

## Country of Origin Labeling Laws

	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Florida</b>
<b>Title (cite)</b>	Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 USC 1621 et seq.)	Produce Labeling Act of 1979 (Florida Stat. Title XXXIII §§ 504.011-504.014)
<b>What 's Covered</b>	<p>*Domestic and imported products *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh fruits and vegetables</li> <li>• Frozen fruits and vegetables</li> <li>• Beef (muscle cut and ground)</li> <li>• Pork (muscle cut and ground)</li> <li>• Lamb (muscle cut and ground)</li> <li>• Fresh seafood (must also be labeled "fresh-raised" or "wild caught")</li> <li>• Frozen seafood (must also be labeled "farm-raised" or "wild caught")</li> <li>• Peanuts</li> </ul>	<p>*Imported only*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh fruits and vegetables</li> <li>• Bee pollen</li> <li>• Honey</li> </ul>
<b>Standards for Country of Origin Declaration</b>	<p><u>U.S.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beef, pork, lamb: Born, raised and slaughtered in U.S.</li> <li>• Farm-raised fish: Hatched, raised, harvested and processed in U.S.</li> <li>• Wild fish: Harvested in U.S. waters or on-board U.S. flagged vessel and processed in U.S. or on-board U.S. flagged vessel.</li> <li>• Fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables and peanuts: "Exclusively produced," <i>i.e.</i>, grown, packed and processed in U.S.</li> </ul> <p><u>Imported</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify country of export in accordance with existing federal laws.</li> <li>• If the covered commodity undergoes different phases of production in multiple countries, the label may also include additional country of origin information if the product's identity is maintained.</li> </ul> <p><u>"Mixed" Origin Including U.S.:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify country or countries in which production occurred, <i>e.g.</i>, "Born in Canada; raised and slaughtered in U.S." or "Grown and packed in Costa Rica; processed in U.S." or "Harvested in Thailand and processed on U.S. vessel."</li> </ul>	[None given]

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	<p><u>"Blended" Products</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For "blended" products (mixtures of covered commodities that have not been materially changed, such as hamburger, fruit salad or bagged lettuce mix): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identify complete country of origin of each ingredient</li> <li>➤ In descending order of predominance</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Hamburger Label: "Beef (born in Canada, raised and slaughtered in U.S.); beef (born and raised in Canada; slaughtered in U.S.); beef (born in Mexico, raised and slaughtered in U.S.); beef (product of New Zealand)"</p> <p>Fruit Salad Label: "Fruit salad (cantaloupe (grown in Country A, packed and processed in U.S.); pineapple (product of Country B); Watermelon (product of Country B, processed in U.S.); blueberries ...)"</p>	
<b>Who Must Comply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suppliers required to provide country of origin information to retailers.</li> <li>• Retailers required to inform consumers of country of origin.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida producers allowed to mark fresh product from Florida to indicate state of origin.</li> <li>• Fresh imported produce sold at retail "shall be marked" with country of origin.</li> </ul>
<b>Violations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violation of any requirement of subtitle, including retailer obligation to inform consumers of country of origin and supplier obligation to provide retailer with country of origin information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Willful and knowing retailer removal of any labels or identifying marks on fresh produce.</li> </ul>
<b>Penalties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retailers: \$10,000 penalties for willful violation.</li> <li>• Suppliers: \$10,000 penalties per day for <i>per se</i> violations plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ cease and desist orders</li> <li>➤ injunctions</li> <li>➤ restraining orders</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$500 civil fine</li> </ul>
<b>Enforcement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Department of Agriculture</li> <li>• States "with enforcement infrastructure"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services</li> </ul>
<b>Applicability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All 50 States, plus District of Columbia and territories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florida</li> </ul>

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