

Sourcing Local Meats

One of the biggest challenges to purchasing local food is knowing all the different options for how and where to buy it. Locally raised meats can be a great addition to child feeding programs.

Local meat products can be purchased as retail cuts direct from a farmer, or as live animals processed at a local locker or meat plant.

State-Inspected Lockers

To sell meat to schools or childcare providers, the animals must be slaughtered and processed under inspection by the state or federal department of agriculture.

State or federal department of agriculture inspectors examine each animal both before and after slaughter to ensure it is healthy and free of diseases which might be harmful to humans. They also verify that the plant is clean and sanitary and keeping appropriate food-safety records. Meat from animals which pass inspection is branded or labeled with a mark of inspection and may be sold freely within the state (if Iowa-inspected) or the United States (if federally inspected).



Food service directors should look for the mark of inspection on meat packages from farmers. Another option is to source from a food hub. All their meat products will be inspected and local.

Finding a meat locker

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau maintains a list of meat and poultry plants operating in Iowa. This list contains a wide range of sizes of facilities, from small lockers to large packing plants.

We have filtered the information available from IDALS to help schools and early care sites find facilities most likely to offer the products and services to support local meat for Iowa children.

The facilities listed on page two are designated 1ACB, meaning they are state official red meat slaughter and processing facilities. Products from these facilities can be processed with a mark of inspection for further resale. Two poultry processing facilities are also listed.

This information is being provided with the following notations:

- The status of a facility can change at any time. This list was accessed January 5, 2021.
- While products from lockers may be locally processed, they are not always locally sourced. Availability of retail cuts from local farms will vary.
- COVID-19 has impacted the availability of slaughter dates at lockers across the state.

We recommend that schools and early care providers call the locker to learn more about their products and services.

Red Meat

County	Meat Processing Plant	Town	Phone Number
Adams	CORNING MEAT PROCESSING SERVICE, INC.	Corning, IA	(641) 322-3614
Allamakee	QUILLIN'S	Waukon, IA	(563) 568-3316
Benton	NEWHALL LOCKER AND PROCESSING	Newhall, IA	(319) 223-5202
Black Hawk	GILBERTVILLE LOCKER	Gilbertville, IA	(319) 296-1464
Buchanan	MARKS LOCKER	Rowley, IA	(319) 938-2844
Buchanan	WINTHROP LOCKER LLC	Winthrop, IA	(319) 935-3886
Carroll	COUNTRY MEATS, INC.	Arcadia, IA	(712) 689-2435
Cass	ANITA MEAT PROCESSING INC.	Anita, IA	(712) 762-3645
Cass	ATLANTIC LOCKER L.C.	Atlantic, IA	(712) 243-1941
Cass	HENNINGSEN'S PROCESSING PLANT, INC.	Atlantic, IA	(712) 243-1551
Cedar	DURANT LOCKER	Durant, IA	(563) 785-4854
Chickasaw	IONIA MEAT PROCESSING LLC	Ionia, IA	(641) 394-3515
Clayton	EDGEWOOD LOCKER	Edgewood, IA	(563) 928-6814
Delaware	DAN'S LOCKER LLC	Earlville, IA	(563) 923-2515
Dubuque	WHOLESALE MEATS & PROCESSING, INC.	Dyersville, IA	(563) 875-7621
Hamilton	ZANKER MEATS, INC.	Stanhope, IA	(515) 826-3280
Howard	ELMA LOCKER & GROCERY, INC.	Elma, IA	(641) 393-2287
Howard	RICEVILLE MEATS, LLC	Riceville, IA	(641) 985-2133
Ida	FOOD LOCKER SERVICE, INC.	Holstein, IA	(712) 368-4621
Iowa	OLD MAN'S CREEK MEATS LLC	Williamsburg, IA	(319) 668-1590
Jasper	MEAT MISSION	Lynnville, IA	(641) 891-9339
Jasper	MINGO LOCKER	Mingo, IA	(641) 363-4284
Jasper	RC NIKKEL, L.L.C.	Sully, IA	(641) 594-4240
Jefferson	GREINER LOCKER AND MEATS, LLC.	Packwood, IA	(319) 695-3251
Johnson	RUZICKA'S MEAT PROCESSING, INC.	Solon, IA	(319) 624-2870
Mahaska	LEIGHTON PROCESSED MEATS, INC.	Leighton, IA	(641) 626-3211
Marshall	IOWA MEAT COMPANY, INC.	State Center, IA	(641) 483-2353
Mitchell	S & S LOCKER LLP	Osage, IA	(641) 732-4792
Palo Alto	RUTHVEN MEAT PROCESSING	Ruthven, IA	(712) 837-5334
Pottawattamie	MINDEN CUSTOM MEATS, INC.	Minden, IA	(712) 483-2836
Poweshiek	DAYTON MEAT PRODUCTS, INC.	Malcom, IA	(641) 528-3420
Sioux	BABCOCK LOCKER, INC.	Alton, IA	(712) 756-4295
Story	MIDWEST PACKING CO.	Nevada, IA	(515) 382-2435
Story	STORY CITY LOCKER LLC	Story City, IA	(515) 733-6328
Union	WEAVER MEATS LLC	Afton, IA	(641) 344-4337
Van Buren	CLAN RICHMOND MEAT COMPANY INC.	Farmington, IA	(319) 878-3316
Warren	MILO LOCKER, LLC	Milo, IA	(641) 942-6231
Washington	BUD'S CUSTOM MEATS, INC.	Riverside, IA	(319) 648-3999
Wright	CLARION LOCKER	Clarion, IA	(515) 532-2350
Wright	LEWRIGHT MEATS, INC.	Eagle Grove, IA	(515) 448-4286

Poultry

County	Poultry Processing Plant	Town	Phone Number
Butler	MARTZAHN'S FARM	Greene, IA	(641) 823-5362
Harrison	DUNCAN'S POULTRY, LLC	Missouri Valley, IA	(712) 644-2322

Additional resources

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship – Database of Meat and Poultry Plants
<https://iowaagriculture.gov/meat-poultry-inspections-bureau/meat-and-poultry-plants>

Beef and Pork Whole Animal Buying Guide
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/13056>

Local Meat in Schools: Increasing Opportunities for Small and Mid-Sized Livestock Ranchers and Fishermen <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cfs/local-meat-schools>

Iowa Food Hub Meat-to-School Series Part A: Sourcing Meat for Schools in Northeast Iowa
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15096>

Iowa Food Hub Meat-to-School Series Part B: Pork-to-School in Northeast Iowa
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15097>

Iowa Food Hub Meat-to-School Series Part C: Beef-to-School in Northeast Iowa
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15098>

Montana Beef to School
<https://www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool/beeftoschool.html>

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