



STATE of NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-09

**Prohibition on the Procurement of Lab-Grown Meat and
Non-Discrimination Against Natural-Meat Producers**

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Constitution charges me to take care that the affairs of the State are efficiently and economically administered.

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 73-801 to 73-819 set out requirements and processes for the procurement of property and services by the State. Moreover, as Governor of Nebraska, I appoint personnel and oversee processes that lead to the procurement of products by methods other than the formal competitive bidding process.

WHEREAS, the farming, ranching, and natural-meat production industries are vital to Nebraska's economy. Furthermore, Nebraskans trust these industries to provide safe and nutritious products for their families.

WHEREAS, "Agricultural Food Animal" means a domesticated animal belonging to the bovine, caprine, ovine, or porcine species; or live domestic fowl.

WHEREAS, "Lab-Grown Meat" or "Cultivated-Protein Food Product" 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 a manufacturing operation.

WHEREAS, Nebraska consumers strongly desire to know the origin and makeup of the food that they purchase and consume. Neither state nor federal labeling requirements have been developed for Lab-Grown Meat.

WHEREAS, products containing both traditionally raised and processed meat and Lab-Grown Meat have the potential to confuse consumers.

WHEREAS, current research suggests that Lab-Grown Meat's environmental impact is significantly higher than naturally produced meat.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nebraska, including the State Procurement Act, do hereby order and direct the following:

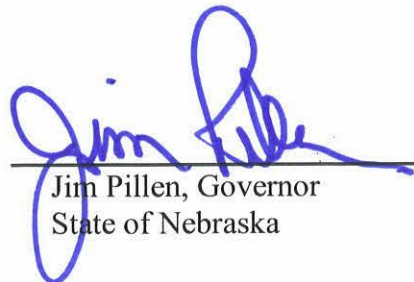
1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, State agencies **shall not** procure Lab-Grown Meat.
2. To the fullest extent permitted by law, all parties awarded contracts through the State Procurement Act **shall have attested** that they will not discriminate against natural-meat producers in favor of laboratory or cultivated-meat producers.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 29th day of August 2024.



Attest:


Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska


Robert Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska