

CHAPTER 244**(HB 669)**

AN ACT relating to agricultural products.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 45A.645 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) If purchasing agricultural products, state agencies, as defined by KRS 45A.505, ~~shall be encouraged to~~ purchase Kentucky-grown agricultural products, if ***the products are*** available ***and if the vendor can meet the applicable quality standards and pricing requirements of the state agency.***
- (2)
 - (a) Prospective vendors of Kentucky-grown agricultural products may apply to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for marketing assistance for the purchase of Kentucky-grown logos or labeling statements to be used on Kentucky-grown agricultural products under KRS 260.015, the Kentucky logo or labeling program.
 - (b) Before a state agency may purchase Kentucky-grown agricultural products, the vendor shall be required to participate in the logo or labeling program established by KRS 260.015, and shall provide to the purchasing officer written certification that the agricultural products under consideration for purchase meet the definition of Kentucky-grown agricultural product.
 - (c) ***All state agencies that purchase Kentucky-grown agricultural products shall, on or before January 1 of each year, provide a report to the Legislative Research Commission and to the Department of Agriculture describing the amount of each product purchased.***
- (3) If a contract is awarded to a vendor that supplies agricultural products that are raised or produced outside the United States or its territories, the vendor shall be required to identify the country in which the agricultural product was raised or produced if the vendor is the producer or packager of the product or if the vendor is not the producer or packager, provided the information is available to the vendor from the producer or packager of the product. The producer or packager shall clearly label that information on any containers or packages holding the product.

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