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#### 17.03 Powers and duties of commissioner.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1974]

**Subd. 2. Statistics and information.** The commissioner may collect, compile, and supply statistics and information in regard to the agricultural products of the state and agricultural industries and, to attain this result, he may cause a farm census at least once in two years, and may do so annually if deemed advisable.

[1975 c 319 s 1; 1975 c 339 s 1]

[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1974]

#### 17.35 Raising domestic fur-bearing animals.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1974]

**Subd. 6. Licenses.** Before any person shall engage in business as a fur farmer, he shall obtain a license therefor from the commissioner. An application for such license shall be made to the commissioner in writing, accompanied by a fee of \$10, stating the name of the applicant, the description of the premises upon which such business is to be conducted, the species of the domestic animals to be maintained and handled thereon, and such further information as the commissioner may require. The commissioner shall grant the application and issue a license after he has determined that the application is made in good faith and with intent to carry on the business described in the application, and that the facilities are adequate therefor. All licenses issued pursuant to this section shall expire on the 31st day of December of the year for which the same is issued. Any person to whom a license has been issued may, upon application, obtain a renewal license upon payment of the annual fee of \$10, which application for renewal shall be made on or before January 1 of each year. If a license renewal is not applied for on or before January 1 of each year, a penalty of 25 percent of the license fee shall be imposed. All moneys received in payment of license fees and penalties under this section shall be paid into the state treasury.

[1975 c 412 s 1]

[For text of subds 7 to 11, see M.S.1974]

#### 17.694 Accreditation.

[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1974]

**Subd. 4a.** Within 30 days of a decision by the commissioner denying accreditation to an association, the association may request a hearing before the commissioner. The commissioner shall then conduct a hearing to determine whether the association shall be accredited. This hearing shall be governed by the provisions of sections 15.0418 and 15.0419. If the commissioner, after this hearing has been held, determines that the association should not be accredited, the association may appeal this decision in accordance with

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sections 15.0424 and 15.0425. Only an association denied certification after such hearing may appeal under this chapter.

Subd. 5. Accreditation of the association by the commissioner shall be effective upon receipt by the association of the notice of accreditation from the commissioner.

[1975 c 88 s 1,2]

[For text of subds 6 and 7, see M.S.1974]

### **17.697 Bargaining defined; notice of commencement of negotiations; mediation procedure.**

Subdivision 1. As used in sections 17.691 to 17.701, "bargaining" means the mutual obligation of a handler and an association or their designated representatives to meet at reasonable times and confer and negotiate in good faith. Negotiations may include all terms relative to trading between handlers and producers of the agricultural commodity such as:

- (a) prices and terms of sale
- (b) quality specifications
- (c) quantity to be marketed by acreage or weight
- (d) transactions involving products and services utilized by one party and provided by the other party
- (e) check off procedures pursuant to assessments levied by the association, not to exceed one-half of one percent of the gross value of the producers annual production contract are collected by handlers from proceeds to producers within the bargaining unit and paid to the association.

[1975 c 88 s 3]

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1974]

### **17.724 Repealed, 1975 c 227 s 10**

## **CHAPTER 17B. GRAIN INSPECTION; WEIGHING, SAMPLING, AND ANALYSIS ACT**

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Sec.  
17B.19 Repealed.

### **17B.15 Fees for inspection and weighing.**

Subdivision 1. The fees for inspection and weighing shall be fixed by the commissioner and be a lien upon the grain. If the grain is in transit, such fees shall be paid by the carrier and treated as advance charges, and, if received for storage, such fees shall be paid by the warehouseman, and added to the storage charges.

All moneys so collected and all fines and penalties for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury.

Subd. 2. The commissioner is directed to adjust his schedule of fees before the end of each fiscal year to provide that the initial charge made for services to be rendered during the next fiscal year shall be sufficient to provide an income during the latter fiscal year equal to the amount of the expenditures for that year for salaries, overtime, expenses, which shall include without limitation, an amount for state retirement and social security contributions. If the income from the fees provided for herein during any fiscal year is more than 103 percent of the expenditures for that year, the commissioner in adjusting his schedule of fees for use in the next fiscal year shall fix the fees to produce income in the amount of that expenditure less the amount of the excess over 103 percent of the expenditures first referred to herein. If the income from the fees provided for herein during any fiscal year is less than the expenditures for that year, the commissioner in adjusting his schedule of fees for use in the next fiscal year shall fix the fees to produce income in the