

Processing	Build or acquire an appropriate facility that meets sanitation guidelines.
Facility 1k – 20k Birds	Slaughter operations must have an overhead structure and some manner of walls or screens throughout the bleeding, scalding and plucking process to prevent airborne contaminates, such as insects and dust.
	Processing operations must have an overhead structure, floor and walls made of a cleanable, impervious to moisture surface. Processing room must be temperature controlled, minimum a window unit.
Approved Water Source	Receive documentation that you are connected to a municipal water source, if applicable, or have well water tested by the Department of Health.
	A clean water supply must be provided. If the water source is not municipal, the private supply must be verified biannually that it meets local drinking water standards.
	A sink with hot water must be provided for hand washing and cleaning equipment.
Sewage	Receive documentation from local parish health authority showing approval for sanitary/domestic sewer system, if applicable.
Disposal	sanitary, domestic sewer system, in applicable.
Waste Disposal	Receive documentation from local trash service stating approval for disposal of offal and other waste in municipal landfill; or
	Submit composting or burying plan for disposal of offal and other compostable waste materials.
Pest Control	Have in place a pest management program to prevent the harborage and breeding of pests on the grounds and within the facilities.
Weigh, Pack, and Label	A certified scale must be provided since all poultry items sold in Louisiana must be sold by weight.
	Design and submit labels. Labels must meet the requirements of the chosen exemption.
	Packaging materials that contact the product must be food grade, have manufacturer approval for use and be handled in a sanitary manner.

Please stay in contact with the Compliance Officer, as we can guide you on the necessary Poultry Exemption requirements. Submit copies of all paperwork to the Compliance Officer as well.