

Minimum certifications and licenses needed to sell through the Food Hub:

All producers must provide proof of **product liability insurance**, no matter what they sell (even non-food items).

- **Producer-Recommended Liability Insurance Companies**
 - Farm Bureau
 - Campbell Risk Management
 - Food Liability Insurance Program

- **Producer-Recommended Agents**
 - Tracy Cotton- Morrow Insurance Agency: 828-527-0170
 - Carter Combs- Farm Bureau:
 - Brad Brown- Snipes Insurance Agency: 910-309-9914 cell; 910-892-2121 office
 - John M. Patterson-Stanberry Insurance: 828-676-9497 cell; 828-586-1362 office
 - Brandon S. Caldwell- Nationwide Insurance: 803-429-0231 cell; 803-808-2886 office

Meat producers:

- Product Liability Insurance
- Meat handlers license OR a state exemption
 - State Exemption- producers with proof of exemption can sell to customers, but they CANNOT sell to restaurants through the Hub if they do not have a meat handlers license.

Egg & Dairy producers:

- Product Liability Insurance
- If you sell more than 30 dozen eggs across all of your market channels, [your eggs must be graded](#). We strongly encourage all producers to grade their eggs.

Value Added producers:

- Product Liability Insurance
- Commercial kitchen inspection

Fruit, Veg, and Fungi producers:

- Product Liability Insurance

- Must provide proof of any certifications (certified organic, naturally grown, biodynamic, etc.) if applicable

Nursery and Plant producers:

- Any producer who sells nursery stock: cultivated plant, trees, shrubs, vines, bulbous plants, roots, grafts and buds to be registered nurseries with the state of North Carolina.
- Farms selling only vegetable starts will be exempted from this requirement
- **You can Reach out to Chad Taylor who is the certifier for Watauga, Ashe and Caldwell counties**

Providing all relevant certifications and licensing, and adhering to local and federal regulations is the producer's responsibility. The Food Hub assumes no liability for any products sold on the online marketplace.