

## CHAPTER 30

## VEGETABLES, FRUIT

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**30.001 DEFINITION.** Subdivision 1. Except where the context otherwise indicates, for the purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of agriculture.

[1961 c 113 s 1; 1961 c 128 s 13]

## ENFORCEMENT

**30.002 ENFORCEMENT.** It shall be the duty of the commissioner to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

[1931 c 70 s 11; 1933 c 420 s 2; *Ex*1934 c 41 s 4; 1935 c 164 s 8; 1937 c 282 s 5] (3945-11, 3945-18, 3945-18i, 3945-22)

## POTATO GRADING, LABELING, AND INSPECTION

**30.01 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Terms.** Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the terms defined in subdivisions 2 and 6 shall, for the purposes of sections 30.099 to 30.201, have the meanings given to them.

Subd. 2. **Person.** "Person" means any grower, dealer, shipper, trucker, society, association, organization, corporation, or their agents or representatives.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

Subd. 4. [Renumbered 30.099]

Subd. 5. [Renumbered 30.159]

Subd. 6. **Container or package.** "Container" or "package" means cloth, burlap, or fibre sacks, barrels, boxes, crates, cartons, hampers, or baskets, or any container which is either sewed, tied, nailed, or otherwise secured.

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

Subd. 8. [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

[1935 c 164 s 2; 1961 c 145 s 1, 4] (3945-13)

**30.02** [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

**30.03** [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

**30.04** [Renumbered 30.121]

**30.05** [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

**30.06** [Renumbered 30.151]

**30.07** [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

**30.08** [Renumbered 30.152]

**30.09** [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

**30.099 DEFINITION OF POTATOES.** For the purposes of 30.10 to 30.152,

"potatoes" means all potatoes offered for sale within the state of Minnesota.

[1935 c 164 s 2; 1961 c 145 s 2] (3945-13)

**30.10 POTATO GRADES.** The intent and purpose of sections 30.10 to 30.15 is to regulate the grade of potatoes when the potatoes are offered for sale by any person, grower, firm, dealer, trucker, association, organization, or corporation, either by wholesale or retail, or in any other manner. Except where otherwise provided, the provisions of sections 30.10 to 30.15 shall not apply to the grower when hauling, transporting, delivering, consigning, or selling potatoes of his own production and excepting Minnesota grown potatoes marketed between July first and October first of each year.

[1935 c 164 s 1; 1961 c 145 s 7] (3945-12)

**30.11 STANDARD GRADES.** The standard grades for Minnesota potatoes shall be the United States potato grades and shall conform to, in all respects and be identical with, the latest standards established by the United States department of agriculture for potatoes, all of which grades and standards are hereby adopted and shall be used in this state in the grading of potatoes for sale. Potatoes not conforming to the established United States potato grades may be sold in this state if labeled, tagged, or branded in the same manner as graded potatoes, except that in place of specifying the grade, the word "unclassified" shall be used. Certified seed potatoes inspected and certified under the authority of the commissioner of agriculture shall not be affected by sections 30.10 to 30.15, but shall be graded and tagged as required under sections 21.111 to 21.122.

[1935 c 164 s 3; 1961 c 113 s 1; 1961 c 145 s 8] (3945-14)

**30.12 ALL SHIPMENTS MUST BE TAGGED.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, trucker, association, organization, or corporation, or any agent, representative, or assistant to any person, firm, trucker, association, organization, or corporation, except those hereinbefore exempted, to sell, transport, deliver, or consign potatoes prepared for market unless each container has been legibly and conspicuously tagged, branded, labeled, and stenciled before being moved from the premises of the person responsible for the grading and packing, and the name of the grade legibly placed thereon, together with the true net contents expressed in weight.

Bulk shipments shall be accompanied by two cards, not less than four by six inches in size, placed in the inside of the car near each door. Likewise cards, in size herein described, shall be prominently placed on all bulk shipments made by truck or other conveyance. Upon each card shall appear the name and address of the consignor, the name of the grade, the name of the loading station, the date of loading, and the name and address of the consignee, if known.

[1935 c. 164 s. 4] (3945-15)

**30.121 MARKS AND BRANDS.** The marks and brands prescribed in sections 30.10 to 30.13 may be accompanied by additional marks or brands which are not inconsistent with, or more conspicuous than, and which do not in any way obscure, the marks and brands prescribed.

