

**WAC 296-17A-4804 Classification 4804.**

**4804-00 Farms: Poultry, aviaries (birds), and fur bearing animals**

**Applies to:**

- Businesses engage in poultry farms operations, breeding and raising birds for human consumption, for sale, for research laboratories, or for egg production farms.
- Businesses engaged in raising fur-bearing animals for pelts (skins) or for sale.
- Businesses engaged in raising and selling all varieties of birds including game birds and exotic birds.

**Typical animals:**

Chickens	Chinchilla
Ducks	Emu
Fox	Game birds
Geese	Mink
Ostrich	Turkeys

**Work in this classification includes, but is not limited to:**

- Breeding;
- Sheltering;
- Tending;
- Feeding and watering;
- Raising crops for feed or protective covering;
- Erecting or mending fences, cages, coops, kennels, and pens;
- Cleaning cages, coops, kennels, or pens;
- Transporting animals to market;
- Maintaining or installing sprinkler or irrigation systems;
- Killing animals;
- Fleshing and drying skins;
- Veterinary care when performed by employees of an employer subject to this classification.

**Store operations:**

- Roadside stands are included in the farming classification when operated at or near the farm, even if a small stock of products not produced by the employer is also sold.
- If all the conditions of the general reporting rules covering the operations of a secondary business are met, farms operating multiple retail locations, such as, but not limited to, those found in parking lots of shopping centers or at farmer's markets, may qualify to have those activities reported separately.

**Exclusions:**

- Feed milling operations are classified in 2101;
- Businesses engaged in butchering and processing of poultry are classified in 3304;
- Contractors hired by a farm to install, repair or build any farm equipment or structures are classified in the classification applicable to work being performed.

**What is a farm labor contractor?**

- A farm labor contractor is a specialty contractor who supplies laborers to a farm operation for specified services such as weeding, planting, irrigating, and fertilizing; and

- Generally the work involves manual labor tasks as opposed to machine operation.

**What risk classification are farm labor contractors to report in?**

- Farm labor contractors are to be reported in the classification that applies to the farm they are contracting with; and
- Contractors who provide both equipment or machinery and the machine operators are to be reported in classification 4808 "Custom farm services," as the process involved in operating machinery is the same regardless of the type of farm they are providing services to or the type of crop involved.

**4804-03 Farms: Egg production**

**Applies to:**

Businesses operating egg production farms.

**Work in this classification includes, but is not limited to:**

- Raising brood stock for future egg production or sale to other farms;
- Sheltering;
- Tending;
- Feeding and watering birds;
- Raising crops for feed;
- Erecting or mending fences, cages and pens;
- Breeding birds;
- Cleaning pens and cages;
- Related packing or grading of eggs;
- Transporting eggs to market;
- Maintaining or installing sprinkler or irrigation systems.

**Store operations:**

- Roadside stands are included in the farming classification when operated at or near the farm, even if a small stock of products not produced by the employer is also sold.
- If all the conditions of the general reporting rules covering the operations of a secondary business are met, farms operating multiple retail locations, such as, but not limited to, those found in parking lots of shopping centers or at farmer's markets, may qualify to have those activities reported separately.

**Exclusions:**

- Feed milling operations are classified in 2101;
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#### **4804-07 Farms: Apiaries (bees), worms, and insects**

##### **Applies to:**

- Businesses raising honey bees for making honey, for sale to growers or farmers who use them as pollinators, or for laboratories or research centers.
- Businesses raising insects, such as crickets.
- Businesses raising worms.

##### **Work in this classification includes, but is not limited to:**

- Sheltering;
- Building structures to accommodate bee hives;
- Collecting honey from farm hives;
- Collecting bees and bee hives from unrelated properties;
- Growing vegetation and plants to support the production of honey or population of bees, worms, or insects;
- Processing and packaging of honey, honeycomb and bees wax;
- Preparation of soils and soil mixes;
- Maintaining proper soil moisture to encourage worm growth and reproduction;
- Digging worms;
- Sorting and packaging.

##### **Store operations:**

- Roadside stands are included in the farming classification when operated at or near the farm, even if a small stock of products not produced by the employer is also sold.
- If all the conditions of the general reporting rules covering the operations of a secondary business are met, farms operating multiple retail locations, such as, but not limited to, those found in parking lots of shopping centers or at farmer's markets, may qualify to have those activities reported separately.

##### **Exclusions:**

- Contractors hired by farm to install, repair or build any farm equipment or structures (report in the classification applicable to the work being performed).

##### **What is a farm labor contractor?**

- A farm labor contractor is a specialty contractor who supplies laborers to a farm operation for specified services such as collecting hives or bees, preparing soils for crops, irrigating, and fertilizing; and
- Generally the work involves manual labor tasks as opposed to machine operation.

##### **What risk classification are farm labor contractors to report in?**

- Farm labor contractors are to be reported in the classification that applies to the farm they are contracting with; and
- Contractors who provide both equipment or machinery and the machine operators are to be reported in classification 4808 "Custom farm services," as the process involved in operating machinery is the same regardless of the type of farm they are providing services to or the type of crop involved.

#### **4804-09 Egg grading, candling and packing**

**Applies to:**

Businesses engaged in grading, candling, and packing eggs for retail or wholesale markets.

**Work in this rate classification includes, but is not limited to:**

- Sorting;
- Grading;
- Washing;
- Candling;
- Packing eggs into cartons or crates;
- Transporting eggs to market;
- Store operations located at or near packaging facility.

**Exclusions:**

- Businesses engaged in egg breaking are classified in 3902.
- Businesses engaged in raising poultry are classified in 4804-00.
- Businesses engaged in operating egg production farms are classified in 4804-03.

**Special note:** The farm labor contractor provision is not applicable to this classification as these establishments are not engaged in a farming operation.

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