



*Connecticut Poultry Association, Inc.*

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The passage of the Farms, Food and Jobs legislation in 2010 has enabled poultry producers in Connecticut to market their poultry products to restaurants desiring Connecticut grown products. Currently there are two state approved poultry processing facilities in place, each processing their own poultry. Other producers are working toward this certification. In addition there is one USDA facility in New Milford, CT. With the wording modification of the current legislation (**AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN POULTRY IN CONNECTICUT FOOD MARKETS # 6313**) producers with approved state inspection facilities will be eligible to market their product to **retail food establishments**.

Owners and managers of local retail establishments will have to be made aware of the difference between the current **state facility inspection program** and the **USDA bird inspection program**.

Food safety is most important for our citizens. The question as to whether facility inspection or individual bird inspection is the road to safety is to be determined by the agencies overseeing our food system in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Poultry Association, representing family farms and producers both large and small since 1906.

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