[1931 c 70 s 4; 1961 c 145 s 5] (3945-4)

**30.13 NOT TO BE SOLD OR TRANSPORTED UNLESS TAGGED.** It shall be unlawful for any person, including but not limited to the grower, to sell, deliver, or consign potatoes which have not been graded and branded or tagged to conform to the requirements of the grade declared. The grade declared shall conform to the provisions of sections 30.10 to 30.15.

It shall be unlawful for any common carrier by railroad, or any person, to transport or deliver in any manner potatoes which have not been tagged or branded, and which tag or brand shall show the claimed grade of the potatoes. This section shall be subject to the conditions of section 30.10.

No person shall transport for sale any potatoes on the highways who is the owner thereof, unless the potatoes are being transported for the purposes set forth in section 30.10, unless the potatoes have been graded and branded to conform to the requirements of the grade declared. The grade declared shall conform to the provisions of sections 30.10 to 30.15.

When potatoes have been graded, branded, or tagged in an unlawful manner, the condition of these potatoes at the time when the tag, label, certificate or brand is found attached to them shall be prima facie evidence of the condition of these potatoes at the time of attaching.

[1935 c 164 s 5; 1961 c 145 s 9] (3945-16)

**30.14 CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTORS.** In determining controversies and

standards between the parties, including but not limited to growers, as to the quality and condition of potatoes offered for sale or tendered in performance of contracts for sale in this state, the certificates of a fully authorized and commissioned inspector of the commissioner shall be prima facie evidence both of the grade and quality of the potatoes offered for sale or tendered in performance of any such contract.

[1935 c 164 s 6; 1961 c 145 s 10] (3945-17)

**30.15 COMMISSIONER TO ENFORCE.** The commissioner shall at all times have access to all buildings, yards, warehouses, storage and transportation facilities in which potatoes are kept, stored, handled, or transported, to inspect the same as to grade, quality, condition, and packs, tagging, branding, and labeling.

[1935 c. 164 s. 8] (3945-18)

**30.151 FREEDOM OF CONTRACT NOT IMPAIRED.** Nothing in sections 30.10 to 30.15 shall be construed in any manner to impair the freedom of contract between individuals relative to the sale and disposal of potatoes between the owners thereof and the persons purchasing the same. When any seller or buyer of potatoes shall, by a contract in writing, agree to sell and dispose of to any person potatoes in any lots or quantities of the grades and varieties specified herein, or of any other grade and variety or quality concerning which the persons desire to contract, he shall have the legal right to do so and shall be bound by the terms of such contract so entered into, and in case any seller attempts to tender in fulfillment of any such contract potatoes of a lower standard or quality than those specified in such a contract the purchaser of the same shall have the legal right to either reject or accept them upon a tolerance basis commensurate in value between the market price of the grade and quality contracted for and the grade and quality of the potatoes tendered in delivery thereon.

[1931 c 70 s 6; 1961 c 145 s 6] (3945-6)

**30.152 NOT TO PAY INSPECTORS.** No person shall, directly or indirectly, hire or pay the compensation of any inspector whose duty it is to determine the grade or quality of potatoes offered or exposed for sale in the state, other than the state of Minnesota, whose duly constituted officers shall, in due form and in accordance with law, issue commissions to inspectors duly authorizing and empowering them to act as such.

Nothing herein shall prevent any person paying the proper inspection fees, duly established, to the proper persons duly authorized to receive the same, but the payment or allowance of any gratuity, commission, or allowance in addition thereto shall constitute the crime of bribery and shall be punished by law as such.

[1931 c. 70 s. 8; 1935 c. 164 s. 7] (3945-8) (3945-17a)

**30.159 DEFINITION OF POTATOES.** For the purposes of sections 30.16 to 30.20, "potatoes" means all the potatoes produced within the state and all potatoes offered for sale in lots of 3,000 pounds or more within the state.

[1937 c 282 s 7; 1961 c 145 s 3] (3945-18k)

**30.16 POTATOES SHALL BE INSPECTED.** All potatoes shipped by any person, in lots of 3,000 pounds or more from the state shall be inspected by an authorized federal-state inspector to determine the grade, quality, and condition of such shipment. All fees shall be assessed against the inspection certificate applicant and shall be collected by the commissioner from the firm or individual against whom the fee is assessed. An application for inspection service shall be denied if the applicant has not paid all fees for prior inspection service assessed against him, the initial billings for which were deposited in the mail addressed to him more than 30 days before the application in question. Sections 30.16 to 30.20 shall not apply to Minnesota-grown potatoes between July 1 and October 1 of each year.

