

State Purchasing Bureau Policy

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Policy No: 24-10
Application: Goods & Services
Subject: Lab-Grown Meat Sales
Effective Date: 09-23-2024

In support of Governor Pillen's [Executive Order No. 24-09](#) to prohibit the procurement of lab grown meat and non-discrimination against natural meat producers, and consistent with the State of Nebraska's long-standing practice of ensuring that procurement policies support and are in the best interest of Nebraska taxpayers, the State Purchasing Bureau will not permit contracts between a state agency and any vendor unless that vendor attests that:

1. The vendor will not supply the State with lab-grown meat products; and
2. The vendor does not discriminate against natural-meat producers in favor of laboratory or cultivated-meat producers.

For purposes of this policy, "lab-grown meat" means a food product having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating from an Agricultural Food Animal but that, in lieu of being derived from traditional meat processing, is derived from manufacturing cells, in which one or more stem cells are initially isolated from an Agricultural Food Animal, are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated, as part of manufacturing operation.


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The foregoing policy is duly signed and executed on this 23 day of September, 2024.



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State of Nebraska, *Department of Administrative Services*



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