

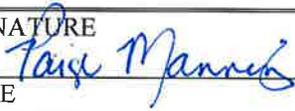


DELBERT HOSEMANN
Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A PDF document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code of 1972, Sec. 69-2-13	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Subpart 2, Ch. 08, Sec. 105	

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Director of Marketing
DATE April 5, 2013	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE May 30, 2013

1. Describe the need for the proposed action: Currently, the credit limit granted to buyers of produce from Mississippi farmers under the Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund is too low.
2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action: This amendment should generate increased sales of produce by Mississippi farmers who participate in the Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund.
3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: This amendment should generate increased sales of produce by Mississippi farmers who participate in the Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund.
4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues: There should be no cost to the agency or to any other government entities, nor any increase in paperwork. With regard to state or local revenues, there will be no effect on sale taxes, as produce sales are exempt from sales taxes. However, if there is an increase in sales by the subject farmers, there would be a corresponding increase in income taxes paid by the farmers.

5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action: There will be no cost to persons affected by this amendment. The economic benefit should be an increase in sales of produce by Mississippi farmers who participate in the Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund.
6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: This amendment should generate an increase in sales of produce by Mississippi farmers who participate in the Revolving Fund.
 - a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: There are currently ten (10) farmers participating in the Revolving Fund program. All of the produce farmers in the state are subject to the program, but the number of produce farmers in the state is unknown. Buyers approved by the Department are subject to the regulation; at this time there is only one buyer participating in the program, but it is not a small business.
 - b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: No compliance costs should be incurred; clerk typist skills are all that would be needed.
 - c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: This amendment should result in increased sales of produce by Mississippi farmers who participate in the Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund.
 - d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
 - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
 - v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations: There are no less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation, as the amendment will not cost anything to the persons affected, and it should increase their sales. The reporting requirements have not been changed.
7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule. The cost of adopting or not adopting the amendment is zero. The benefits in adopting the rule as opposed to not adopting it should be substantial
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law: Less costly methods or less intrusive methods do not exist for achieving the purpose of the amendment.
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency: None.
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above: N/A

11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection: No data was used. Methodology was common sense.