



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Sales and Use Tax Bureau

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NOTICE TO DEALERS OF LIVESTOCK FEED

Mississippi's sales tax law provides certain exemptions for items used for agricultural purposes. These exemptions can be found in Miss. Code Ann. Section 27-65-103. This Section exempts the purchase of mules, horses and other livestock as well as the sale of livestock feed, poultry feed and fish feed.

For purposes of these exemptions, livestock is defined to mean horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, mules, donkeys, poultry and ratite. All other animals usually found on farms that are raised for commercial profit or commercial uses are also considered livestock. Livestock does not include dogs, cats or any other domestic animals usually kept as pets.

The sale of feed for animals defined as livestock is exempt from sales tax. This exemption applies to feed that is labeled as livestock feed or other feed that is sold for livestock use, such as hay or silage. The exemption will not apply to purchases of any feed or other food products that are not regularly sold for livestock use regardless of the ultimate use of the feed; nor will it apply to any feed that is labeled for non livestock use, such as deer corn. Generally, livestock does not include animals such as chinchillas, hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, ferrets and rabbits; however, farmers who are raising these animals for commercial profit may apply to the Department of Revenue for a letter authorizing the purchase of feed exempt from tax.

The sale of dog food or cat food is not exempt. The exemption also does not cover the sale of any feed used in the hunting of animals.