[1937 c 282 s 1; 1941 c 292 s 1; 1957 c 379 s 1; 1963 c 96 s 1; 1967 c 564 s 1] (3945-18e)

**30.17 PLACE OF INSPECTION.** Inspection of lots of potatoes of 3,000 pounds or more shall be made at the point of origin when inspectors are available at such points. The commissioner shall designate other points at which lots of potatoes may be inspected. If such other points are more than 30 miles from an established inspection office, mileage costs at the regular rates paid by the state for private car driving shall be charged for the excess driving to and from such points and shall be added to the inspection fee.

[1937 c 282 s 2; 1961 c 145 s 11; 1967 c 564 s 2] (3945-18f)

**30.18 [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]**

**30.19 RULES.** The commissioner shall promulgate in the manner provided by

law, rules and regulations deemed necessary to the proper enforcement of the provisions of sections 30.16 to 30.20.

[1937 c 282 s 4; 1961 c 145 s 12] (3945-18h)

**30.20 FEES.** Fees for inspection shall be determined by the commissioner.

[1937 c. 282 s. 6] (3945-18j)

**30.201 PENALTIES.** Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 30.10 to 30.152 and 30.16 to 30.20 or any rules or regulations made thereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and such conviction may be proper cause for the suspension or forfeiture or cancellation of any license held by the person so convicted.

[1931 c 70 s 9; Ex1934 c 41 s 3; 1961 c 145 s 13] (3945-10)

**30.21** [Renumbered 30.50]

**30.22** [Renumbered 30.51]

**30.23** [Renumbered 30.002]

**30.24** Subdivision 1. [Renumbered 30.201]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1961 c 145 s 14]

**30.31** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.32** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.33** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.34** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.35** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.36** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

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**30.40** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.41** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.42** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.43** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.44** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.45** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

**30.46** [Repealed, 1967 c 417 s 18]

#### POTATO INDUSTRY PROMOTION

**30.461 CITATION; POTATO INDUSTRY PROMOTION ACT OF MINNESOTA.** Sections 30.461 to 30.477 may be cited as the "Potato Industry Promotion Act of Minnesota."

[1967 c 417 s 1]

**30.462 DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared that the production, development, marketing, and promotion of Irish potatoes in Minnesota is important to the general welfare of the people of the state of Minnesota; that it is in the public interest that better methods of production, processing, and marketing of potatoes and the advertising and promoting of potatoes grown in the state of Minnesota be fostered, encouraged, developed, and improved so that the potato industry within the state of Minnesota, the people employed by said industry, directly or indirectly, and the people of the state of Minnesota should be benefited thereby, the accomplishment of which requires and demands provision for the establishment of Minnesota state potato councils for the purposes and with the objectives of contributing to the stabilization and improvement of the agricultural economy of this state. The provisions of sections 30.461 to 30.477 shall not be construed to abrogate or limit in any way the rights, powers, duties, and functions of the office of the commissioner of agriculture or any other agency of the state but shall be supplementary thereto and in aid and cooperation therewith; nor shall the provisions of sections 30.461 to 30.477 be constructed to authorize an area potato council to engage in competitive business enterprises, it being the intended purpose of sections 30.461 to 30.477 that the council through research and advertising shall promote Minnesota grown Irish potatoes.

[1967 c 417 s 2]

**30.463 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. **Terms.** For the purposes of sections 30.461 to 30.477 the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. **Council.** "Council" means a Minnesota area potato council.

Subd. 3. **Grower.** "Grower" means any person who plants, raises, and harvests Irish potatoes from more than ten acres.

Subd. 4. **Potatoes.** "Potatoes" means any and all varieties of Irish potatoes harvested within the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 5. **Participating grower.** "Participating grower" means a grower who has not exempted himself from the payment of taxes on potato production under sections 30.461 to 30.477 for a particular year, or a grower who is not exempt from the payment of taxes on potato production under the terms of sections 30.461 to 30.477.

Subd. 6. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means commissioner of agriculture.

