



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FEED FEE RULES CHANGE

Animal Feed and Remedy Program

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) is responsible for registering animal remedies and USDA-licensed animal remedies, issuing feed licenses, collecting feed tonnage, conducting feed inspections, and collecting feed samples in accordance with state regulations. The purpose of this program is to protect producers, the agriculture industry, and consumers from mislabeled or adulterated feed and remedy products. The SDDA's inspection and sampling program, in particular, ensures that feed sold to producers in South Dakota is safe and what it is labeled as. Regular inspections of all facilities not only provide the opportunity to ensure compliance or discover violations that could result in harm, but also offer education which is a vital part of all regulatory programs.

Program Funding

The SDDA's feed program is funded through fees, including licensure and registration of feed, including pet food, and animal remedies, and a fee on every ton of feed sold in South Dakota. All expense generated by this program must be covered by those fees. This program's costs, more than \$400,000 per year, have exceeded the revenue brought in since 2015. At the end of the last fiscal year, the feed program had a cash balance of \$479.

Rules Change

In order to continue to comply with state statute and continue to offer protection and support to the South Dakota agriculture industry, the SDDA has proposed an administrative rule change to increase the tonnage fee from \$0.02/ton to \$0.10/ton. This increase will allow the SDDA to provide adequate inspection and sampling of feed sold in South Dakota to protect producers and consumers from contaminated or mislabeled feed. Without this fee increase, the SDDA will no longer be able to run feed inspection and sampling program that provides adequate producer and consumer protection.

Comments and Questions

The SDDA is currently asking for public feedback on this proposal. Persons interested providing comments on the proposed rule may appear in person at a public hearing held on October 9th at the SDDA's office in Pierre or mail them to the SDDA at:

South Dakota Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Services Division
523 E. Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Comments sent by mail must reach the SDDA by October 19th to be considered.

If you have questions about this proposal, please call or email the SDDA at 605.773.5425 or SDDAagronomy@state.sd.us.