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Dear Farmers Market Manager,

A rule change to 7.6.2.NMAC Food Service and Food Processing Regulations, effective on January 1, 2010 allows for the preparation in residential kitchens of "non-potentially hazardous" foods intended for public consumption.

Individuals wanting to operate a home-based food processing operation must first obtain a permit from NMED before offering their non-potentially hazardous food products to the public. The type of foods that are allowed will be high sugar containing jam/jellies, non-cream filled baked goods (yeast and quick breads, cookies, cakes, fruit pies, etc.), tortillas, candy/fudge, and dry mixes (made with commercially processed ingredients). Home-based food products can only be sold or offered free of charge directly to the consumer at locations such as farmers markets, road side stands, and fiestas.

Application packets are available on-line at [http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/fod/Food\\_Program](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/fod/Food_Program) or at the local NMED field offices located through out the state (a list of field offices is provided). There is a \$100.00 fee for the permit. Home-based food processors are to have with them a copy of the NMED issued permit at all sale locations.

Those interested individuals can contact Mary Lou LaCasse, Food Program Manager at (505) 476-8608 or their local NMED field office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Lou LaCasse".

Mary Lou LaCasse  
Food Program Manager

Contact your local Field office to receive more information on Home-based Food Processing

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