facility, Recipe, Process, and Label Plan review	Application with Recipe and Label review
<b>Types of Products</b>	Commercial edible products	Commercial edible products	Home prepared foods not requiring refrigeration such as baked goods, jams, jellies, snack mixes, and candies