

Home-Based Food Business: Food Safety Considerations

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Benefits HB FB

- Use of personal skill sets (knowledge, attributes and technical abilities)
- Creative outlet
- Create a new service or product
- Contribute to local economy
- Use of local ingredients/items
- Flexible work hours/scheduling



Drawbacks HB FB

- Risk management
- Potential danger of unsafe food
- Compliance with existing laws
- Multiple aspects to consider





Microorganism from fingers dried on this apron



Microorganisms found on this apron

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Action Steps

- 1. Assess the Market**
- 2. Review Regulations**
- 3. Estimate Costs and Revenue**
- 4. Market and Merchandise**



Resources to Get Started –

- Extension Publications
- Go to www.extension.iastate.edu/store and enter PM in search box
- ISU Extension Economic Development
- Local Development Groups
- ISUE Nutrition and Health Food Specialists
 - technical expertise food science
 - providers food safety education
- State of Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals – www.dia.gov

