

Custom Exempt Red Meat and/or Poultry Slaughter Facilities in Florida¹

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Several livestock and small poultry producers are trying to gain a greater portion of the available profit margin by becoming meat marketers, rather than just livestock producers. Custom exempt slaughter facilities can help facilitate the needs of niche meat marketers. Additionally, many Florida consumers aspire to buy locally raised products. A custom exempt facility is exempted from inspection by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) because it is being paid for the service of converting a meat animal into a meat product. This exemption is described in its entirety in the Code of Federal Regulations (USDA 2003) and is discussed extensively in Carr et al. (2008b). Custom exempt poultry processing facilities have different regulations than red meat facilities (USDA 2006).

A custom exempt red meat facility can only slaughter and process livestock for the exclusive use of the owner(s), and products cannot be sold. The facility will still be subject to periodic, risk-based inspection by USDA-FSIS. A red meat plant can simultaneously do work that is custom exempt and federally inspected, whereas a poultry plant cannot. Several of the USDA-inspected facilities listed in EDIS document AN203 (Carr et al. 2008a) also perform custom exempt slaughter. The following is a list of custom exempt livestock and/or poultry facilities in the State of Florida.

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Table 1.

Name	Address	City	State	ZIP	Est. No.	Phone	Contact
Ali Meats	1616 Dean Rd.	Orlando	FL	32825	11113	407-277-9483	Mr. Efzil Sadeek
Apoultry	7260 Gardner Street	Winter Park	FL	32792		407-948-7614	Mr. Mirza Ahmed
Arnold's Meat Processing	6978 County Rd 78 W	Labelle	FL				
B & J Meats	1690 Morgan Rd.	Century	FL		11191M		
Binders Meat Processing	8551 Ellis Road	Jay	FL				
Braddock Slaughter Service	446 Cr 305	Seville	FL	32190		386-749-4322	Mr. Audi Braddock
Brannon's Custom Slaughter	16604 37Th Drive	Wellborn	FL				
Camp Tracey Childrens Home	10050 Camp Tracey Rd.	Glen St. Mary	FL				
Chiefland Custom Meats	14053Nw Hwy 120	Trenton,	FL				
Circle H Meat Masters	1199 Howell Ave Suite H	Brooksville	FL				
Corbin's 4 Point Packing	3683 Hwy. 273	Chipley,	FL		11192M		
Crawford's Custom Meats	Rt. 2 403 A Hwy 239-A	Lake Butler	FL				
Dilmore Meats	2321 Dilmore Road	Cottondale	FL		11190M		
Driggers & Son Custom Meats	5337 Sw 35Th Ave	Jasper	FL				
Eddie's Duck & Poultry	4806 N. Manhattan Ave.	Tampa	FL				
Esto Meat Processing	1081 Hwy. 79 N	Bonifay, Fl	FL		31606MP		
French's Meat Packing	1162 Cowart Road	Seville	FL				
Fussell's Frozen Foods	2038 Se Carlstromfield Rd	Arcadia	FL				
Hardee Senior High School	830 Attman Road	Wauchula	FL				
Hoof -N- Horn	2816 Stalvey Oaks Dr	Plant City	FL	33563		813-752-3955	Mr. Robbie Stalvey
Hopkin's Meat Packing	900 Michigan St.	Sanford	FL	32773	11120	407-322-9291	Mrs. Marie Hopkins
Jessica Jones	10050 Camp Tracey Rd.	Glen St. Mary	FL				
Jim Hicks Custom Meats	Sam Allen Rd.	Plant City	FL	33566		813-752-2076	Mr. Bruce Wise
Johnson's Locker Plant	1480 West Washington St.	Monticello	FL	32344			
Kinner's Country Sausage	590 Se Balboa St	Madison	FL		34234		
L & W Deer Processing	592 Sw Harvey Green Rd	Madison	FL				
La Cubana	15550 Nw 122 Ave.	Haines City	FL				
Limestone Meat House	305 Limestone Rd.	Montecello	FL		11110 M		

Macks County Meats	781 Spring Creek Road	Crawfordville	FL				
Manatee County Jail	14470 Harlee Rd	Palmetto	FL	34221			
Mary's Ranch	16301 Nw 122Nd Ave	Miami	FL	33018	18911M		
Mayo Custom Cuts	127 Se Parker Ave.	Mayo	FL	32066			
Mobley's Custom Cut	6769 180Th Street	Mcalpin	FL		11168M		
Modern Heritage Meat Processing	8837 W Forestview Drive	Homosassa	FL	34448		540 406-1705	
Nestle's Beef Processing	147 Sw County Rd 240	Lake City	FL	32025	44200M		
Newberry Cold Storage	98 Nw 254 Ave	Newberry	FL	32669			
Norris Smoke House	17089 Nw Smokehouse Rd.	Blountstown	FL				
Oaks Meat Processing	2503 Segrest Rd.		FL				
O'Bryan's Processing	Rte. 3 Box 26D	Bristol	FL				
Orlando Poultry & Livestock Co.	2499 Regent Ave.	Orlando	FL	32804		407-532-2260	Mr. Desmond Albahadur
Osteen Custom Meats	Rt. 1 Box 133	Clermont	FL	34714	11116	352-394-6465	Mr. Steve Osteen
Pasture Prime Wagyu Inc.	4141 Se 180Th St.	Summerfield	FL	34491		352-266-9504	
Perry'S Custom Meat	2218 W. Main St.	Wauchula	FL				
Quality Halal Meats	5110 Us Hwy 41S	Jasper	FL	32052	34360M		
Rawls Custom Cutting & Wrap	4402 Ft. Hammer Road	Parrish	FL				
Seely's Ark	6151 Ne 21St St	Ocala	FL	34479		352-489-8353	Mrs. Beth Seely
Seville Slaughter House	1162 Cowart Rd	Seville	FL	32190		386-749-2198	Mr. Otis Smith
Smith Processing	6790 Sr 2 E	Westville	FL				
South Marion Meats	13770 S. Hwy 475	Summerfield	FL	34491		352-2452096	Mr. Gary Armoogan
University of Florida	1812 Shealy Drive	Gainesville	FL	32608		352-392-1921	Mr. Tom Silverson
Victor M. Hernandez	48985 Corkscrew Boulevard	Clewiston	FL				
Weicht Custom Slaughter Inc.	38862 Pattie Road	Zephyrhills	FL				
Wright's Cut and Wrap	37520 Trilby Road	Trilby	FL				