

GAME ANIMALS

Code Section(s): 3-201.17 GAME ANIMALS, IL Part 750 Food Code Subpart E: Game Animals

What are Game Animals?

- ◆ Game animals are wild caught or commercially raised animals such as such as reindeer, elk, deer, antelope, water buffalo, bison, rabbit, squirrel, opossum, raccoon, nutria, or muskrat, and nonaquatic reptiles such as land snakes. Game animals does not include ratites.
- ◆ The primary public health concern regarding consumption of game animals is that wild animals may be carriers of viruses, bacteria, or parasites that cause illness in humans.

Game Animals Commercially Farm-Raised for Food for Sale or Service Shall be:

- Raised, slaughtered, and processed under either a routine inspection program according to applicable laws governing meat and poultry, or, under a voluntary inspection program that is conducted by the agency that has animal health jurisdiction (will be stamped and labeled)

Wild Game Animals Donated under the Good Samaritan Food Donor Act Shall:

- ◆ Undergo an inspection by a veterinarian, professional biologist, or other person approved by the regulatory authority that has animal health jurisdiction.
- ◆ Have been field dressed and transported according to requirements specified by the regulatory agency.
- ◆ Be processed according to laws governing meat and poultry.

Proper Cooking Temperatures:

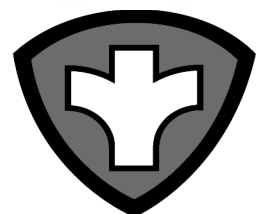
Internal Cooking Temperature	Type of Game Animal
145°F for 15 seconds	Commercially raised game animals and rabbits
155°F for 17 seconds	Comminuted meat, fish, or commercially raised game animals
165°F for <1 second (instant)	Wild game animals

Wild Game Dinner?

If you are having a Wild Game Dinner:

- ◆ Have visible labels of each meat
- ◆ Cook to proper temps
- ◆ **DO NOT** serve to a highly susceptible population

A game animal may not be received for sale or service if it is a species of wildlife that is listed in 50 CFR Part 17 (code of federal regulations) of endangered and threatened wildlife



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