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

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

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