[1967 c 417 s 3]

**30.464 AREAS; DESIGNATION, LAW GOVERNING.** Subdivision 1. For the purpose of administration of sections 30.461 to 30.477 the state is divided into four areas. Area number one includes the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake, Norman, Mahnomen, Clay, Becker, Wilkin and Otter Tail. Area number two includes the counties of Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching, St. Louis, Carlton, Lake and Cook. Area number three includes the counties of Traverse, Grant, Douglas, Big Stone, Stevens, Pope, Swift, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Renville, McLeod, Carver, Scott, Dakota, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Sibley, Le Sueur, Rice, Goodhue, Nicollet, Wabasha, Pipestone, Murray, Brown, Waseca, Steele, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Cottonwood, Watonwan, Blue Earth, Rock, Nobles, Jackson, Martin, Faribault, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore and Houston. Area number four includes the counties of Hubbard, Cass, Aitkin, Wadena, Crow Wing, Todd, Pine, Morrison, Mille Lacs, Kanabec, Stearns, Benton, Isanti, Chisago, Sherburne, Anoka, Meeker, Wright, Washington, Hennepin and Ramsey.

Subd. 2. Sections 30.461 to 30.477 shall apply to and be in force in any area of the state wherein the commissioner of agriculture shall so determine pursuant to, and after approval by, referendum of the potato growers as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. Upon the filing of a petition with the commissioner signed by 25 growers or 25 percent of the growers, whichever is less, residing in one area praying that sections 30.461 to 30.477 shall apply in all or a stated part of that area, the commissioner shall give seven days public notice to be published in a legal newspaper in each county affected of the time and place or places within the area of a referendum which shall be held in such area and if approved by two-thirds of the voters voting at such referendum such area shall be deemed organized under sections 30.461 to 30.477 and sections 30.461 to 30.477 shall apply thereto. The commissioner shall thereupon file an order finding such facts and such order shall be evidence of the facts so found.

Subd. 4. When an area or a designated part thereof has been organized under sections 30.461 to 30.477 for at least one year the applicability of the provisions of sections 30.461 to 30.477 thereto may be terminated by referendum proceedings instituted by petition and carried out exactly as prescribed in subdivision 3 for organizing the area under sections 30.461 to 30.477.

[1967 c 417 s 4]

**30.465 MINNESOTA AREA POTATO COUNCILS; MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, TERM.** There is hereby established in each area subjected to the provisions of sections 30.461 to 30.477 by referendum as provided in section 30.464, subdivision 3, an area potato council. The council shall be composed of the commissioner of agriculture or his designated representative, who shall be chairman of the council except that he shall not have the right to vote, and five participating growers elected from the area. Every elected council member shall be a citizen of the state and a bona fide resident of and participating grower in the area he represents. The term of each elected member shall be three years and shall begin on July 1 of year of election, except that initially one member shall be elected for a three year term; two members shall be elected for two year terms; and two members shall be elected for one year terms as designated by the commissioner. If at any time during a member's term he shall cease to possess any of the qualifications provided for in sections 30.461 to 30.477, his office shall be deemed vacant and the council shall appoint another qualified participating grower for the remainder of the term of the office vacated. The commissioner shall conduct all elections under this section in such a manner as he, in his discretion, deems fair and reasonable. All such elections shall be conducted in the month of June. No elected

member of the council shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive three year terms.

[1967 c 417 s 5]

**30.466 MEETINGS, QUORUM, COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF COUNCIL.** A majority of the voting members of an area council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business in carrying out the duties of the council. All meetings of the council shall be called by the chairman except special meetings which shall be called by the chairman on the petition of three council members within seven days of receiving such a petition. Each member of the council, except the chairman, shall receive the sum of \$25 per day for each day spent in performance of the business of the council, together with traveling expenses while on council business on the same basis as employees of the commissioner.

[1967 c 417 s 6]

**30.467 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.** Amounts credited to an area in the potato fund shall be subject to disbursement for expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes of sections 30.461 to 30.477. Such disbursement shall be by draft or other withdrawal order in form prescribed by the state treasurer signed by a person or persons designated by the council. Any such representative shall provide bond in such manner and amount as the state treasurer may reasonably require. The financial affairs and records of any area shall be subject to audit by an auditing agency of the state of Minnesota when and as the state treasurer may so request.

