

Revenue Information Bulletin 25-027**November 24, 2025****Sales and Use Tax****Commercial Farmer Registration**

Louisiana exempts certain agricultural purchases from state and local sales and use tax when those purchases are directly related to a commercial farming business.¹ To claim this exemption, taxpayers must register as a commercial farmer. Louisiana also exempts certain machinery and equipment purchased by qualified manufacturers engaged in manufacturing for agricultural purposes (agricultural manufacturer).² This Revenue Information Bulletin (RIB) discusses the registration options and processes for commercial farmers and agricultural manufacturers.

Commercial Farmer Registration

Individuals or entities applying for registration as a commercial farmer must submit a completed Form R-1085, *Application for Registration as a Commercial Farmer*, electronically on Louisiana Taxpayer Access Point ("LaTap"). If approved, the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) will issue Form R-1091, *Commercial Farmer Registration Certificate (Form R-1091)*.³

Commercial farmers are required to attach a copy of Form R-1091 to the applicable exemption certificates when claiming state sales tax exemptions for qualifying items, such as:

- Seeds
- Fertilizer
- Pesticides
- Animal feed
- Fuel used in the production of food and fiber for resale

¹ La. R.S. 47:305.3.

² La. R.S. 47:305.5.

³ Although the exemption under La. R.S. 47:305.3 applies to both state and local taxes, the *Commercial Farmer Registration Certificate (R-1091)* only verifies registration as a commercial farmer. Taxpayers should contact their local taxing authorities for guidance on claiming the exemption for local tax purposes.

The first \$150,000 of the sales price of eligible farm machinery and equipment used by a commercial farmer as an integral part of producing, processing or storing food or fiber is also exempt from both ***state and local*** taxes. This exemption only applies to purchases, not leases or rentals, of farm machinery.

A full list of the available exemptions is provided on the reverse side of Form R-1091. Once certified, a commercial farmer may use one or more of the following exemption certificates, along with a copy of Form R-1091, for specific exempt purchases:

- R-1007, *Commercial Producers of Farm Related Products*
- R-1060, *Farm Equipment Sales Tax Exemption Certificate*
- R-1065, *Non-Road Utility Vehicles Used Exclusively on Commercial Farms*
- R-80001, *Purchases of Utilities for On-Farm Storage Facilities*⁴

Agricultural Manufacturer Certification

In some cases, a commercial farmer may also wish to be certified as an agricultural manufacturer. This certification allows the exemption of the portion of the sales price exceeding \$150,000 for qualifying farm equipment and machinery from ***state*** sales tax.⁵ The agricultural manufacturer exemption also applies to the lease or rental of farm equipment and machinery.

An agricultural manufacturer is a person or entity who:

- qualifies as a manufacturer under La. R.S. 47:305.5,
- uses the machinery and equipment in a plant facility⁶, and
- uses the machinery and equipment predominately and directly in the actual production, processing, and storing of food and fiber or timber.

To obtain an agricultural manufacturer exemption certificate, the applicant must submit:

- Form R-1070, *Application for Certification as a Manufacturer*, and
- A copy of their most recently filed federal income tax return.

⁴ The certificates listed are state exemption certificates. Taxpayers should contact their local taxing authorities for guidance on claiming the exemption for local tax purposes.

⁵ The exemption in La. R.S. 47:305.5 for manufacturing machinery and equipment (MME) is a state exemption only. Taxpayers should check with their local taxing authorities regarding the availability of local sales tax exemptions for MME. A farmer registered as an agricultural manufacturer will also have to be registered as a commercial farmer to exempt the first \$150,000 of eligible farm machinery and equipment from local sales tax.

⁶ Plant facility means a facility, at one or more locations, in which manufacturing referred to in Sector 11 of the NAICS system as of 2002, of a product of tangible personal property takes place. La. R.S. 47:305.5(A)(5).

If approved, LDR will issue Form R-1071, *Manufacturer's Exemption Certificate*. This certificate allows the holder to claim an exemption from sales tax on 100% of the sales price of eligible farm machinery and equipment used as an integral part of the production, processing, or storage of food or fiber.

A detailed list of exemptions is provided on the back of the certificate.

Renewals for Current Commercial Farmers and Agricultural Manufacturers

Commercial farmers and agricultural manufacturers with current, valid certificates may continue to use their existing certificates until the expiration date listed. Renewal is required prior to expiration.

- Commercial farmer renewals must be submitted using Form R-80002, *Renewal of Commercial Farmer Registration*, electronically on LaTAP.
- Agricultural manufacturer renewals require resubmission of R-1070, *Application for Certification as a Manufacturer*.

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