17.454 RATITAE.

Subdivision 1. **Ratitae are livestock.** Ratitae are livestock and are not wild animals for purposes of hunting or wildlife laws. Ratitae and their products are farm products and livestock for purposes of financial transactions and collateral.

Subd. 2. **Raising Ratitae is an agricultural pursuit.** Raising Ratitae is agricultural production and an agricultural pursuit.

Subd. 3. **Sales of Ratitae and meat products.** Persons selling or buying Ratitae sold as livestock, sold for human consumption, or sold for slaughter must comply with chapters 17A, 28A, 31, 31A, and 31B.

Subd. 4. **Slaughter.** Ratitae must be slaughtered and inspected in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture voluntary inspection program for exotic animals, Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, part 352.

Subd. 5. **Disease inspection.** Ratitae are subject to chapter 35 and the rules of the Board of Animal Health in the same manner as livestock and domestic animals, including provisions relating to importation and transportation.

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