

# OBTAINING AN INDIANA COMMERCIAL FEED LICENSE

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Best place to start is our webpage.

License application is listed on the Feed/Pet Food page under forms.

May be printed, completed and returned to agency with proper fees.

# Who needs a feed license?

Outlined in the feed law: Section IC-15-19-7-24.

A person who “**manufactures**” a commercial feed or whose “**name**” appears on the label of a commercial feed must obtain an Indiana Commercial feed license **prior** to distribution of those commercial feeds. *(Custom formula feed, defined ingredients, and pet treats are all defined as commercial feeds.)*

# Who needs a feed license?

Outlined in the feed law: Section IC-15-19-7-24 (b).

An out-of-state distributor may not cause a commercial feed to be distributed in Indiana without a commercial feeds license.

*Even though they may not be the manufacturer or their name appear anywhere on the label. They are required to be licensed and file quarterly tonnage reports.*

# MANUFACTURERS

Defined in IC 15-19-7-10.

Manufacture means to: *grind, mix, blend, or further process a commercial feed.*

If “**toll**” manufacturing for another person, still must be licensed. Even if the toll manufacturer’s name does not appear on the label.

# MANUFACTURES

Defined in IC 15-19-7-3.

A person who produces Custom Formula feeds must be licensed. A Custom Formula feed is a commercial feed.

*However, quarterly tonnage reporting is not required.*

# NAMES ON LABEL

## Custom Mix Labels

Must contain

Manufacturer's  
Name and Address

Bluebird Feed Mill  
Bluebird, Indiana 99999  
*(Street address optional)*

# NAMES ON LABEL

## Branded Feed Labels

Must contain

Responsible Party

Manufactured by:

Bluebird Feed Mill  
Bluebird, Indiana 99999  
(Street address optional)



# NAMES ON LABEL

Name on the label may be a stand alone entity or qualified by the following statements:

Manufactured by:

**Manufactured for:**

Labeled by:

Distributed by:

Guaranteed by:

**Bluebird Feed Mill**

**Bluebird, Indiana 99999**

# NAMES ON LABEL

## Branded Feed Labels

Listing Two Responsible Parties

Manufactured by

Bluebird Feed Mill

Bluebird, Indiana 99999

Manufactured for

Redbird Feed Company

Redbird, IN 00000

*Both parties must be licensed*

# NAMES ON LABEL

Branded Feed Labels

*Redbird's Super-duper piglet feed*

*As long as Redbird is only mentioned as a brand, then redbird does not need to be licensed. However, the responsibility for the feed then rests with Bluebird Feed Mill.*

Manufactured by:

Bluebird Feed Mill  
Bluebird, Indiana 99999

# MULTIPLE MANUFACTURER FACILITIES OPERATING UNDER THE SAME NAME

Firms doing business and **having multiple manufacturing sites** in the state must license all facilities. However, only one license fee is due.

Bluebird Feed Mill, Bluebird, Indiana 99999 would need to be licensed as well as their manufacturing sites in Canary, IN and Sparrow, IN.

However, only one license fee is required so long as they are operating under the same firm name.

# MULTIPLE OPERATIONS DBA

Firms doing business under different names may or may not require a new license and fee:

Bluebird Feed Mill  
Bluebird, Indiana 99999

Is licensed yet label states they are doing business under a different name.

Bluebird Feed Mill  
DBA Birdbrain Feeds  
Bluebird, IN 99999

**In this situation, only one license fee would be required.**

# MULTIPLE OPERATIONS DBA

Firms doing business under different names do require an additional new license and fee:

**Bluebird Feed Mill**  
**Bluebird, Indiana 99999**

Is licensed yet label states they are doing business under a different name with no mention of Bluebird Feeds on the label.

Manufactured by  
**Birdbrain Feeds**  
**Bluebird, IN 99999**

**In this situation, two licenses and fees are required**

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Licenses are for a calendar year: January 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Renewals must be received by this office on or before January 16<sup>th</sup> to avoid late fees.

A license must be obtained prior to initial distribution.

*Distributing feeds without a valid commercial feed license is a class A Infraction and may be punishable by a \$10,000 fine.*

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

If you have any questions or are having problems completing a license application or renewal, please contact us **before you begin distributing** or prior to the renewal deadline of **January 16<sup>th</sup>** to avoid late fees.

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