

## **Approved Sources for Donation to Benevolent Organizations**

Amenable Species/Meat Beef, Lamb, Goat, Pork Catfish Equines* *Congress has defunded any USDA equine inspection related to human food, which has effectively eliminated it from US human food chain.	Comply	Product is stamped USDA Inspected. May be sold or donated in a wholesale or retail fashion.	OR	Product is marked "Not for Sale"; AND ownership of live animal is documented to have been transferred to the benevolent organization, which is the responsible party for custom slaughter and processing of same; AND maintains possession of the meat for service only to persons consuming meals at the benevolent organization's service location.  It is acceptable to ask for a bill of sale or similar documentation to prove ownership of these products.
Poultry – Including: chickens, turkey, duck, geese, guinea, & other and ratites under the Poultry Inspection Act. These are also an Amenable Species, but there is a USDA exemption if a firm slaughters less than 20,000 birds per year. Under the exemption the birds could enter wholesale distribution if they were whole (not cut / parted out) and processed at an ODA licensed meat processor.  Rabbit – Farmed Animals Only. Wild caught are	Comply	USDA inspected facility (includes stamp or mark of inspection)	OR	Product is processed in an ODA licensed facility. (Only if processor processes less than 20,000 birds per year)
considered wild game.  Eggs	Comply	From a commercial Facility where eggs meet specified tolerances for grades and weight administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA.	OR	The person donating the eggs has a valid Egg Handler License issued by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
Fish/Seafood	Comply	Commercially harvested (under Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife license)	OR	Processed seafood from a licensed food manufacturer

Molluscan Shellfish*	Comply	See Oregon Food Sanitation						
*Recreationally caught molluscan shellfish do not	if	Rules 3-205.15						
comply		3-205.15						
Game Animals (9CFR301.2)								
Commercially raised for food	Comply	Non-amenable / exotic species (such as Buffalo/Bison, rabbit, etc.) must be slaughtered and processed at an ODA licensed facility. These can be distributed 'wholesale' or 'retail'. These may potentially be marked as "Not For Sale".	OR	Domesticated elk are considered "voluntary" by USDA, but in Oregon they must be processed at a USDA plant (Oregon Administrative Rule 603-028-0500)				
Wild game animals	Comply	ORS624.165 Service of inspected game meat by charitable organization. (1) Subject to ORS 624.070, game meat that has been donated to a charitable organization and has been inspected and processed as provided in ORS 619.095 may be served for human consumption by that charitable organization.						
Fresh Produce	Comply	From commercial growers	OR	From private gardens				
Commercially Prepared Packaged or Canned Foods	Comply	From ODA or OHA licensed facilities. Food products from outside Oregon must be from a licensed source	AND	Packaging is in sound condition				
Home Baked Goods or Confections	Comply	They contain no perishable fillings, icings, toppings, or glazes (cream pies, pumpkin pies, cream cheese frostings)	AND	A notice is posted in public view: "Baked goods served at this location may not have been inspected by the Regulatory Authority"				
Fluid Milk and Milk Products	Comply	Obtained from sources that comply with Grade A Standards as specified in law.						
Donations from Licensed Food Service Facility	Comply	Obtained from a licensed food service facility and arrive at >135F or <41F.	AND	Delivered in a clean, single use container that has not been served from prior to delivery				

**Use By** is aimed at consumers as a directive of the date by which the product should be eaten; mostly because of the quality, not because the item will necessarily make you sick if eaten after the use-by date.

**Sell-By** is aimed at retailers, and it informs them of the date by which the product should be sold or removed from self-life. This does not mean that the product is unsafe to consume after the date. Typically one-third of a product's shelf-life remains after the sell-by date for the consumer to use at home.

**Best-By** is a suggestion to the consumer on which date the product should be consumed to assure ideal quality.