[1967 c 417 s 7]

**30.468 AREA POTATO COUNCIL, POWERS AND DUTIES.** In the administration of sections 30.461 to 30.477, the council shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To contract and cooperate with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or with any local, state or federal department or agency for research, education, publicity, promotion, and transportation for the purposes of sections 30.461 to 30.477;

(b) To expend the funds collected pursuant to the provisions of sections 30.461 to 30.477 and appropriated for its administration;

(c) To appoint, employ, bond, discharge, fix compensation for, and prescribe the duties of such administrative, clerical, technical, and other personnel as it may deem necessary;

(d) To accept donations of funds, property, services, or other assistance from public or private sources for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the council;

(e) To investigate and prosecute in the name of the state of Minnesota any action or suit to enforce the collection or ensure payment of the taxes authorized by the provisions of sections 30.461 to 30.477, and to sue and be sued in the name of the council.

[1967 c 417 s 8]

**30.469 TAX LEVIED.** There is hereby levied and imposed upon all land subjected to the provisions of this act by referendum and from which potatoes are harvested by a grower as defined herein an annual tax of \$1 per acre. Every potato grower in such area or areas shall report to the council by August 15 following May 16, 1967, and on July 15 of each year thereafter, on forms provided by the council, the acreage of potatoes planted in such area or areas, on acreages controlled by him. On or before November 15 of each year every such grower shall file with the council, on forms furnished by it, a statement reporting the acres of potatoes harvested. The remittance of the tax at the rate as provided in this section shall accompany the report. All moneys levied and collected under sections 30.461 to 30.477 shall be paid to the area council having jurisdiction for deposit to the credit of that area, in a fund designated "Potato Fund", in a bank, or banks, or other depository, approved by the commissioner of banks and shall be disbursed by such officers and employees as may be approved by the commissioner of agriculture with the advice and consent of the area potato council. Such funds are to be used exclusively to carry out the intent and the purposes of sections 30.461 to 30.477 as it relates to that area.

[1967 c 417 s 9]

**30.47 FINANCING REFERENDUMS.** Any petitioners for a referendum to organize under sections 30.461 to 30.477 filing such petition after June 30, 1969, shall deposit with the commissioner of agriculture sufficient funds to pay the costs of such referendum and such funds shall be used by the commissioner for that pur-

pose. If an area council is created pursuant to such a referendum it may reimburse petitioners for the amount of such deposit from any funds received by the council.

[1967 c 417 s 10]

**30.471 STORAGE BREAKDOWN LOSS; TAX REFUND.** A grower who sustains a complete storage breakdown may file a claim for a refund of that portion of the tax for the crop year affected based upon the acreage from which the yield was lost. Growers claiming relief under this section shall make application in writing to the council on or before April 1 of such crop year. All claims for refund under this section shall be under oath and attested by three other growers informed of the facts.

[1967 c 417 s 11]

**30.472 NONPARTICIPATING GROWERS; REFUNDS.** Growers may become nonparticipating growers and claim exemption from the provisions of sections 30.461 to 30.477. To claim exemption, a nonparticipating grower shall notify the council, in writing, on or before July 15 of each year, at the time of the initial report as provided in section 30.469 of his intention not to participate under the program and to claim refund of the taxes herein levied for that crop year. Such grower, if he has notified the council of his intention not to participate, as herein provided, shall be eligible between December 1 and December 15 of each year, to claim a refund of the taxes paid in that crop year, paid pursuant to this enactment. Upon the receipt of a written claim for refund from an eligible, nonparticipating grower, the council shall refund the taxes paid in such crop year.

[1967 c 417 s 12]

**30.473 REFERENDUM BY GROWERS.** Whenever 15 percent of the participating growers in all areas activated under sections 30.461 to 30.477, as disclosed by the records of the area councils for the preceding year, shall petition the councils, the councils shall conduct a referendum among all the participating growers of the state to determine whether they wish the legislature to raise or lower the tax imposed by section 30.469. Such referendum shall be conducted only among participating growers who have paid all taxes assessed pursuant to this enactment for the preceding year, and the ballots shall be prepared by the councils and mailed to each participating grower at least 30 days prior to the last date for filing ballots. In addition, each ballot shall be accompanied by a notice to each participating grower:

(a) Of the date of the filing of the petition by the growers for the referendum and the number of signatures contained thereon;

(b) Of the date and place where the councils will open and tabulate the ballots, which date shall be not less than five days after the last date for filing the ballots;

(c) Of the last date upon which ballots shall be filed with the council, or postmarked if delivered to the council by mail;

(d) That any participating grower may attend the meeting of the council at the time the ballots are opened and the votes tabulated.

