

NYS DAM Retail Food Store Overview

General Description

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets mission statement:

Our mission is to foster a competitive food and agriculture industry that benefits producers and consumers alike. Agriculture makes up one-quarter of the State's land area and contributes immensely to the quality of life in New York State by generating economic activity and producing wholesome products to nourish our families. We work diligently to promote a viable agricultural industry, foster agricultural environmental stewardship, and safeguard our food supply.

The enforcement of New York State Agriculture and Markets Laws and Regulations provides a vital service that is critical in maintaining the safety of the food supply from producer to the retailer. The Division has jurisdiction over 30, 000 food handling establishments, including approximately 26,000 retail food stores.

This data set contains a listing of retail food stores that hold [an Article 20-C food processing establishment license or an Article 28 license in New York State](#). Retail food stores include establishments such as convenience stores, bodegas, grocery stores, and supermarkets.

Retail food store establishments are divided into three different categories: high, medium and low risk. High risk retail food stores are those that conduct complex cooking processes such as advance packaging and food processing and/or are high volume. Medium risk retail food stores generally process low risk foods such as hot dogs, sandwiches, or fountain drinks. Low risk retail food stores sell only prepackaged food items.

Data Collection Methodology

Food establishment demographic information is primarily collected from license applications submitted to the Department's Licensing Unit. Changes in food establishment information are also submitted by Food Inspectors based on information collected during routine inspections. When Food Inspectors encounter changes in establishment information, an operation change report is completed and submitted to the License Unit for entry into the food establishment database.

Statistical and Analytic Issues

The database is updated on a routine basis as license applications and operation change reports are received by the License Unit.

Limitations of Data Use

Public access to this retail food store listing is intended solely to allow the public convenient and immediate access to public information.