

CHAPTER 17

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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17.114 SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE.

Subdivision 1. Purpose. To assure the viability of agriculture in this state, the commissioner shall investigate, demonstrate, report on, and make recommendations on the current and future sustainability of agriculture in this state. Sustainable agriculture has the meaning given to it in Laws 1987, chapter 396, article 12, section 6.

Subd. 2. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Sustainable agriculture" represents the best aspects of traditional and modern agriculture by using a fundamental understanding of nature as well as the latest scientific advances to create integrated, self-reliant, resource conserving practices that enhance the enrichment of the environment and provide short- and long-term productive and economical agriculture.

(b) "Integrated pest management" means use of a combination of approaches, incorporating the judicious application of ecological principles, management techniques, cultural and biological controls, and chemical methods, to keep pests below levels where they do economic damage.

Subd. 3. Duties. (a) The commissioner shall:

(1) establish a clearinghouse and provide information, appropriate educational opportunities and other assistance to individuals, producers, and groups about sustainable agricultural techniques, practices, and opportunities;

(2) survey producers and support services and organizations to determine information and research needs in the area of sustainable agricultural practices;

(3) demonstrate the on-farm applicability of sustainable agriculture practices to conditions in this state;

(4) coordinate the efforts of state agencies regarding activities relating to sustainable agriculture;

(5) direct the programs of the department so as to work toward the sustainability of agriculture in this state;

(6) inform agencies of how state or federal programs could utilize and support sustainable agriculture practices;

(7) work closely with farmers, the University of Minnesota, and other appropriate organizations to identify opportunities and needs as well as assure coordination and avoid duplication of state agency efforts regarding research, teaching, and extension work relating to sustainable agriculture; and

(8) report to the legislature every odd-numbered year.

(b) The report under paragraph (a), clause (8), must include:

(1) the presentation and analysis of findings regarding the current status and trends regarding the economic condition of producers; the status of soil and water resources utilized by production agriculture; the magnitude of off-farm inputs used; and the amount of nonrenewable resources used by Minnesota farmers;

(2) a description of current state or federal programs directed toward sustainable agriculture including significant results and experiences of those programs;

(3) a description of specific actions the department of agriculture is taking in the area of sustainable agriculture;

(4) a description of current and future research needs at all levels in the area of sustainable agriculture; and

(5) suggestions for changes in existing programs or policies or enactment of new programs or policies that will affect farm profitability, maintain soil and water quality, reduce input costs, or lessen dependence upon nonrenewable resources.

Subd. 4. Integrated pest management. (a) The state shall promote and facilitate the use of integrated pest management through education, technical or financial assistance, information and research.

(b) The commissioner shall coordinate the development of a state approach to the promotion and use of integrated pest management, which shall include delineation of the responsibilities of the state, public post-secondary institutions, Minnesota extension service, local units of government, and the private sector; establishment of information exchange and integration; procedures for identifying research needs and reviewing and preparing informational materials; procedures for factoring integrated pest management into state laws, rules, and uses of pesticides; and identification of barriers to adoption.

(c) The commissioner shall report to the governor and legislature by November 15, 1990, and on a biennial basis thereafter.

History: 1989 c 326 art 2 s 2

17.135 FARM DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE.

A permit is not required from a state agency, except under sections 88.16, 88.17, and 88.22 for a person who owns or operates land used for farming that buries, or burns and buries, solid waste generated from the person's household or as part of the person's farming operation if the burying is done in a nuisance free, pollution free, and aesthetic manner on the land used for farming. This exception does not apply if regularly scheduled pickup of solid waste is reasonably available at the person's farm, as determined by resolution of the county board of the county where the person's farm is located.

History: 1989 c 131 s 2

17.49 AQUICULTURE PROGRAM AND PROMOTION.

Subdivision 1. Program established. The commissioner shall establish and promote a program for the commercial raising of fish in fish farms in consultation with an advisory committee consisting of the University of Minnesota, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner of trade and economic development, the commissioner of the state planning agency, representatives of private fish raising industry, and the chairs of the environment and natural resources committees of the house of representatives and senate.

Subd. 2. Coordination. Aquiculture programs in the state must be coordinated through the commissioner of agriculture. The commissioner of agriculture shall direct the development of aquiculture in the state. Aquiculture research, projects, and demonstrations must be reported to the commissioner before state appropriations for the research, projects, and demonstrations are encumbered. The commissioner shall maintain a data base of aquiculture research, demonstrations, and other related information pertaining to aquiculture in the state.

History: 1989 c 350 art 4 s 1

17.491 AQUICULTURE IS AGRICULTURAL PURSUIT.

Aquiculture is an agricultural pursuit.

History: 1989 c 350 art 4 s 2

17.492 AQUICULTURE DEFINITION.

"Aquiculture" means to cultivate plants and animals in water for harvest, including hydroponics and raising fish in fish farms.

History: 1989 c 350 art 4 s 3

17.59 FEES TO DEFRAY EXPENSES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1988]

Subdivision 1a. **Dairy industry checkoff rate.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, the Minnesota dairy research and promotion order, or any provision to the contrary in this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter, the checkoff rate applicable to the dairy research and promotion council must be equal to the maximum credit allowed under the Dairy Promotion and Research Order, adopted under the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983, United States Code, title 7, sections 4501 to 4538, for producers participating in a qualified state or regional dairy product promotion or nutrition education program. The checkoff rate provided in this subdivision is effective and must be automatically adjusted without amendment to the Minnesota dairy research and promotion order.

(b) Subdivision 1 applies for the establishment of the checkoff rate applicable to the dairy research and promotion council if:

- (1) the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 is repealed;
- (2) the Dairy Promotion and Research Order is suspended or terminated, in which case subdivision 1 applies only during the period of suspension or termination; or
- (3) the federal credit for participation in a qualified state or regional dairy product or nutrition education program is eliminated.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.1988]

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