If a majority of the participating growers voting upon the question are in favor of the proposed change, the council shall certify the result to the commissioner with the request that the department prepare a bill to submit to the legislature at the next legislative session to modify sections 30.461 to 30.477 in conformity therewith. The results of such referendum shall be advisory only and the legislature shall in no way be obligated to adopt legislation enacting the proposals contained in any referendum.

[1967 c 417 s 13]

**30.474 COLLECTION OF UNPAID TAXES.** If a participating grower fails to pay the tax provided herein, the collection thereof may be enforced by the council in any court with competent jurisdiction within this state.

[1967 c 417 s 14]

**30.476 VIOLATIONS.** Any person who wilfully violates the provisions of sections 30.461 to 30.477 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

[1967 c 417 s 15]

**30.476 PENALTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES.** Any participating grower who shall fail to pay any tax levied by sections 30.461 to 30.477 on the date that the same becomes due shall be delinquent and the council shall levy a penalty on such delinquent payment of 10 percent of the tax due, plus interest at the rate of 6 percent per annum from the due date, which penalty and interest shall be collected in the manner as described in section 30.474.

[1967 c 417 s 16]

**30.477 RECORD OF COUNCIL; INSPECTION.** All of the records of the council, including acreage reports, tax returns, claims of exemption, and any other data, records, or information retained by the council shall be public information and shall be available for the inspection of any person for any lawful purpose; provided, however, that the council shall be empowered to make reasonable rules and regulations concerning the inspection of such information or data, and the time or place of such inspection or the manner which the information shall be made available.

[1967 c 417 s 17]

#### STRAWBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES

**30.50 SALE OF STRAWBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES REGULATED.** All fresh strawberries and raspberries that are offered for sale, packed for sale, or shipped for sale, by any person other than the grower thereof, in the state shall be handled and sold under rules and regulations made and designated by the commissioner. The grades and the regulations controlling the handling of strawberries and raspberries shall be only determined by the commissioner after due notice and public hearings with the producers of the same have been held.

[1933 c. 420 s. 1] (3945-21)

**30.51 LICENSE REVOKED.** The commissioner may revoke any license issued under his authority upon proof of violation of the provisions of section 30.50 and any rules and regulations made in pursuance thereof.

[1933 c. 420 s. 3] (3945-23)

#### APPLES

**30.55 APPLES, STANDARD GRADES.** The commissioner shall by rule establish official standards for grading and classifying all apples offered for sale in Minnesota.

[1941 c 371 s 1; 1953 c 94 s 1; 1955 c 435 s 1]

**30.56 APPLES, PACKAGES PLAINLY MARKED.** All apples offered for retail sale and each closed package of apples offered or exposed or packed for retail sale shall be conspicuously marked with a label bearing the name and address of the grower or packer, the name of the variety, the minimum size and the grade, except that when apples are sold at retail from open bins, open containers, or in bags, each bin or display of such containers or bags shall be marked with a label bearing the name of the variety and the grade. All apples which fail to meet the requirements of any of the established Minnesota grades shall be plainly and conspicuously marked with a label bearing the word "utility" in letters of a size and form to be prescribed by the commissioner.

[1941 c 371 s 2; 1955 c 435 s 2]

**30.57 ENFORCEMENT.** The commissioner shall be charged with the enforcement of the provisions of sections 30.55 to 30.57 and for that purpose has the power:

(1) To enter and inspect personally, or through any authorized representative, any place within the state where apples are sold, offered or exposed or packed for sale, and to inspect such places and all apples and apple containers found in any such place.

(2) To make, publish, and enforce such uniform rules and regulations as are necessary for carrying out the provisions of sections 30.55 to 30.57.

[1941 c 371 s 3; 1955 c 435 s 3]

**30.58 APPLICATION.** Sections 30.55 to 30.57 shall not apply to any grower or producer selling less than 25 bushels of apples in any year.

[1941 c 371 s 5; 1955 c 435 s 4]

**30.59 PENALTY.** Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 30.55 to 30.58 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition, any apples found to be offered or exposed or packed for sale in violation of these sections may be ordered temporarily withdrawn from sale by the commissioner pending either (1) informal adjustment according to law between the commissioner, or his duly authorized representative, and the person in charge of the apples in question, or (2) by the filing of a formal complaint, without undue delay, with the attorney general or prosecuting attorney.

[1941 c 371 s 6]