



TO: Kentucky Agricultural Commodity Organizations

FROM: The Kentucky Department of Agriculture

RE: SALES TAX EXEMPTION NUMBER

DATE: July 26, 2021

In an effort to preserve the long-standing sales tax exemptions afforded to Kentucky farmers that make purchases of eligible inputs, the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly voted unanimously to initiate an Agricultural Exemption Number Application Process. Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Paul Hornback sponsored the legislation and it was supported by numerous organizations, including the Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Agribusiness Association.

[KRS 139.481](#) modernizes the process and requires that farmers apply for and have an Agriculture Exemption Number by June 30, 2022 for use on Forms [51A158](#) and [51A159](#) to make purchases exempt from sales tax.

For more information, farmers may contact the Kentucky Division of Sales and Use Tax by phone at (502)564-5170, option 1, or by e-mail at DOR.Webresponsesalestax@ky.gov.

Additional resources:

[University of Kentucky: "Agriculture Exemption Number Now Required for Tax Exemption on Farm Purchases](#)

[Kentucky Farm Bureau: Agricultural Exemption Number Required for Tax Exempt On-Farm Purchases](#)

