

# Raw Milk in Florida

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# Raw Milk for Human Consumption

- s. 502.091, F.S.
  - Milk and milk products which may be sold.
    - (1) Only Grade “A” pasteurized milk and milk products, pasteurized manufactured milk products, ice cream, and frozen desserts, and cheese made from pasteurized milk shall be sold at retail to the final consumer or to food service establishments as defined in chapter 381, food establishments as defined in chapter 500, or public food service establishments as defined in chapter 509. Cheese made from raw milk may also be sold at retail to the final consumer or to food service establishments as defined in chapter 381, food establishments as defined in chapter 500, or public food service establishments as defined in chapter 509 if the cheese is aged more than 60 days at a temperature above 35° F.



# Raw Milk for Human Consumption

- The sale of raw milk for human consumption in Florida is illegal.
  - Florida does allow for the production of raw milk cheeses that are produced in accordance Chapter 5K-10, F.A.C.
  - Currently only have one processor doing so.



# Raw Milk Pet Food

- The sale of raw milk labeled as “Pet Food” is legal in Florida.
  - Permitted by the Division of Agricultural Environmental Services – Feed/Seed
  - Require a permit from AES with a yearly renewal and declaration of amount of pet food produced.
  - AES is responsible for all enforcement of these products
  - Unclear how many of these permits are raw milk producers.



# Requirements (AES)

- Products distributed or marketed as animal feed must be clearly labeled as such and sold only for animal use
- Each manufacturer and/or distributor of commercial feed (including pet treats) must register annually
- The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) requires that pet foods, like human foods, be pure and wholesome, safe to eat, produced under sanitary conditions, contain no harmful substances, and be truthfully labeled
- Otherwise, there are no specific restrictions regarding the facilities or procedures to be utilized in the manufacture of non-medicated animal feed products in Florida.



# Labeling Requirements (AES)

- Basic labeling requirements:
  - Name and principal address of the company
  - Brand name and product name (if any)
  - Guaranteed Analysis
  - List of ingredients in descending order by their predominance of weight in formulation
  - Identifier as “Pet (or more specifically dog, cat, horse, etc.) Treats”
  - Net weight or quantity



- Questions?
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