

GEORGIA AGRICULTURE SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS

An informational guide for the G.A.T.E. (Georgia Ag Tax Exemption) program

Exempt

Machinery, Equipment & Facilities

- Machinery and equipment used for agricultural production, processing, and service operations
- Motor oil, oil filters, grease, lube, and hydraulic fluid for ag machinery and equipment
- Repair and replacement parts to be used on ag production and processing machinery and equipment
- Equipment used in the storage, packaging, and processing of ag products
- Commercial lawnmowers if used to maintain areas around chicken houses and other farm structures
- Chainsaws and other hand-held tools used more than 50% in an ag operation
- ATVs and off-road vehicles used for farm, ag processing, and ag service purposes
- Self-propelled crop fertilizer and chemical sprayers
- Trailers for transport, shipment, and distribution of ag products including livestock trailers
- Employee safety equipment
- Welding equipment, excluding shield gases, if used for farm/ag processing applications or repairs, and for repairs on exempt property or poultry houses
- Grain bins

Plants; Crops; Irrigation

- All fertilizers, pesticides, growth regulators, and all other plant protectants used for ag applications
- Seeds, seedlings, and plants grown from cuttings
- Equipment used in production greenhouses (hoses, trays, shades, hangers, tables)
- Packaging materials used for plant production, processing, and packing such as liners, bins, and containers
- Irrigation units and systems
- PVC pipe to be used for irrigation purposes
- Ice and other refrigerants used to cool ag products in storage facilities, delivery trucks

Livestock & Poultry

- All feed used specifically for ag production or services of qualified livestock, fish, bee, and poultry operations
- Livestock and poultry drugs and instruments used for the administration of such drugs
- Feed and other items for qualified horse facilities
- Cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, poultry, goats, fish, and bees when sold for breeding purposes
- Items designed for husbandry on animal ag operations
- Fencing for livestock and poultry facilities
- Materials used for meat and dairy production, processing, and packing
- Equipment used for required ag operation cleaning

Energy; Fuel; Shipping

- Off-road (dyed) diesel used for ag purposes
- Other fuels (propane, butane, LPG, CNG, electricity, wood, wood products/by-products) for ag operation use
- Energy sources for ag purposes. These must be metered separately from energy used for non-ag purposes, unless the non-ag use purpose represents 10% or less of total use
- Shipping or freight on items that are qualified as tax exempt

**REPORT GATE CARD ABUSE:
Call 1-877-423-6711; Press Option 3**

For questions about the GATE card, contact:
Georgia Department of Agriculture
1-855-327-6829

For questions about item exemptions, contact:
Georgia Department of Revenue
1-877-423-6711

Not Exempt

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT FARM INPUTS; SALES TAX MUST BE COLLECTED

- Clothes, boots, and other apparel.
- Food and drinks for human consumption.
- Concrete pads, barns, greenhouses, strand metal buildings, and other buildings (other than grain bins). These structures are considered real property.
- Gasoline or on-road (clear, non-dyed) diesel, including aviation gasoline.
- Plants, fertilizer, pine straw, and other items used for aesthetic/landscaping purposes.
- Pet food and supplies for domestic animals including dogs, cattle/herding dogs, cats, birds, etc.
- Energy, cell phones or supplies used for residential/administrative purposes.
- Any motorized vehicles designed for on-road use.
- Replacement parts for on-road use motor vehicles.
- Property or fixtures attached to barns, greenhouses, and other metals buildings such as electrical wiring, HVAC, windows, and doors. These are considered real property.
- Guns, ammunition, hunting supplies, etc.
- ATVs and off-road vehicles not used for ag purposes.
- Crushed rock/gravel for road or path construction.
- Fish used for aesthetic or weed/algae control for pond irrigation (Koi, Grass Carp, etc.)
- Animals that are not cattle, hogs, sheep, other livestock, poultry, or bees.
- Shipping or freight on items that are not qualified as tax exempt ag inputs.

GATE cardholders are subject to audit by the Georgia Department of Revenue. Misuse of the GATE card may result in an assessment of taxes, penalties, and interest.

**PLEASE RESPECT THE PROGRAM
BY FOLLOWING THE RULES.**

This guidance document was compiled as a member service for agribusinesses and qualified ag producers that use GATE certificates. This resource may be used to help identify items that are and are not exempt from sales tax in Georgia. The information does not constitute written tax guidance issued by the Georgia Dept. of Revenue or any other regulatory agency. It is subject to change as additional clarifications are made. **(May 2016)**

